

A Service For The Worship Of God

3rd Sunday in Advent, December 11, 2016

8:30 a.m. in Lingle Chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE

(8:30)

Sleepers, Wake

J.G. Walther

(11:00)

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J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD CANDLE OF ADVENT: JOY

Savior of the Nations, Come

Choir

The candle is lit.

“We have lit this candle in joy.”

Rejoice as we hear the words of the prophet from Isaiah 35: 1-10.

Prayer

**O Lord, our redeemer,
you lead us from languishing in sorrow’s shadows
into laughter’s joy over your abundant restoration.
Thank you for coming
to lead us home along your Way, Jesus Christ.**

*HYMN 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÅG FÖR HERRAN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we come today echoing John the Baptist's question to your Son Jesus:
"Are you the one who is to come?"**

**Forgive us when we fail to have eyes to see and ears to hear Christ’s answer:
the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf
hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.**

**Open our ears and restore our sight that we may join your Son, the Christ, in
the work of justice, the practice of mercy, the sharing of good news for the
poor, and a witness to your vision of peace. Give us the joyful confidence to
follow in Christ’s Way.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 83

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTT GART

**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Come and See

Marilyn Houser Hamm

(Children are invited to come forward.)

“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.”

(Preschool children may proceed to their child care locations at this time.)

ANTHEM

(8:30)

Lullay, My Liking

Gustav Holst

Geneva Choir

Lullay my liking, my dear son, my sweeting; lullay my dear heart, mine own dear darling!

1. I saw a fair maiden sitten and sing: she lulled a little child, a sweete lording. ~Dick Carver

2. That eternal Lord is he that made alle thing. Of alle lords he is Lord, of alle kinges king. ~Genny Bosak

3. There was much melody at that childe's birth: although they were in heaven's bliss they made mickle

mirth. ~Elizabeth Mills

4. Angels bright they sang that night and saiden to that child 'blessed be thou, and so be she that is both meek

and mild.' ~Deb Cameron

5. Pray we now to that child, and to his mother dear, God grant them ail his blessing that now maken cheer.

(11:00)

Song of Mary

Richard Shephard

Chancel Choir

My Lord and Saviour is my song, He fills my spirit with delight to raise me up his arm is strong, the lowly precious in his sight. Magnificat, anima mea Dominum. My name shall live from age to age, and ev'ry tongue his servant bless, for mercy is their heritage whose hearts the Holy One confess. The proud beguil'd by dreams of pow'r divided and degraded lie: He casts them down from throne and tow'r and stoops to lift the humble high. He feeds the hungry at his board and sends the rich unfill'd away, and mindful of his promis'd word Has answer'd Israel's prayer today. With all the elders of our race, and those unborn who seek this birth, I sing the glory of his grace who brings eternity to earth.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 4: 4-7

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11: 1-6

SERMON

Prepare the Way: Listen and Look

Lib McGregor Simmons

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 109

Blest Be the God of Israel

MERLE'S TUNE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christmas Joy Offering

THE OFFERING

(8:30)

Still, Still, Still

Paul Manz

(11:00)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

John Ferguson

(Please pass the fellowship register to the end of the pew and back at this time.)

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*HYMN 123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Prepare the Way of the Lord

PREPARE THE WAY

POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above the Earth I Come

Johann Pachelbel

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Lib McGregor Simmons

Assisting Ministers: Robert Alexander (8:30), Claire George-Drumheller

Advent Candle Lighters: Jane and Gordon Peck (8:30) Kim and Andy Beard, Hunter, Chuck, Carter, Molly, and Sarah Busse (11:00)

Acolytes: Win and Mia Batten

Director of Music: Jane Cain

Music Associate: David Brinson

Sound: Brad Jones

Ushers: Doug Fitzpatrick, Mike Whitley (8:30) John and Nancy Lingle, Lucas James, Jesse Jones,

Andrew Nielsen, Mark Muchane, Bruce and Stephanie James, Jennifer Little, Terri Rehkop (11:00)

Greeters: Bill and Royce Kimbrough (8:30) Lemie and Norman Richards, Doug and Phoebe

Caldwell, David and Beth Christenbury (11:00)

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WE WELCOME YOU to Davidson College Presbyterian Church and 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. For more information: www.dpc.org or 704-892-5641.

WELCOME CHILDREN 8:30 a.m.- All childcare (ages 0-5) is located downstairs in room 14. A cry room is available downstairs in room 13. The WDAV broadcast of the service will be playing. Feel free to come and go as needed. Parents of preschoolers (ages 3-5) please sign in with childcare in room 118 prior to worship. Children are encouraged to sit with their parents until the Word for Children. At that time preschoolers may go with staff to childcare. Children's worship bags (coloring & reading for all ages) are available at the entrances. Please accompany your child should he/she need to leave the sanctuary. We are glad you are here!

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC(USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to shine the One True Light of Christ's love on the poor in circumstance or spirit. Undesignated gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

4th & 5th GRADERS are invited to help lead the Christmas Eve 4 pm service. Email Jenny Alexander (jalexander@dpc.org) or call the church office to sign up.

THE WHITE GIFT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will take place at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary today. There will be a collection of food as part of the White Gift Christmas Pageant to be distributed to families through Loaves and Fishes at the Ada Jenkins Center. In keeping with the Christmas holidays, we are asking for specific kinds of food this year: Please bring any or all of the following: a canned or fresh ham, boxed stuffing, boxed potatoes, canned yams or canned fruit (no green beans, please). Join us afterward in the Congregation House for a soup and sandwich supper prepared by Chef Betsy (\$5 per person, \$20 family max.). Roxology will be playing during supper.

GIVE DIFFERENTLY! Alternative gift flyers are available at the doors and cashiers can process your gift donations after worship. Support local and global charities in someone's honor and receive a decorative card to present to your loved one.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS To contribute to the purchase of the Christmas decorations, please make your check payable to DCPC with *Christmas decorations* on the memo line. Email Rhonda Boggs (rboggs@dpc.org) in the church office or forms are available at the information center. Please return forms **no later than December 12**. Acknowledgments will be included in the bulletins on Sunday, December 18, and 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

SERVICE OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS The holiday season can be a difficult time for those experiencing grief and loss. You are invited to bring your tears to Lingle Chapel for A Service of Healing and Wholeness at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14. And remember that Lingle Chapel is open for prayer and meditation 24/7.

CAROLING This Wednesday, the Junior and Primary choirs will be caroling at the Pines Health Care at 5:00. Parents will bring their children directly to the Pines rather than to the church.

A DAY FOR DANCING Next Sunday, Dec. 18, the 8:30 and 11:00 services will be in the sanctuary as our combined Chancel and Geneva Choirs present "A Day for Dancing" by Lloyd Pfautsch. The old familiar Christmas story is told in traditional English, German, and Spanish texts dating back to the fifteenth century, while the music is contemporary and fresh. In keeping with their medieval heritage, the carols are meant to be accompanied by dancing; in fact, the word "carol" originally meant to dance in a circle. Madalyn Alexander is ably choreographing and leading our local dancers.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING Join us December 21. We will gather in the Congregation House at 6:30 p.m. and travel by foot to visit the neighborhoods around downtown Davidson. Dress appropriately for the weather and plan on being out about 1 hour. All ages are welcome. After caroling we will gather back at the Congregation House for snacks and warm drinks. Please bring a snack to share.

CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED Lydia's Loft in Huntersville is one of the biggest clothing banks in the region, assisting thousands of needy families referred from other service agencies each year. Lydia's Loft has plenty of clothing but is out of new underwear and socks in all sizes! Please place brand new underwear, new socks and new or gently used towels and sheets in the marked blue collection bins throughout the month of January, in the hall near the church office. Please contact Anne Cooper with any questions at annescooper@att.net.

HOLIDAYS can be a time of sadness for many of us due to the loss of a loved one. For this holiday season, content has been added to LingleChapel.org which provides prayers and information to help get through this time of the year. Additionally, there are also prayers designed to complement a personal candle lighting experience in remembrance of a loved one. Lingle Chapel... Comfort, Peace and Sanctuary this holiday season.

ADVENT Daily devotions written by Union Presbyterian Seminary faculty and staff are available in the DCPC information center. To obtain your daily devotion via email each morning during Advent, follow these instructions: 1) Go to www.upsemdevotions.wordpress.com 2) Under "Follow Blog via Email", enter your preferred email address 3) Check your email each morning during Advent! Devotions will go "Live" at 8 a.m. each day and will automatically be sent to all subscribers.

SMALL GROUP ADVENT STUDY- If you long to slow down and savor this holy season rather than rushing headlong into frantic holiday activities, then you are invited to carve out 45 minutes for gathering with others to learn and practice a mindful spirituality which involves multiple senses. This week's study will focus on **guided meditation and finger labyrinth**. The following groups – open to all – will meet in the chancel of Lingle Chapel. Monday evening from 7-7:45 – December 12, Wednesday from noon-12:45 – December 14, Saturday from 8:45-9:30 – December 17. A group will also meet in the Living Room at The Pines at 10 a.m. on December 17.

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT January 20-22, 2017. Worldchanging 101: Faithful and effective engagement with a hurting world. David LaMotte, Keynote speaker. Sign up brochures are available at the information center or at www.dpc.org.

ANGEL TREE DCPC invites you to help sponsor dozens of families from our community during our Angel Tree 2016 project through Wednesday, December 14. The Angel Tree can be found on the bulletin board beside the main office. There will be specific instructions about how to participate in this project on the bulletin board. You may contact Stephanie Rollans (srollans@dcpc.org or 704-892-5641 ext. 12) with any questions. Please help us make the tradition of gift-giving possible for area families!

YEAR END DONATIONS In order for your contributions to count in 2016, they must be received by Trish Jones or Harriett Rosebrough in the church business office (room 111) **no later than noon on Friday, December 30**. Contributions postmarked by December 31 will also be counted toward 2016. To pay your pledge by credit card, go to www.dpc.org. If you are expecting a stock, donor advised fund, or IRA donation to count toward your 2016 contributions, please contact Trish Jones at pjones@dcpc.org or 704-892-5641 x 30.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 p.m.-Designed especially for children and families
 7:30 p.m.- Traditional candle lighting service (nursery available)
 11 p.m.- Traditional service with communion (no childcare provided)

**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR
 December 11-December 18**

Sunday, December 11		
8:30am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:45am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:30am	Coffee at the Chapel	Corner of Lingle Chapel
9:45/11:00am	Sunday School	Various
11:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00pm	High School Youth-White Gift Service practice	Sanctuary
5:00pm	White Gift Christmas Pageant/Dinner	Sanctuary
Monday, December 12		
7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
9:30am	Shalom Study Group	Room 207
12:00pm	Retired Clergy	Parlor
5:00pm	Finance Committee	Library
6:30pm	Circle 8	Away
7:00pm	Advent Study	Lingle Chapel
7:00pm	AA	Jetton Hall
Tuesday, December 13		
8:00am	Brindisi Bible Study	Parlor
4:00pm	Stewardship Committee	Library
6:00pm	Worship Committee	Library
Wednesday, December 14		
7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
9:30am	Disciple Class	Upper Room
11:30am	Intercessory Prayer	Parlor
12:00pm	Advent Study	Lingle Chapel
5:00pm	Children's Choirs	Various
5:00pm	Junior and Primary Choirs Caroling	The Pines
5:45pm	WNL Dinner	Congregation House
6:30pm	Wholeness and Healing Service	Lingle Chapel
7:00pm	Deacons Meeting	Upper Room
7:00pm	Disciple Class	Jetton Hall
8:30pm	Music Team	Lingle Chapel
Thursday, December 15		
7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Friday, December 16		
7:00am	Men's Study Group	Parlor
7:00pm	AA	Jetton Hall
Saturday, December 17		
8:45am	Advent Study	Lingle Chapel
9:30am	Choir Dress Rehearsal	Sanctuary
10:00am	Advent Study	The Pines
Sunday, December 18		
8:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:30am	Youth Committee	Library
9:45am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:30am	Coffee at the Chapel	Corner of Lingle Chapel
9:45/11:00am	Sunday School	Various
11:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15pm	Session Meeting	Upper Room
4:30pm	High School Youth	Congregation House
5:00pm	Geneva Choir	Choir Room
5:30pm	Youth Dinner	Congregation House
6:00pm	Middle School Youth	Congregation House

DCPC FINANCIAL UPDATE

	November	YTD
Receipts	\$150,312	1,322,493
Expenses	\$113,157	1,356,597
Over/(Under)	\$ 37,155	(34,104)

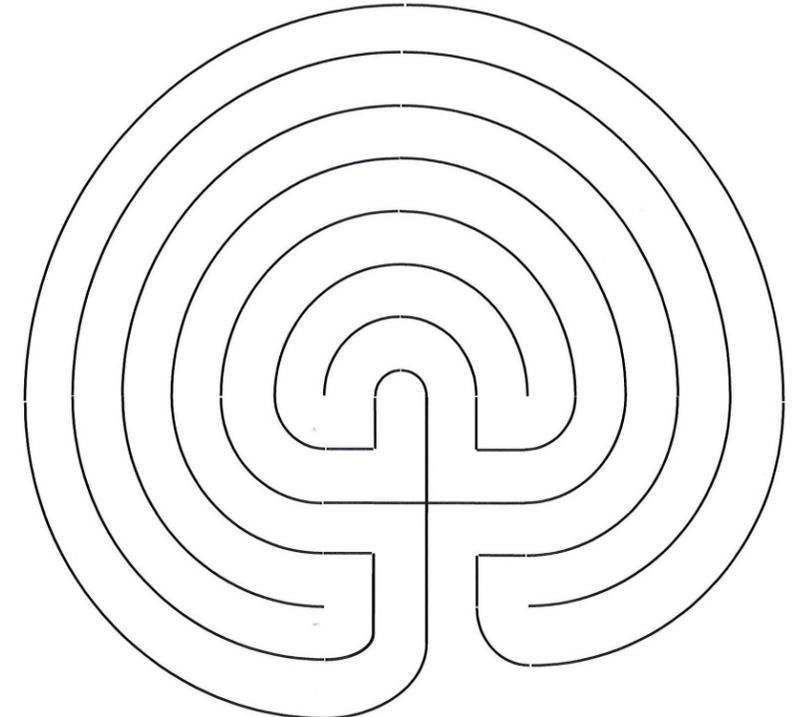
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Choose a walking finger and breathe smoothly. As you trace the path (from the outside opening at the bottom to the center, move at whatever pace feels right for you. As you do so, you may opt to:

- A. Quiet your mind
- B. Pray for yourself or someone else
- C. Keep a question in mind and feel the question using your emotions

At the center, pause and take several slow deep breaths (keeping your finger inside the center or place your hands comfortably on your lap). Here, many believe you are the closest to the center of your spirit and greater insight is available. When ready to leave the center, or feel satisfied (like after eating a good meal) retrace the path back out to the entrance (which now becomes the exit point). Upon leaving the labyrinth, be grateful and thankful for the opportunity to bring divine strength and insight back with you into your daily life.

We are the body of Christ—
 worshipping, learning, serving,
 loving, giving—
 seeking to realize God's vision for the world.

DCPC Vision Statement