

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

LIFE AT DCPC

Welcome We are delighted you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about our ministries, read below or visit dcpc.org.

Renovation Project We are nearing the end of the renovations to our main building. We return to ministry-as-usual in all of our spaces on Sunday, December 1.

Please let us know you are worshipping with us. Sign the friendship pad or scan the QR code.



Worshiping

For Our Children Worship bags and children's bulletins are available at each entrance. Older children and youth are invited to use the Worship Notes sheet. In the middle of the sanctuary, we have a table with quiet supplies to keep young hands busy while listening. Children may stand at the table with parents sitting behind or in front. Clipboards give the option to take something to another location. Please help children leave spaces and materials tidy.

Free Childcare is available for children in room 14. The entrance is on the Concord Road side of this building. There is no inside access from the sanctuary until construction is complete.

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in baskets at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you need assistance, please see a worship leader. We also have Bluetooth capability.

Coffee on the Lawn We have free Summit Coffee available Sundays after worship in the Burris Gathering Space. That coffee and conversation is through either door at the front of the sanctuary.

LEARNING

Children's Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Children in TK through fifth grade meet next door in the Watson building. These are temporary locations until construction is complete.

Nursery and Preschool Sunday School classes have returned to permanent spaces, rooms 12 and 14. There is no access through the building. The entrance is on Concord Road.

Starting Sunday, December 1, all children and adult Sunday School classes resume meeting in the main church building and Congregation House. Adult Sunday School rooms are:

Connections – 201, Covenant - Congregation House ABC, Jubilee – 216, Maloney – 215.

Adult Sunday School Classes meet at 9:45 am.

- Connections Class meets in Watson 310
- · Covenant Class meets in Dana 146
- · Jubilee Class meets in Watson 109
- · Maloney Class meets in Dana 153
- · Pines Class meets in the Davidson Room/The Pines
- · Screen and Scripture meets in the Youth Lounge.

Advent Studies There are two different Advent study opportunities for you in November and December.

• Monday evenings, starting Nov. 25 at 6:30 pm (in-person only), join Sarah Allred, David Brinson, Peter Henry and John Ryan for an Advent study of Handel's Messiah.



Register via Realm by scanning the QR code.

• Saturday mornings, starting Nov 30 at 10:15 am in the Davidson Room, The Pines. This study is OPEN to all, not just Pine's residents. Join the pastoral staff as we prepare ourselves for Advent. Contact John Ryan to register.

Youth Group It's Friendsgiving at Youth Group tonight! We'll have a delicious dinner followed by games and crafts. See you 5:30-7 pm! Get more info at depeyouth.org.

SAGES Theater Group Be part of a Davidson College's Intergenerational Dialogue: Talking About Theater. Led by Dr. Sharon

Green, this opportunity for 10 SAGES and 10 college students starts in January 2025. For more information and to register, scan the QR code.



GIVING

Countless Gift of Love- 2024 Stewardship

Season Thank you to the 235 households who have made a pledge for 2025. Our committees and leaders have dreams to deepen and broaden our sharing of God's countless gifts of love and these pledges will be part of that effort. At this point, our average pledge is \$6200, representing a step up over average gifts for the last few years. Thank you! Is this your year to step up your plans to give? Or maybe this is the year to make your first gift? Thank you to everyone who supports our ministries. Extra pledge cards are in the Narthex (back of the church) and online at dcpc.org.

Planned Giving Thank you to the members and friends of DCPC who have made our future ministries part of their estate planning. If you would like to learn more about joining our Legacy Endowment Fund, contact Trish Jones in the office. pjones@dpc.org.

SERVING

2024-25 Room in the Inn Season Is About to

Begin Our Room in the Inn Season begins Friday, December 13th. We partner with Roof Above in Charlotte to host 10 guests every Friday night in the Congregation House. We pick them up in Charlotte and

bring them back to a home-cooked meal, warm beds, laundry, breakfast, and a bag

lunch. All this plus warm hospitality provided by our members is intended

to make for a peaceful night of rest and renewal for our guests. Scan the QR code or <u>click here</u> to learn more and to sign up for one of the weekend spots between December 13 and March 28. Reach out to Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org to learn more.

LOVING

Christmas Decorations The church will be decorated with flowers and fresh greenery for the Advent season beginning on December 6. If you would like to make an honoring or memorial contribution towards the purchase of these decorations, please fill out the form located in the narthex and return it to rboggs@dcpc.org or the church office, along with your check (payable to DCPC and mark Christmas Decorations on the memo line) no later than Monday, December 13. An acknowledgment of all gifts will be included in the bulletin on December 22. To avoid errors, please print clearly. Your contributions help fund floral arrangements throughout the year.

Service of Remembrance and Hope Join us for a service to remember loved ones and to hear words of hope through scripture, music, and prayer on December 1st, 3:00 pm, in Lingle Chapel.

Dec. 15 Gift Service Christmas Pageant The Gift Service is a beloved, annual service of worship where our middle and high school students tell the Christmas story Scripture, song and drama. Last year and this year the Gift Service is a musical pageant. The service is at 11:00 a.m. and worshipers are invited to bring canned goods for local food pantries. This tradition of gifts for hungry neighbors is decades old and a reminder that to love Jesus is to love our neighbors.