



Davidson College
Presbyterian Church



Stories to Live By: Lent 2020

About the Season of Lent

Davidson College Presbyterian Church is a congregation that follows the rhythms of the Christian liturgical (worship) year. For many centuries, Christian communities of faith have set aside certain days and periods for particular emphasis. In the case of Lent, it is a period of renewal before the celebration of Easter. Lent possibly began as a forty day fast in ancient Egypt. It was solidified as a pre-Easter season of forty days in 325 C.E.

Lent is often marked by symbols, such as the color purple for worship banners, the cloth pastors wear around their necks (stoles), and the fabric (paraments) that adorns pulpits, lecterns and communion tables. Some churches also stop singing the word “Alleluia” (“Praise the Lord”) during Lent and instead sing “Kyrie eleison” (“Lord, have mercy”). It is quite common for Christians to take on a Lenten discipline such as renewed Bible study, prayer or service to others. For those who like a Lenten devotional (guided readings and reflections), hard copies of “Wilderness” by A Sanctified Art are in the hallway outside the church office and a digital version is available by special request. Contact Julie Nardella in our office (jnardella@dcpc.org) to receive the digital copy. And despite what some people think, you don’t have to give something up for Lent!

This year during Lent, DCPC is focusing on our common call to discipleship as it comes to us through the parables (story-worlds) of Jesus. Our theme, “Stories to Live By,” comes from the many stories that Jesus tells to those who will listen. On Sundays during Lent, portions of our liturgy (spoken and sung words) will relate to this idea that our identity as characters in the unfolding story of God’s grace is shaped in part by the stories Jesus told. In other words, we better understand our call to discipleship because of the stories Jesus tells us about the kingdom of God. In addition to hymns, anthems, and prayers, we will also be using the Word for Children to focus in on the teaching of Jesus as story.

Our adult education offerings during Lent will also touch upon the nature of story in relation to the life of faith. Information about our special Lenten study “The Short Stories of Jesus” is available at our website, in the bulletin and outside the church office. On March 8 Peter Henry will teach on “The World of Parables” and on March 29 he will also talk about “Social Media Parables” and invite people to a DCPC Story Corps project.

Finally, on April 5, we will have a Moth-style event in Lingle Chapel. Members and friends are invited to this open-mic event where they can tell the stories they live by. The stories should be 3-5 minutes in length. You can learn more about this type of event at www.themoth.org.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: You're not a bad character in a story gone wrong. We're all players who follow poor instructions or fail to take good direction. The good news of the Gospel is that while you can't replay every scene, you will get more chances to act out the grace of God. The tale is true: we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: What is the world like when God's will is done? Arms folded in anger open in embrace. Hearts hardened by hate soften with the grace God gives. These are the stories to live by. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

While it is customary to accompany the passing of the peace with a handshake, this is not required. If someone prefers an alternative sign of peace, including simply exchanging the words above, don't be offended.

There are good reasons why some people do not shake hands.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pass the friendship pads to the end of the pew and back at this time.

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All: Seeds and pearls; sons and sheep; how can it be?
Judges and widows, sinners and saints; help us to see.
Workers and owners, widows and judge; Jesus calls us to try.
By your Spirit, O God, may these be the stories we live by. Amen.**

(11:00) WORD FOR CHILDREN

Come and See

Marilyn Houser Hamm

(Children are invited to come forward.)

All sing together:

"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."

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

After each reading:

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:44-48

RESPONSE TO SCRIPTURE

Hymn 771, verse 5

All sing together:

These are the stories that Jesus imparts, filled with the Spirit who joins us as one. Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts, this is a new world where God's will is done.

SERMON

You Tell Me

Peter Henry

Responding to the Word

OFFERING

(8:30)

Adorn Yourself, My Soul

Johann Peter

Geneva Choir

Adorn yourself, my soul, prepare to greet your Lord, kneel down before him. The Lord of earth and skies a feast for you provides; receive adoring. O love without compare, which in this lowly fare itself is sharing! O grace that knows no bound, O mystery still beyond the angels' grasping! Ah, why am I so blessed, that such a heavenly guest my house will enter? To share his bread and wine, to taste this gift divine, how dare I venture? And yet, you call to me, unworthy though I be. You'll not disdain me. My Master and my Lord, my trust is in your word. You shall sustain me.

(11:00)

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Palestrina

Chancel Choir

As the deer longs for running water, so longs my soul for thee, Lord. Psalm 42

*RESPONSE No. 698

Take, O Take Me as I Am

John Bell

All sing together:

**Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus Hymn No. 559 SANCTUS

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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

*HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*BENEDICTION

*Response No. 748

Go with Us, Lord

TALLIS CANON

All sing together:

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.

*POSTLUDE

Praeambulum

Heinrich Scheidemann

WELCOME Davidson College Presbyterian Church is a welcoming, affirming, and inclusive faith community where all are one in Christ, and we 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.dcpcc.org or 704-892-5641.

CHILDREN Worship bags and children's bulletins are available for children of all ages at the sanctuary and chapel entrances. Preschoolers are encouraged to stay for the beginning of the 11:00 service. All childcare (ages 0-5) is located downstairs in room 14.

PARENTS WITH BABIES We have a family bathroom that includes a changing table next door to the church parlor (on the main floor). There is also a crib and comfort room downstairs (room 13) should you or your little one need a break in your Sunday routine. We are glad you are here!

A LENTEN LEGACY The wooden cross at the front of the sanctuary during Lent was made by GPMC member Bob Manning, late husband to Susan Manning and former professor at Davidson College. Bob made the cross at the request of the Rev. Alan Brindisi, late husband of Ann Brindisi and former pastor of DCPC. We give thanks for the continued legacy of both of these men in so many ways, including this cross.

THE CANDLE The candle burning on the communion table represents a fervent desire for world peace, and was a gift of the youth choir of Shallowford Presbyterian Church, Atlanta.

THE ROSE The rose in front of the sanctuary is in celebration of the birth of Sebastian Seabury Locklear on Jan. 31, 2020. Parents are Kate Lacey and Daniel Locklear.

ORGAN AT DAVIDSON The annual Bach Birthday Bash is March 16 at 7:30. Organist Dr. Joe Causby from Chapel Hill will delight the audience with music from the greatest master, J.S. Bach. Free, with donations accepted. A meet-the-artist reception will follow.

JOIN A CHOIR Each of our services is led by a different musical group, Geneva choir for 8:30, Music Team for 9:45, and Chancel choir for 11:00. Children's choirs for age four through fifth grade meet on Wednesdays at 5:00; and Youth choir for middle and high school students, on Sundays at 6:30. We have two handbell choirs for adults and one for children. Instrumentalists will be needed for the Easter band to accompany the hymns. Contact Jane Cain or David Brinson.

ROOM IN THE INN Join us on a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday as we partner with Urban Ministry to care for our neighbors who are in need of shelter. Contact Jane Campbell at usnpao@gmail.com.

EMAILS, TEXTS, AND APPS It is time for DCPC to resurrect its Communications Committee. We are looking for members who have an interest and skills for keeping members and the community informed about our life together. Contact Peter Henry (phenry@dcpc.org) if you are interested.

SERVANT LEADERS The DCPC Nominating Committee is seeking servant leaders for 3-year terms as ruling elders and deacons. Candidates would be DCPC members who faithfully worship and participate in the life of DCPC. If you feel called to serve in one of these offices, you can submit your own name for consideration. Please email recommendations to cambriamn52@gmail.com by March 8.

ADULT MINISTRY

LENTEN STUDIES Join us for one of our Lenten studies about the parables, "Short Stories by Jesus." Each of the studies is 60 minutes long. Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. through April 2.

THE PREACHER'S WORKSHOP Join Peter Henry and other preachers from DCPC as they read and wrestle with biblical texts in preparation for the following Sunday's sermon. No biblical expertise required. This Bible study meets Monday morning from 11:00–12:00 p.m. in the Congregation House room D.

SHORT STORY THEOLOGY Join Peter and Shawn Henry, Tuesday, March 3, 7:30–8:30 p.m. in the church parlor for a short story discussion. This month's reading is "First Confession" by Frank O'Connor Percival Everett, and is available outside the church office

SCREEN & SCRIPTURE Come to our inter-generational Sunday School that looks at a short film based on a Bible passage each week to learn Bible study skills and film techniques. We meet 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Youth Lounge (lower floor of the Congregation House).

Adult Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Connections– Parenting with a Purpose
Covenant–Congregation House, John Kuykendall, The First Generations of Christians

Jubilee – 201, Joe Papovich will continue his series on "The Continuing Evolution of Donald Trump's International Trade Policy."

Maloney–Church Parlor, Called to Accountability, Amos 5

The Pines–Marshall Room, Called to Accountability, Amos 5

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Infant/Toddlers (ages 0-2) room 14

Preschool (ages 3-5) room 118

K/1st grade room 206

2nd/3rd grades room 207

4th & 5th grades room 208

5th Grade Faith & Sexuality Created in God's Image, a class for 5th graders, is Saturday, March 14. Contact Jenny Alexander to learn more or to register.

ALL ABOARD! Join us for a "Rocky Railway" VBS this summer at DCPC. June 22-25, 9:00 a.m.– noon. Children ages 4 thru rising 6th graders are invited to attend. Registration opens first for church members on the new church REALM app. Contact Paige Hugg to volunteer.

YOUTH MINISTRY Youth Group is tonight with dinner 5-5:30 p.m. and program 5:30-6:30 p.m. 6th, 7th, 9th, and 10th graders will be in week 2 of *Made*, Confirmation is talking about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, and 11th & 12th graders are continuing in *Before You Go*. See you there!

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS Contact Julie Nardella (jnardella@dcpc.org) to ask for a digital devotional. Hard copies of "Wilderness" by Sanctified Art are in the DCPC office hallway.

CHILI COOK-OFF is Saturday, March 14 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in our Congregation House. Come to COMPETE or just to eat, vote on your favorite chili, and listen to some fun music by Sunday Union! It is a time of Fellowship, Fun, and FOOD! ALL AGES WELCOME. Sign up by emailing smalushizky@dcpc.org OR by using this link to sign up in our online community called REALM (onrealm.org). Side dishes, desserts, and drinks are provide by our Fellowship Committee. Cash donations will be gratefully accepted at the door to offset the costs of food, drinks, power, and sound equipment!

STEWARDSHIP DCPC touches lives every day of every week, building up love through our ministries and facilities. Your generous giving is why we can do this. Giving through the end of January was strong and we thank everyone who is insuring that our ministries make an impact year-round through consistent giving online (dcpc.org), by mail or through the offering plate. Remember to put in a wooden token (available at the entrances) if you are giving electronically.

SYMPOSIUM ON THE REFORMED TRADITION Davidson College will host the Symposium March 11-12. Presbyterian Elder and Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Taylor Branch will deliver the keynote lecture on March 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the DCPC Sanctuary. No tickets required. See the flyers at the information center for a full schedule of events.

PRAYERS APPRECIATED Claire George-Drumheller is traveling with 23 fellow pilgrims from Davidson College to the ecumenical monastery in Taizé, France. Prayers are appreciated for safe travels and for open hearts and minds.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE Robert Alexander, Spears Alexander, Ann Brindisi, John Hurst, Greg Moton, and Wayne Utley will be working in New Bern, NC with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Please keep them in you prayers.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Liturgists: Robert Alexander, John Ryan

Music Director: Jane Cain

Associate Director of Music: David Brinson

Acolytes: Charlie Hawes, Cela Parrish

Sound: Jennie Clifton

Ushers: (8:30) Judy McLean; (11:00) Chuck, Hunter, Carter, Molly and Sarah Busse, Linda Clausen, John Lingle, George and Susan Burhans, Jamie Pettway, Izabel Zsuppan

Greeters: (8:30) Jeff Davis, Leah Chester-Davis; (11:00) Marjorie Burris, Johanna Wil-laford, Doug Fitzgerald, Megan, Derek, Audrey, Max and Charlotte May

The Pines, Saturdays
10-11 a.m.

Feb, 29
Mar. 7
Mar. 14
Mar. 21
Mar. 28
Apr. 4

Online @ Zoom, Wednesdays
12-1 p.m.

Mar. 4
Mar. 11
Mar. 18
Mar. 25
Apr. 1
Apr 8

Short Stories by Jesus

by Amy-Jill Levine

LENTEN STUDY

Participant books are available in the church office for \$8.00 each.
Contact John Ryan (jryan@dcpc.org) for Zoom login info.

Room 201, Thursdays
7- 8 p.m.

Feb 27
Mar. 5
Mar. 12
Mar. 19
Mar. 26
Apr. 2

DCPC Library, Sundays
5-5:30 p.m. optional dinner (\$5);
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. study

Mar. 1
Mar. 8
Mar. 15
Mar. 22
Mar. 29
Apr. 5

For Our Artists and Notetakers

Today's parable is sometimes called "The Pearl of Great Price." It is one of the shorter parables.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. "

Matthew 13: 45-46

Here are some thoughts and questions you might consider as you ponder this parable. There is both someone seeking and something found in this parable. Do you feel more like a seeker in life right now or are you hoping to be found? The merchant sells his entire inventory (and everything else!) to buy the pearl. What in life is so important that you would lose everything for it? The merchant is no longer a merchant once he has the pearl. When have you radically changed your identity and/or life's work? Feel free to use the remaining space on this page to write down answers to these questions, to take notes during worship, or to doodle and draw as led by the Spirit.



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Davidson College Presbyterian Church is a welcoming, affirming, and inclusive faith community where all are one in Christ. We are an 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.

DCPC hosts several addiction recovery groups.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets weekdays from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. , as well as Mondays and Fridays from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous meets Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. And a Young People's Alcoholics Anonymous is on Saturday evenings from 7:45-8:45 p.m.

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