

Some of today's liturgy comes from our mission partner, Creation Justice Ministries.

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.



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

* Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

One: Praise the Lord from the heavens;
Praise the Lord, sun and moon, and all you shining stars!

**All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

One: Praise the Lord from the earth,
Praise the Lord you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, and stormy wind. Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

One: Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice!
Let the sea and everything in it roar!
Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate!
Then all the trees of the forest too will shout out joyfully before the Lord because the Lord is coming! The Lord is coming to establish justice on the earth!

**All: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

* Hymn 32 I Sing the Mighty of Power of God ELLACOMBE

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, all creation comes from and is a reflection of you. By your creative will and design, we were cocooned in your holy creative intent alongside the possibility of all creation that was to come. You tell us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, our very design and purpose glorifying you. Forgive us for the ways we have tarnished your image in one another, harmed the creation that you brought into being, and abused human and nonhuman kin alike. God of all creation, heal our brokenness and give us courage to amend our ways, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Please continue your prayers in silence.

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



DCPC is an Earth Care Congregation. To learn more scan here.



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.



Declaration of Love

One: The one who loved us into being loves us still. The one who called us forth to follow calls us still. The one whose breath gave us life breathes in us still.

All: **Through God's very self we have new life, abundant and free.
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Response of Praise, Hymn 240

ALLELUIA NO.1

All Sing:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.
Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

The Green Group

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

During our prayer you are invited to lift your hands to God.

All: **As trees raise their branches to the sky, so we lift our arms, open to receive your wisdom, your grace, and your guidance through the reading and proclamation of your word, O God. May we receive it in humility and respond in faith. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the Living Word. Amen.**

Time with Children

Come into His Presence

All Sing:

Praise the risen Savior singing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Scripture

Genesis 1 (*selected verses*)

After each reading

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Sermon

Giving Trees

Robert Alexander

We are invited to make an offering in response to God's grace and love and to Jesus' call to care for one another. You can use the QR code or place your offering in an offering plate.



During the offering today we will see a slide show of trees, pictures from members of DCPC that they have shared with us. Just as trees offer us so much for a rich life, may we offer our gifts and ourselves for God's work in the world.

Our Blessing today comes from the Iona Abbey Worship Book.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

Musical Offering The Earth Belongs to God Alone Adam Tice
For text, see Hymn 715

* Doxology, No. 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Sing:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

* Prayer of Dedication

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me I'M GONNA LIVE

* Blessing and Benediction

One : Bless to us, O God, the moon that is above us, the earth that is beneath us, the friends who are around us, your image deep within us.

All: Amen.

* Postlude

Worship Leaders

Preacher – Robert Alexander

Liturgists – Gordon Clark

Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Lynch, Geneva Choir

Greeters/Ushers – Doug Fitzpatrick

Technology- Bill Hatfield, Ben Slay

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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.