DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

11:00 a.m. November 15, 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 here.

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

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude — The Lord's Prayer — Albert Malotte

* Call to Worship

One: Looking for people who don't have all the answers?
All: We're in the right place today.
One: Hoping to meet people who have their share of struggles?
All: We're in good company here.
One: Want to spend time with people who are still hoping for a sign?
All: We're all looking together. Let us worship God.

* Hymn 33 — Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show — LLANFAIR

Prayer of Confession

All: We like slogans, O God. Jargon is good, adages even better and don't get us started on memes. Forgive us for thinking they are better than action. Have mercy on us for acting like church attendance, charitable giving and Bible study are replacements for living like Jesus. Help us to keep it simple and just do it: live like Jesus. Full stop.

Please continue your prayers in silence.

Declaration of Love

One: It may be that we replace love with a lot of things that might cover up our lack of it. The good news is that it is different with Jesus. He gave more than lip service. His gift was life service: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response of Praise, Hymn 35, v. 1 — LOBE DEN HERREN

All Sing:

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission — Room in the Inn

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Fall is a season of change and new hope; take a moment to look at the leaves in our worship spaces the children of our church FF classes and our preschool created, some with messages of thanksgiving. Our community of faith is strengthened by the creativity and joy our children share with us.

The Belhar Confession was adopted by Reformed churches in South Africa as a direct response to apartheid.

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

Time with Children

All Sing:

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.

Scripture Matthew 12:9-21

After each reading

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering How Good to Thank Our God John Ferguson

How good to thank our God and speak our Savior's name, with flute and trumpet, heart and voice, God's wonders to acclaim: Sing praises, sing praises, with psalms and hymns and songs! Yet streams of praise go foul, or run into the sand, if justice cannot run its course and water all the land: Do justice with kindness, and sing our Savior's song! Yet Christ has shown the way of love and praise combined, and treads the path of peace on earth with justice intertwined: Sing praises, sing praises, with psalms and hymns and songs! Our praises cannot wait till word and deed are done. The Spirit fills us through and through with all that God has done: Sing praises, sing praises, with psalms and hymns and songs! Then let us walk in love; by love our faith is shown. Unloving, we are far from God. In loving, God is known: Through justice, with kindness we'll sing our Savior's song!

Scripture Micah 6:1-8

Sermon KISS Peter Henry

Responding to the Word

* Hymn 70 What Does the Lord Require of You? MOON

* Affirmation of Faith The Belhar Confession, 10:7

One: We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

All: that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

All: that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;

All: that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Small Groups of the Week

Women's Book Club This group for DCPC women normally meets on the 4th Monday of the month, 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. in the Davidson Room of the Pines. This month they are discussing "Theo of Golden." They have also moved to a different date for November because of the holidays. So join the group this Tuesday, November 17th, for the discussion. Contact Jane Todd for more information.

PW Circle 2 Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the DCPC Parlor. This lively group, which is open to new members, takes on a variety of topics. They are currently using a Bible study called "United through Christ, Bound to Each Other." Contact Audri Baker or Donna Molinek for more information.

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

* Doxology, Hymn 37 DA N'ASE

All Sing:

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.

* Prayer of Dedication

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

* Hymn 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples KINGSFOLD

* Benediction

* Benediction Response, Hymn 765 May the God of Hope

* Postlude Prelude in E minor J.S. Bach

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Peter Henry

Liturgists – John Ryan, Carol Pagelsen

Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Lynch, Chancel Choir, David Pfhol

Greeters – Marjorie Burris, Jennie Clifton, Van and Anne Crawford, Al Smith

Ushers – Ann Alves, Jane McLean

Technology – Rich Byrd, Terry 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.

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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

Childcare for ages 0-6 is available on the lower level, room 14, every Sunday during worship hours. 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.

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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