

A Service For The Worship Of God

First Sunday after Christmas, December 31, 2017

*Those who are able, please stand.

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE Variations on "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"
Raymond Haan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

There is good news of great joy for all!
Our Savior is born: the Messiah, the Lord.
Now we have seen the saving love of the Lord,
the glory of God's people and a light to all.
Let us worship God.

*HYMN 147 The First Nowell THE FIRST NOWELL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. You reveal your saving love, but we hide your love from others. You claim us as your children, but we do not claim you as our God. Forgive us, God of grace. Let your will be done in our lives so that we may live in peace according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayers of Confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

(11:00) WORD FOR CHILDREN Come and See Marilyn Houser Hamm

(Children are invited to come forward.)

"Come and see, come and see, I am the way and the truth," said he.
"Follow me, follow me, come as a child, O come and see."

(Preschool children may proceed to their child care locations at this time.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 61: 10-62:3

*HYMN 152 What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 2: 22-40

SERMON Holding Salvation in Our Arms John Ryan

Responding to the Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*HYMN 144 In the Bleak Midwinter CRANHAM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Pg. 35

OFFERTORY ANTHEM 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime Canadian traditional tune

8:30 Geneva Choir; 11:00 Chancel Choir

(Please pass the fellowship register to the end of the pew and back at this time.)

*DOXOLOGY Hymn 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*HYMN 545 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace LAND OF REST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Benediction Response Go Tell It on the Mountain
**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!**

POSTLUDE From Heaven Above the Earth I Come Wilbur Held

You are invited to the Lingle Chapel steps for coffee, lemonade, and cookies following the 8:30 service.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Preachers: John Ryan

Liturgists: Claire George-Drumheller, Scott Kenefake

Director of Music: Jane Cain

Associate Director of Music: David Brinson

Sound: Rick Cardenas

Ushers: Rob and Susan Krebs (8:30) Jesse Jones, Will DuBose, Sterling Martin, Jason Radcliffe (11:00)

Greeters: Tom Noell, Nancy Waite-Kahn (8:30) Terry and Matthew Bentley, Bob Osborn, Scott and Pris Woodmansee (11:00)

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WE WELCOME YOU to Davidson College Presbyterian Church and trust that you will find God's presence here. When you cannot be here, join our live broadcast at 11 a.m. on WDAV 89.9 or www.wdav.org. or our livestream on Facebook. For more information: www.dcpc.org or 704-892-5641.

CHILDREN 8:30 a.m. All childcare (ages 0-5) is located downstairs in room 14. 11 a.m. Nursery care (ages 0-2) is in room 14. Preschoolers (ages 3-5) are encouraged to stay in the sanctuary through the children's moment. Childcare staff will escort children to room 118 for the remainder of the service. Children's worship bags (coloring & Bible storybook for all ages) are available at the entrances.

CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE January 7. Make faith formation a priority in 2018! All are always welcome to visit children's Sunday School classes, but we will have special refreshments and curriculum displayed this coming Sunday. Parents, this is your chance to linger a bit, too! Plan on visiting with teachers, other parents, and children at open house.

4TH & 5TH GRADERS ARE INVITED to participate in the 2018 MLK Jr Mission Day. Join us January 15 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will travel to Charlotte Family Housing on the church bus, learn about homelessness, serve lunch, and play with residents. Drop off & pick up is at the congregation house. Please bring \$10 and a (non-electronic) game to share. Permission forms are in the Sunday School classroom (room 208).

YOUTH We will start 2018 with 3 new series: *Strength in numbers* (6th & 7th grades) *Crew* (9th-11th grades) *Sticky Faith* (12th grade) We will also be bringing back the 30 Hour Famine, an experience that is part spiritual discipline, part education in justice issues, and part lock-in, but completely life-changing. We will be partnering with Davidson UMC for this event that will be held February 2-3.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING--Sunday, January 7, 10:40 a.m., Sanctuary. The Session has scheduled a Congregational Meeting at the request of the Nominating Committee for the election of a nine member Senior Pastor Nominating Committee (pictures and bio's of nominees to follow shortly). All active members are encouraged to attend and vote.

ORGAN AT DAVIDSON presents Chase Loomer on January 15 at 7:30. Chase is a fourth-year student at Eastman School of Music and was presented as a Rising Star at the most recent national convention of the American Guild of Organists. He is from Huntersville and during high school was a Stigall Scholarship winner at the Charlotte A.G.O. chapter. See more information at www.dcpc.org and *SteepleTalk*.

2ND GRADERS ARE INVITED to a special Prayer Class Sunday mornings in February. This is an opportunity to learn the Lord's Prayer and experiment with a variety of ways to pray. More information will be emailed and in the Sunday School classroom (room 207).

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Starting in January for 9 weeks, the Adult Faith Formation Committee will be offering the *Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University* classes beginning on Monday, January 8 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Erica and Phil Batten have volunteered to teach and are graduates of the class. You can register online at www.dcpc.org. Please direct any questions to John Ryan (jryan@dcpc.org).

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed January 1 in observance of the holidays. For emergencies call 704-892-5641 for instructions.

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT Mark your calendar now for our annual Congregational Retreat in Montreat, NC, January 19-21, 2018. Go to www.dcpcc.org for registration forms. Brochures are also available at the information center in front of the church office.

SAGES mark your calendars for a most interesting luncheon and program on Thursday, January 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the Congregation House. Officer Greg Frostbutter, from the Davidson Police Dept. and his dog Maky will present the program. Chief Eric's luncheon will follow. \$8.00 per person. RSVP by Monday, January 22 (info@dcpcc.org) or 704-892-5641.

JANUARY WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE Once again, Circle 7 is coordinating the January winter clothing drive for Lydia's Loft. *Please donate gently used or new coats, bed linens, towels and wash cloths, blankets, or new socks and underwear.* Items can be placed in the marked collection bins in the hallways near the church office. Contact Vicki Gray at 704-999-4546 if you have any questions.

Faith Formation Opportunities

Adult:

Covenant (9:45 a.m. Congregation House) **Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28.**

George Ramsey, Professor Emeritus of Religion at Presbyterian College, will present four sessions on the Book of Amos.

Maloney (9:45 a.m. Parlor) The Pines (Marshall Room)

Jan. 7: A Sincere Faith: Daniel 1:8-21

Jubilee (9:45 a.m. Upper Room) The Jubilee Class will continue examining the following readings in *The Day the Revolution Began*, by N.T. Wright, a groundbreaking biblical scholar and theologian:

Jan. 7: Chapter 13: "The Death of Jesus in Paul's Letter to the Romans"

Children's Faith Formation Opportunities

Sunday School 9:45-10:45 am

Preschool (age 3-5)	Room 118
Kindergarten/1 st Grade	Room 206
2 nd Grade/3 rd Grade	Room 207
4 th Grade/5 th Grade	Room 208

Wednesday Kids Club 4-5 pm

DCPC FINANCIAL UPDATE	
November	YTD
Receipts	\$119,822
Expenses	\$140,488
Over/(Under)	(\$20,666)
	1,350,740
	1,485,249
	(134,509)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE			
8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
12/24/2017		370	370

Calendar December 31 – January 7

Sunday, December 31

8:30am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:30am	Coffee at the Chapel	Corner of Lingle Chapel
9:45pm	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
11:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

Monday, January 1-Church Office Closed

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
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Tuesday, January 2

2:30pm	Stephen Leaders	Library
5:00pm	Property Committee	Upper Room
6:15pm	Worship Committee	Parlor
6:45pm	Stephen Ministry	Rooms 201 and 207, Upper Room

Wednesday, January 3

10:00am	Davidson Career Transition Program	DUMC
10:00am	Covenant Bible Study	Upper Room, Congregation House
11:30am	Intercessory Prayer	Parlor
4:00pm	Membership Committee	Library
4:15pm	Children's Handbells	Handbell Room
5:00pm	Children's Choirs	Various
5:45pm	WNL Dinner	Congregation House
7:00pm	Children's Ministry Committee	Library
7:00pm	Community Missions Committee	Parlor
8:30pm	Worship Team	Lingle Chapel

Thursday, January 4

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
6:30pm	A&P Committee	Upper Room
7:00pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Friday, January 5

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
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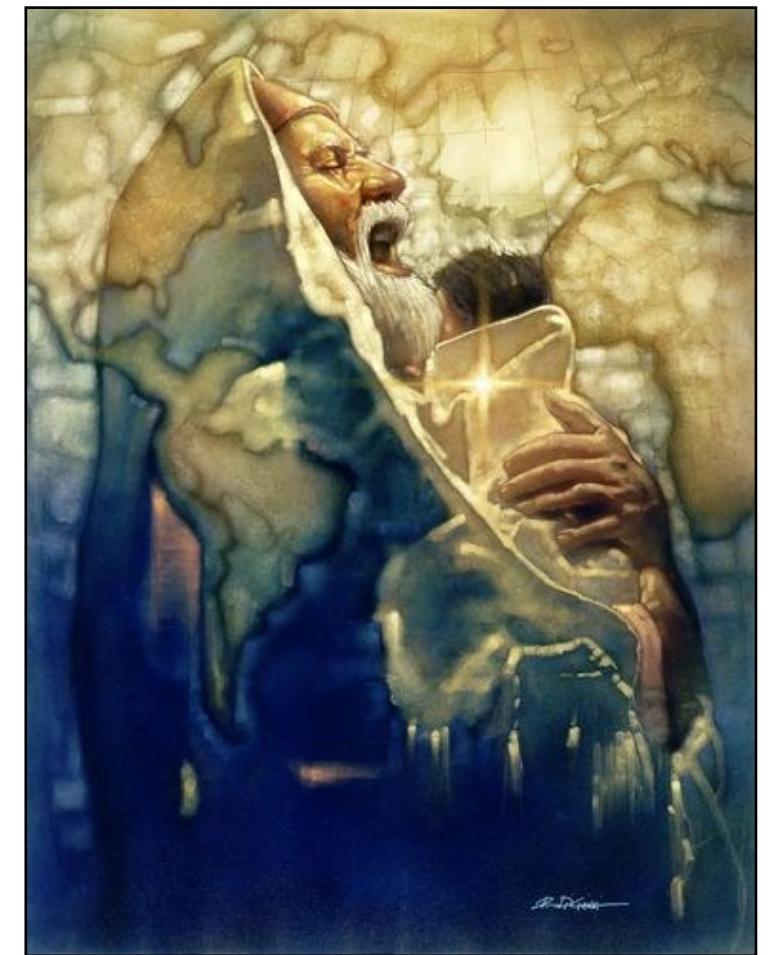
Saturday, January 6

7:45pm	AA	Jetton Hall
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Sunday, January 7

8:30am	Youth Committee	Library
8:30am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:30am	Coffee at the Chapel	Corner of Lingle Chapel
9:45am	Sunday School Open House	Various
9:45pm	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
11:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00pm	Alleluia Ringers	Handbell Room
5:00pm	Geneva Choir	Choir Room
5:00pm	Youth Dinner/Groups	Various
6:30pm	Youth Choir	Choir Room

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

Davidson College Presbyterian Church is an Earth Care and Stephen Ministry congregation on the corner of campus and community. This congregation celebrates partnerships in Christ with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kikuyu, Kenya, and the Kilambe communities in Jinotega, Nicaragua and Blythe Elementary School in Huntersville, NC. Together we seek to grow in witnessing to Christ in a complex world and to learn more about how to respond as disciples to the great needs of the world.

We are the body of Christ—
worshipping, learning, serving,
loving, giving—
seeking to realize God's vision for the world.

DCPC Vision Statement