DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m. | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost | October 11, 2026

The banners in the Sanctuary and Chapel represent DCPC's international partnerships with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kenya and the Kilambe communities in Nicaragua. Identical banners are in their worship spaces. Learn more about our partnerships at our website or use this QR code.

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Gathering around the Word

Prelude — We Have Met to Worship — Kevin McChesney

* Call to Worship

One: When Moses gathered the people of Israel, God said, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery."

All: As we gather here today, let us worship the Lord, who continues to be our God and who still brings us out of the places of our bondage.

* Hymn 65 — Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah — CWM RHONDDA

* Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be.

Please continue your prayers in silence.

Declaration of Love

One: Hear the good news! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism. Through Jesus Christ, you have been forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response of Praise, Hymn 659 — MUNGU NI MWEMA

All Sing:

Mungu ni mwema, mungu ni mwema,
mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema
Know that God is good. Know that God is good.
Know that God is good. God is good. God is good.

Summary of the Law

One: Our Lord Jesus said:

All: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

One: This is the greatest and first commandment.

All: And a second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

One: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Use this QR Code to go to a document which contains all of our current Sign-Up Links for things like worship greeting and ushering, event registrations, service opportunities and more.

We are invited to make an offering in response to God's grace and love and to Jesus' call to care for one another.

Scan here to send a prayer request.

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission — The Common Good — Tatum Pottenger

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

All: Your word once came through the cloud and was written on a tablet, O God. Help us to turn away from our cloud and turn off our tablets so that we might actually listen for your voice, still speaking to us if we would but pay attention. Amen.

Time with Children

All Sing:

Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."

Scripture — Matthew 5:17-20

After each reading

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering — If Ye Love Me — Philip Wilby

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; e'en the Spirit, the Spirit of truth. And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

Scripture — Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

Sermon — OMG — Peter Henry

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 43 — You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord — EAGLE'S WINGS

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

To learn more about today's liturgy scan the QR code.

Small Groups of the Week

Prayer Shawl Knitters DCPC gives out prayer shawls to people going through challenging times. Those shawls are made by members on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m. Come when you can for as long ss you can. You don't have to be there for 2 hours every week. Contact Elaine McArn for more information.

Parent Socials
Each Sunday night, DCPC parents are welcome to gather on the Congregation House porch during the children's choir program, 5:00 – 6:30. You don't have to have a child in the program to join us. Contact Margaret Borden for more information.

* Doxology, Hymn 605 DA N'ASE

All Sing:

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

* Prayer of Dedication

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

* Hymn 722 Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak CANONBURY

* Benediction

* Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Peter Henry

Liturgists – John Ryan, Tatum Pottenger, Julia Goode

Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Lynch, Tower Ringers, Chancel Choir

Greeters – Marjorie Burris, Bev Mitchell, Jan Tevepaugh

Ushers – Ann Alves

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Childcare & Children's Sunday School

Childcare for ages 0-6 is available on the lower level, room 14, every Sunday 9:45-11:15 a.m. during the summer. A comfort room is available in room 15 for nursing or a break from the worship service (for adult and child) with a livestream of the worship service.

Children's Sunday School (for ages 0 and up) resumes on September 13th at 9:45 a.m.

Hearing Assistance Devices

Our devices are available in baskets at each entrance to the sanctuary. Each receiver pack has one of two cords: a simple in-ear piece and a T-Coil neck loop. If you need assistance, please see a worship leader.

Pew Cushions

Pew cushions are available near each entrance for our worshipers with back issues.

Narthex Bathrooms

The bathrooms in the narthex (the entryway from the campus, at the back of the sanctuary) are all-gender bathrooms.

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