



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](http://www.themoth.org).

# ***A Service For The Worship Of God***

*2nd Sunday of Lent*

*March 8, 2020 ~ 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship*

## ***Gathering around the Word***

### PRELUDE

(8:30) My Faith Looks Up to Thee Karl Osterland

(11:00) Postlude for the Office of Compline Jehan Alain

INTROIT Bless the Lord Taizé

*All singing:*

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

Jehan Alain evokes the chanting of nuns during their last worship of the day, the Office of Compline. The accompaniment is a sort of lullaby, or berceuse.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, listen to the Storyteller who spoke the world into being.

**All: Tell us again, O Lord, of the world you intended.**

One: Come, sit beside the Teacher who provokes the self-righteous.

**All: Tell us again, O Jesus, the tales that afflict the comfortable.**

One: Come, bend your ear to the Whisperer who upends the status quo.

**All: Tell us again, O Spirit, the plots that change us for good.**

One: Hear these stories freshly told and you will know your story anew.

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*HYMN 401 Here in This Place GATHER US IN

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy God, we confess that our hearts our oftentimes far from you. We are consumed with playing our part in the drama of life and forget to listen to your direction. We fail to see or hear how we fit into your larger story. We overshadow others and focus on our own wants. We pursue the spotlight when you invite us to lift up our neighbor and shine your light so that you are glorified. Forgive our pride, hypocrisy, and arrogance and set us free to be your servant people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Silent confession*

\*KYRIE No. 579 Lord, Have Mercy Orthodox

*All sing together:*

**Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

\*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) ANTHEM Feed My Lambs Natalie Sleeth  
Primary Choir

(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 Psalm 65: 1-8

*After each reading:*

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

(8:30) God So Loved the World John Stainer

Geneva Choir

God so loved that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:16

(11:00) Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee Johannes Brahms

Chancel Choir

Let nothing ever grieve thee, distress thee, nor fret thee; heed God's good will, my soul, be still, compose thee. Why brood all day in sorrow? Tomorrow will bring thee God's help benign and grace sublime in mercy. Be true in all endeavor and ever ply bravely; what God decrees brings joy and peace, He'll stay thee. Amen.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18: 9-14

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 Good Posture Robert Alexander

***Responding to the Word***

(8:30) BAPTISM

Presentation

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed Pg. 35

Thanksgiving Over the Water

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

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

Baptism

Welcome and Blessing

Hymn 491                      You Have Put on Christ      BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

*All sing together:*

**You have put on Christ; in Christ you have been baptized. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*HYMN 441    Hear the Good News of Salvation    NETTLETON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

One: Lord, in humility,

**All: we offer our prayers to you.**

**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.**

OFFERING

(8:30) Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed      Robert Farlee

(11:00)      Love Unknown      Karl Osterland

\*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***

\*HYMN 735    I Need Thee Every Hour      NEED

\*BENEDICTION

\*Response

Go, My Children, with My Blessing    AR HYD Y NOS

\*POSTLUDE    Jesus, Priceless Treasure      J.S. Bach

**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](http://www.wdav.org) or our livestream on Facebook. For more information: [www.dcpc.org](http://www.dcpc.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!

**TODAY'S BAPTISM** At the 8:30 service our congregation is thankful to celebrate the baptism of Sophia Firdausi, daughter of Fahad Firdausi and Catherine Jehn. We also celebrate the baptism of Fahad Firdausi.

**A LENTEN LEGACY** The wooden cross at the front of the sanctuary during Lent was made by DCPC member Bob Manning, late husband to Susan Manning and former professor at Davidson College. Bob made the cross at the request of the Rev. Allen 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.

**FAMILIES WITH INFANTS** If your child needs a little loving, including rocking, we now have a rocker and a glider in the sanctuary. They are located up front, in the wing that that is closest to Main Street. This is a great space to soothe a child and still be part of worship.

**ACCESSIBLE SEATING** We now have more accessible seating in our sanctuary. There are two more places where members with walkers or wheelchairs can sit in the sanctuary. They are both on the center aisle, about one-third of the way back. Please keep those spaces available for people with special needs!

**ORGAN AT DAVIDSON** The season concludes with our annual Bach Birthday Bash, March 16 at 7:30 in the sanctuary. Organist Dr. Joe Causby, from Chapel of the Cross in Chapel Hill, will be bringing singers from his choir, so the program will include both a sampling of Bach's organ music, as well as some of his choral compositions. The concert is free, with donations accepted, and is followed by a birthday party for Johann Sebastian.

**OUR CHOIRS INVITE YOU** We have choirs for all ages, as well as handbell choirs, and they welcome new members at any time. For information, contact Jane Cain or David Brinson, or visit the website.

**HELPING OUR COMMUNITY** The US Census count will begin in March, and we are spreading the word about how important the census is to Mecklenburg County. Why? Because the census brings valuable resources to our community, such as federal funding for things like healthcare, education and transportation. The census is convenient, safe, required and important. Beginning in March, you will receive a letter from the census asking you to respond online. It only takes a few minutes to ensure you and your family are counted. Everyone counts – from newborns to senior citizens! To learn more, visit [www.MeckCounts2020.com](http://www.MeckCounts2020.com).

**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](mailto:usnpao@gmail.com).

#### **ADULT MINISTRY**

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

**THE WORLD OF THE PARABLES** Peter Henry is leading a one-time class on the world of the parables today at 9:45 a.m. in the Student Center (1st floor). Come ready to have your world reframed by the story-worlds of Jesus.

**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. You can plug into any one that works for you: Saturdays at 10 a.m. at the Pines in the Marshall Room, Wednesdays at noon online (contact John Ryan for login info.), Thurs. at 7 p.m. in Room 201 and Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Library.

**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.

**MODERN-DAY PARABLES** Peter Henry returns to our faith formation hour on March 29 at 9:45 a.m. to talk about modern-day parables, especially those found in social media.

**SHORT STORY THEOLOGY** Join Peter and Shawn Henry, Tuesday, April 7, 7:30–8:30 p.m. in the church parlor for a short story discussion. This month's reading is "Brownies" by ZZ Parker, and is available outside the church office.

**SYMPOSIUM ON THE REFORMED TRADITION** Davidson College will host the Symposium this Wednesday and Thursday. 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.

#### **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, A Prayer for Justice

The Pines–Marshall Room, A Prayer for Justice

## **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/1<sup>st</sup> grade room 206

2nd/3rd grades room 207

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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 finishing up *Made* by talking about being the bosses of our bodies, Confirmation is talking about what it means to show Christ's love, and 11th & 12th graders are continuing in *Before You Go*. See you there!

**YOUTH MINISTRY** DCPC Youth are raising funds to support their very first mission trip to Jamaica this summer. This rewarding experience, through the Christian ministry organization Won by One, will give our teens the opportunity to show the love of Jesus Christ through service to the community of Harmons, Jamaica, by helping workers build houses for residents there. From March 8 to March 29, check out the wall of support on the first-floor bulletin board in the church's main hallway (nearer to the playground side of the building), where you can select an envelope with the dollar amount you feel moved to give.

**WHAT'S YOUR STORY?** Everyone has one. Consider sharing one of your "Stories to Live By" at our live storytelling event on Sunday evening, April 5. More details to come, but plan to join us in Lingle Chapel from 7:00-8:00 p.m. to either share a story or listen to others.

**PREPARING FOR DEATH FORUM** "Dessert First: Preparing for Death while Savoring Life" will be the topic for an upcoming forum on Sunday afternoon, March 29, in the Congregation House at 2:00 p.m. Author Dana Trent, an ordained pastor and former hospital chaplain will talk about her book of the same name, "Dessert First." Copies of the book will be for sale at the forum and can be purchased in advance through the church office. Members of the DCPC clergy, a representative from a Hospice organization, and a local lawyer also will be hand to provide information on memorial services, living wills, and the services that Hospice provides.

**CHILI COOK-OFF** Think you have a chili that everyone would love? Our Chili Cook-Off is Saturday March 14th 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](mailto:smalushizky@dcpc.org) OR by using this link to sign up in our online community called REALM ([onrealm.org](http://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.

**COVID-19** DCPC is aware of the fact that the novel coronavirus has increased the anxiety of many people during this year's flu season. We are taking some extra measures at DCPC, including increasing the frequency of how often we clean toys and rooms, as well as wiping down doorknobs and handrails more frequently. We will also make sure our soap supplies are maintained in each bathroom and we have extra containers of hand sanitizer around the building. You will also see additional boxes of tissues in the sanctuary and in other locations. We may add or change additional elements of our life together as things develop. Even as we do our part, members and friends need to respond in a way that fits you. If attending worship worries you, you can listen to WDAV or watch our livestream on Facebook. If you want to have more space in worship, the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. is your best bet. If you prefer not to shake hands in greeting or at the passing of the peace, don't. Nobody will be offended by your decision, including the ministers at the door. We are happy just exchanging pleasant words if that is most comfortable for you.

### **WORSHIP LEADERSHIP**

**Preacher:** Robert Alexander

**Lay Readers:** Audrey Collier (8:30),  
Haven Henry (11:00)

**Liturgists:** Peter Henry, John Ryan (8:30),

**Music Director:** Jane Cain

**Sound:** Brad Jones

**Associate Director of Music:** David Brinson

**Acolytes:** Annascott Bryan, Anna Katherine Pharr

**Ushers:** (8:30) Doug Fitzpatrick; (11:00) Paul Kamin, Mark Muchane, Terri Rehkop, Brady Rehkop, Lucy Chadwin, NJ Chadwin

**Greeters:** (8:30) Tom Noell, Nancy Waite-Kahn; (11:00) Beth Christenbury, Jan Tevepaugh, Nancy and Mark Siljander, Bev and Doug Mitchell, Jason Radcliffe

## For Our Artists and Notetakers

Today's parable is sometimes called the "Pharisee and the Tax Collector."

Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Luke 18: 9-14

Here are some thoughts and questions for you as you consider this parable. Jesus is concerned about people looking down on other people. When have you felt like someone was looking down on you? How did that make you feel? When was a time when you were thinking you were better than other people? Why? Jesus often uses people we think are not as good as us to point to God. What does this tell you about how Jesus views those people? 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 or 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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