DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

8:30 a.m. | Reign of Christ Sunday | November 22, 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.

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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

* Call to Worship

One: Holy God, you summon the day to dawn and you teach the morning to waken the earth.
All: Great is your name, great is your love.
One: For you the valleys will sing for joy, the trees in the field will clap their hands.
All: Great is your name, great is your love.
One: For you the rulers of the earth shall bow and the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.
All: Great is your name, great is your love.
One: Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.
All: Great is your name, great is your love. Amen.

* Hymn 643 Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET

Prayer of Confession, Hymn 418 SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

All Sing:

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.
See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.
"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Sing when invited:

"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

All Sing:

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.
"Come home, come home! You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, "O sinner, come home!"

Declaration of Love

One: If swords can be turned into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks; if brass casings can be turned into saxophones and tanks into playground equipment, then there is nothing God can't do. Including turning any anger and any reproach into love and forgiveness. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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.

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.

* Passing of the Peace

One: Jesus has already won the arms race, stretching his wide in love. This is where our peace begins. The peace of our Lord Jesus 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

All: God of the journey, amid the clatter and clamor of our generation, speak your eternal word of grace, that we may respond with lives of faithfulness to you and all of your creation. Amen.

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 5:13-16

After each reading

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture — Isaiah 2:1-4

Sermon — Isaiah's Meck. Dec. Problem — Peter Henry

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith — Isaiah 40: 28-31

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

All: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Our prayers of the people includes the following call and response.

One: God of grace and god of glory,

All: On thy people pour thy power.

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.

Small Groups of the Week

Mahjong

A fellowship group for those who enjoy playing Mahjong and connecting with others who play. Contact Susan Frankum for more information. We are happy to take beginners. First Thursdays, 1:00-3:30 p.m. in the parlor.

Short Story Theology

Join us for conversations about literature, life and faith based on a short story. No literary or biblical expertise required. See Peter Henry for more information. Second Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Offertory — Lead On, O King Eternal! — LANCASHIRE

Lyrics can be found in the hymnal, no. 269.

* 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 826 — Lift High the Cross — CRUCIFER

* Benediction — Irish Celtic Benediction

One: May the blessing of light be upon us - light without and light within. May the blessed sunlight shine on us and warm each heart like a great peat fire, so that stranger and friend may come and warm themselves. And may the light shine out from our eyes and hearts, like a candle set in the windows of a house, beckoning others home. And may the Lord bless us and bless us kindly. Amen.

* Postlude — Now Thank We All Our God — Bach/Fox

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Peter Henry

Liturgists – John Ryan, Charlie Raynal

Minute for Mission – Brad Beer

Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Lynch, Chancel Choir

Technology – Bill Hatfield, 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 13 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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