



11:00 A.M.

The banners in the Chapel and Sanctuary represent our international partnerships with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kenya and the Kilambe communities in Nicaragua. An identical banner is in their worship spaces. Learn more about our partnerships at our website or use this QR code.



Use this QR code to fill out the online friendship pad.



### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude                                      He's Got the Whole World                                      Cynthia Dobrinski

\* Call to Worship

One: Welcome to the orchard of God.

**All: Here there is old growth and new life.**

One: Here there is a green thumb and loving hand.

**All: Here there is lifegiving water and the warmth of the Son.**

One: Welcome to the orchard of God.

**All: Graft us in and graft us together, O God, that we might bear fruit worthy of life in you.**

\* Hymn 415                                      Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy                                      RESTORATION

Prayer of Confession

**All: God of creation, you made us and called us good. We do not always see that goodness. The world tell us where we have gone wrong, what we have done wrong, and reminds us constantly. It can be hard to pick up our heads and hear your grace. Enable us to live as those who are not only forgiven, but free to live and love. Help us to know that supported by you and your Son, we can live and love as Jesus did.**

*Please continue your prayers in silence.*

Kyrie, Hymn 578

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

1. O Lord, have mer-cy; O Lord, have mer-cy;  
2. O Christ, have mer-cy; O Christ, have mer-cy;  
O Lord, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us.

Declaration of Love

One: It was grace that grafted us onto the True Vine and it is grace that strengthens us to bear fruit. Know that you are forgiven and seek to do the same.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

\* Passing of the Peace

One: If we are all forgiven and grafted into the life of Christ, then we can live together in peace. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

The tree in the front of our worship space has been made by Genny Bosak. It is a real tree onto which Genny attaches branches and leaves to match the trees mentioned in our preaching passages. You may also notice acorns, Zacchaeus, birds, birds nests and eggs, all of which relate to our previous preaching passage in Lent.

The Apostles' Creed we currently use in worship was created by the International Consultation on English Texts. This group of scholars and pastors from a host of Christian traditions created standardized English versions of common worship texts that could be used by participant traditions. Their texts are sometimes called "ecumenical versions." For more about the group, go to the website: [commontexts.org](http://commontexts.org).

## Welcome and Announcements

### HEARING THE WORD

#### Prayer for Illumination

**All: Send your Spirit, O God, to be for us xylem and phloem, sharing with us your life-giving Word. Amen.**

Time with Children      He's Got the Whole World      Spiritual

#### All Sing:

**He's got the whole world in his hands.**

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Scripture      John 10: 11-18

*After each reading*

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering      The Tree of Life      K. Lee Scott

*There in God's garden stands the Tree of Wisdom, whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations; Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty. It's name is Jesus, name that says "Our Savior!" There on its branches see the scars of suffering; see where the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its lifeblood. Thorns not his own are tangled in its foliage; our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it. Yet, look! It lives! It's grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it. See how its branches reach to us in welcome; hear what the voice says, "Come to me, ye weary! Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing." This is my ending, this my resurrection; into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit. This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy. All heaven is singing "Thanks to Christ, whose Passion offers in mercy, healing strength and pardon. Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!" Amen! My Master!*

Scripture      Romans 11: 17-24

Sermon      The Wildness of Olive Branches      Peter Henry

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* Hymn 50      Deep in the Shadows of the Past      SHEPHERDS' PIPES

\* Affirmation of Faith      The Apostles' Creed      (see pg. 17 of the hymnal)

#### Sacrament of Baptism

#### 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.**

The paraments (the fabric hanging from the pulpit, lectern and communion table) in our Sanctuary, as well as the banners in the Narthex (back of the church) were made by late DCPC member Pidge Osborn. We give thanks that her ministry of beauty and visual symbols continues through these works of art.

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 need your help with DCPC Family Feud (game show night). Please use this QR code to fill out a simple, 5 question survey. Hard copies are in the Burris Gathering Space.



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|------------------------|---|----------------|
| Offertory              | Blessed Jesus, At Your Word                                     | J.S. Bach      |
| * Doxology, No. 215    |   | WONDROUS LOVE  |
|                        | <b>All Sing:</b>  |                |
|                        | <b>To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,</b>        |                |
|                        | <b>To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;</b>                     |                |
|                        | <b>To God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,</b>            |                |
|                        | <b>while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;</b> |                |
|                        | <b>while millions join the theme, I will sing!</b>              |                |
| * Prayer of Dedication |   |                |
|                        | <b>BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD</b>            |                |
| * Hymn 694             | Great God of Every Blessing                                     | AURELIA        |
| * Benediction          |   |                |
| * Postlude             | Breslau   | Brian Solomons |

### Worship Leaders

Preacher – Peter Henry  
 Liturgists – Deborah Conner, Susan Manning, Phae Smith  
 Baptism Elder – Eli Brake  
 Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Lynch, Chancel Choir, Tower Ringers  
 Greeters – Marjorie Burris, Sue Farina, Judy Grissom, Kevin and Margo Morris, Jeanne Snowa  
 Ushers – Steve and Susan Donnell, Jane McLean, Beth and Gus Succop  
 Technology – Fahad Firdausi, Terry and Ann Pardue, Ben Slay

The Bibles in our pews are the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), originally produced in 1989 as an update to the 1952 Revised Standard Version (RSV). The pastors and readers are now using the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition (NRSVue) in worship. Published in 2021, the NRSVue incorporates new manuscript discoveries, particularly for the Hebrew Bible, and the latest insights from biblical scholarship. It features clearer, more inclusive language and greater cultural sensitivity compared to prior versions, with over 12,000 substantive revisions to the original NRSV. You can learn more about the NRSVue with this QR code.



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**Davidson College Presbyterian Church is part of the PC(USA).** As a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we are a welcoming, affirming, and inclusive faith community where all are one in Christ. We are a Matthew 25, Earth Care and Stephen Ministry congregation on the corner of campus and community. Our 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. Our sanctuary stands on lands once occupied by the indigenous communities of the Catawba people and our first worship space was built with bricks made by enslaved people. We remember them to God as we honor and recognize them in worship.

**Childcare & Children's Sunday School**  
Children are invited to Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Come hear Bible stories, make friends, have fun, and learn! Classes for infants through Preschool are on the lower level. Children in TK/Kindergarten through fifth grade are on the upper level. Please check in at a kiosk prior to drop off to receive name tags.  
Childcare for ages 0-6 is available in room 14 weekly from 8:15 am – 12:15 p.m. A comfort room is available in Room 13 for nursing, napping babies with a live stream of worship.

**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**  
A limited number of pew cushions are available for worshipers with back issues in the narthex.

**Narthex Bathrooms**  
The bathrooms in the narthex (the entry way from the campus, at the back of the sanctuary) are all-gender bathrooms.