



DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:45 & 11:00 a.m. Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sept. 22, 2024

In the Garden of the Holy Spirit

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Galatians 5: 22

TILLING AND WEEDING THE SOIL

The banners in the Sanctuary represent our international partnerships with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kenya and the Kilambe communities in Nicaragua. They have identical banners in their worship spaces. Learn more about our partnerships at our website or use this QR code.



Question:

What do you call a bunch of strawberries playing instruments together?

Answer on page 3.

Prelude The Peace May Be Exchanged Dan Locklair

* Call to Worship

One: We gather from north, south, east, and west.

All: We gather to worship and celebrate the God of peace.

One: Our shovels and plows are ready for the hard work.

All: We gather to labor with the Lord, sowing seeds of peace.

One: Our arms and hearts are ready to carry the rich harvest.

All: We share our harvest by making peace in our world.

Let us worship God together!

* Hymn 372

O for a World

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Prayer of Confession and Silent Confession

All: Gracious Lord, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have not always cared for your creation. We have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. We have used our creativity to manipulate each other for our own gain. We often abuse your laws to take revenge and punish our enemies. We so often choose war and conflict over peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and instead honor the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived into your vision of a peaceful kingdom. Please forgive us, Lord, for all the ways we have strayed from your path for us and for our lives. Heal our brokenness and set us free to walk on your road of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please continue your prayer in silence.

Declaration of Love

One: Come taste and see that the Lord is good. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Praise be to God! Amen!

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Response of Praise

CANTEMOS AL SEÑOR

All Sing:

**We lift our praise anew, our hearts again rejoicing.
With joy and peace we sing, for your grace you are employing.
O Spirit, fruit you bring, with kindness gently leading.
In faithfulness and love, with our thanks your ways we're heeding. Alleluia, alleluia. Let's sing unto the Lord, alleluia!**

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Please exchange greetings with one another.

Welcome and Announcements

PLANTING AND WATERING THE SEED

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Children

Jesus Loves Me

THIS I KNOW

All Sing:

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Song

I'm in the Vine

Robert Alexander

I'm in the vine with roots and a trunk and branches and leaves.
When I make fruit oh which kind will it be? Will it be the kind of fruit
I want people to see. Here's the kind of fruit I want it to be. I want
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness,
and self-control.

Musical Offering (11:00)

A Gaelic Blessing
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Scripture

Zechariah 8:1-17

Sermon

Visions of Peace

Robert Alexander

RETURNING THE FIRST FRUIT

* Hymn 840 (11:00)

It Is Well with My Soul

VILLE DU HAVRE

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

If you are interested in learning more about our technology ministries, please contact David Brinson. If you are able to operate a mouse or a joystick, you would be perfect. If you are interested in learning more scan the QR code.



Answer:

A jam session!

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 (8:45) It Is Well with My Soul John Ness Beck
Geneva Choir

(11:00) Antiphon III Marcel Dupré

* Doxology Praise to God the Father DA N'ASE

All Sing:

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

* Prayer of Dedication

SHARING THE HARVEST

* Hymn 36 For the Fruit of All Creation AR HYD Y NOS

* Benediction

* Benediction Response The Trees of the Field

All Sing:

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills will break forth before you; there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands. And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands; the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

* Postlude Miles Lane Paul LeddingtonWright

*I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower....
I am the vine, you are the branches. -John 15: 1,5*

Worship Leaders
Preacher – Robert Alexander
Liturgists – Peter Henry, Genny Bosak (8:45) and Rebecca Clark (11:00).
Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Allred, Geneva Choir (8:45) and Chancel Choir (11:00)
Technology – Fahad Firdausi (11:00) and Ben Slay
Greeters – Jeanne and Lin Snowa
Ushers- Steve and Susan Donnell, Tim Stroud and Catherine Tingelstad

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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.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in worship. Children's worship bags and bulletins are available at the entrances.

Childcare for infants through age 6 is available next door in the Watson building room 119 until our renovation is complete.

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

A limited number of pew cushions are available for worshipers with back issues in the narthex.

Narthex Bathrooms

The bathrooms in the narthex (the entry way from the campus, at the back of the sanctuary) are all-gender bathrooms.