



DAVIDSON COLLEGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service for the Lord's Day

8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 23, 2025

The large banner in the front of the sanctuary was made by our Wednesday Kids' Club, under the direction of DCPC artist Betsy Hazelton. The images are Chrismons, meaning "Christ monograms." They are symbols that signify Christ and remind us of Christ's identity, his story, and of the Holy Trinity.

The banners in the Sanctuary and Chapel 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.



Gathering Around the Word

Prelude (8:45) Panis Angelicus César Franck
(11:00) Wild Mountain Thyme Sandra Eithun

* Call to Worship (from Psalm 8)

One: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

All: **When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of us, mortals that you care for us?**

One: Yet you have made us a little lower than you, and crowned us with glory and honor.

All: **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.**

* Hymn 10 Sing Glory to the Name of God LASST UNS

Prayer of Confession

Our prayer of confession today includes the following call and response.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Our prayer continues in silent personal confession.

Declaration of Love

One: The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us. The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us. Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Response of Praise, Hymn 792 BALM IN GILEAD

All Sing:

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

* Passing of the Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Use this QR code to fill out the online friendship pad.



The theological half of our PC(USA) constitution, the Book of Confessions, has twelve statements of faith, called confessions. Some are from as early as the third and fourth centuries CE or as recent as 1986. They come from as far away as South Africa and as close as the United States. You can learn more at <https://www.pcusa.org/about-pcusa/who-we-are/reformed-theology>

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

All: Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Time with Children

African American

All Sing:

**He's got all the little children in his hands.
He's got all the little children in his hands.
He's got all the little children in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.**

Scripture

Luke 6: 27-38

After each reading

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Musical Offering (11:00) Lord, You Have Searched Me

David Hurd

Scripture

Habakuk 1:1-4, 2:1-5

Sermon

This is Your Sign

Peter Henry

Responding to the Word

* Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967

Our affirmation of faith comes from The Confession of 1967 (inclusive language version), part of our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions. It was the first Presbyterian statement of faith written by and for the American Presbyterian church.

All: The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Please use this QR code to make an online gift to support our ministries. When you do so, you are impacting the lives of neighbors near and far, including Cuba, Nicaragua, Kenya as well as Huntersville and Cornelius.



Throughout Black History Month, many of our musical pieces will be from the African American worship tradition.

Hymn 468 In My Life LORD, BE GLORIFIED

Our prayers of the people today is a series of short petitions, followed by a time of silence for personal prayer. After that silence, we will sing one of the following verses. We will repeat this pattern four times

All Sing:

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord...

In our homes, Lord...

In my life, Lord...

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

Offertory (8:45)
(11:00)

Your Only Son
Panis Angelicus

Twila Paris
César Franck

* Doxology

GUIDE MY FEET

All Sing:

Praise our God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise the Son, all creatures here below;

praise the Spirit, now and evermore.

Singing praise to our God whom we adore.

* Prayer of Dedication

Taking the Word into the World

* Hymn 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

* Charge & Benediction Micah 6:8 and Matthew 5:7,9

* Benediction Response

Amen

African American

All Sing (two times):

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

* Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

Carolyn Hamlin

Worship Leaders

Preacher – Peter Henry

Liturgists – Robert Alexander, AJ Gordon (8:45) and Lewis Barber (11:00)

Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Allred, Chancel and Geneva Choirs, Tower

Ringers, Clara Hare-Grogg - Violin

Technology – Bill Hatfield (8:45), Ben Slay (11:00)

Greeters – Jennie Clifton, Mary Muchane, Allyson Ray, Jennifer Vidmer

Ushers – Rick Drimalla, Jane McLean, Joel Ritchie, Catherine Tinglestad

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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.

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