



# Davidson College Presbyterian Church

## Service for the Lord's Day

8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

Today is the second Sunday in the worship season of Lent, a period of reflection in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Purple is the worship color for Lent. Worship services during this season often include elements like a kyrie (see bulletin) and special liturgies (words used in worship).

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 St. Flavian David Schelat

**\* Call to Worship**

One: Come as you are.  
**All: If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry,**  
 One: if you know every scripture or none at all,  
**All: if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works,**  
 One: or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions,  
**All: come as you are.**  
 One: This is God's house.  
**All: None are turned away.**  
 One: All are welcome here.

**\* Hymn 463** How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

Prayer of Confession

**All: God of Grace, we long to do the "right" thing. We long to make the "right" choice. We long to stand on the "right" side of the dividing line. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us. In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love. Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection loosely. Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else. For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you. Show us the way.**

*Our prayer continues in silent personal confession.*

Kyrie, Hymn 437 You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy! WAYFARING

**All Sing:**  
**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**  
**You are the Christ, giver of mercy!**  
**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

Declaration of Love

One: Faithful friends, God knows your heart. When you mean well and lose your way, God knows. When you try to do the right thing and

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miss the point, God knows. When you long to be close to God, and doubt your worth, God knows. You are seen. You are loved. You are forgiven. You have been sent to serve. This is the good news of the gospel! Nothing can separate you from God's love.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Passing of the Peace

One: Jesus Christ has broken down the walls that separate us, so that we might meet with one another in the middle. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Davidson Housing Coalition

## Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

One: Loving God, when our anxiety hovers close, when fear clings to our bones, when our stress rises like the tide, see us. Speak to us. Call us by name. See us in the kitchen, in the classroom, in the hospital waiting room. Speak to us in the quiet, in the crowd, in the inky black of night. Call us beloved. Call us by name. Call us your child. Whatever you do, speak to us, for we cannot live on bread alone. Amen.

Time with Children

JESUS LOVES ME

**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.**

Scripture

Luke 10: 38-42

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Older Siblings and Presbyterians

Peter Henry

\*Hymn 324

For All the Faithful Women

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## Responding to the Word

\* Affirmation of Faith

**All: We believe in a Christ who teaches, sees, affirms, and celebrates all of who we are. We believe in a Christ who invites us to use our gifts for good and celebrates every step we take in that direction. We believe in a Christ who understands our anxieties**

and is gentle with our concerns. And we believe in a Christ who looks at us with undiluted love. The world will try to rank, rate, and declare winners, but we know love has no limit. So with God's help, may we nurture our faith and do good work. Amen.

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 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.**

Johannes Brahms was such a perfectionist, that he destroyed many early works that he deemed as inferior.

Offertory (8:45) Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts Benjamin Harlan  
(11:00) Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee Johannes Brahms

\* Doxology, Hymn 35, v. 3

LOBE DEN HERREN

**All Sing:**

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly for aye we adore him.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

### Taking the Word into the World

\* Hymn 761 Called As Partners in Christ's Service BEECHER

\* Benediction

\* Postlude Olivet David Blackwell

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#### Worship Leaders

Preacher – Peter Henry

Liturgists – Deborah Conner, Ann Brindisi (8:45), Marjorie Burris (11:00)

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

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

Greeters – Beth Christenbury, David and Julia Hoke, Jan Tevepaugh (11:00)

Ushers – Wynn Mabry, Joel Ritchie, Catherine Tingelstad (11:00)

Our art, theme and words for worship during this season of Lent come from A Sanctified Art.

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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.

We provide free childcare for ages 0 to 6 in Room 14, which is in the lower level of the Main Building.

## 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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