

**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](http://www.wdav.org). For more information: [www.dpc.org](http://www.dpc.org) or 704-892-5641.

**WELCOME CHILDREN** The Nursery (birth-age 2) is downstairs, room 14. Preschool (ages 3-5) meets in room 118, by the ramp door. Children are always welcome in worship. 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 chapel. We are glad to worship with you!

**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.

**4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS** are invited to help lead the Christmas Eve 4 pm service.

Email Jenny Alexander ([jalexander@dpc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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@dpc.org](mailto:srollans@dpc.org) or 704-892-5641 ext. 12) with any questions. Please help us make the tradition of gift-giving possible for area families!

#### **TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**Preacher:** Lib McGregor Simmons

**Assisting Ministers:** Robert Alexander, Claire George-Drumheller

**Advent Candle Lighters:** David and Margaret Stauffer

**Music Associate:** David Brinson

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**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
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**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



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## Order of Worship - 9:45 a.m.

*3rd Sunday in Advent  
December 11, 2016*

*When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Matthew 11: 2-3*

### Opening Songs of Worship and Praise

Prepare the Way, O Zion-Hymn 106  
Wait for the Lord-Hymn 90  
He Came Down-Hymn 137

### Presenting the Symbols of our Faith

### The Lighting of the Third Candle of Advent: Joy

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Song of Praise

Creator of the Stars of Night-Hymn 84

#### Prayer of Confession

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

#### Sharing the Peace of Christ

#### Scripture and Proclamation

Philippians 4: 4-7  
Matthew 11: 1-6

Prepare the Way: Listen and Look

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### Minute for Mission-Christmas Joy Offering

#### Offering

Greensleeves

#### Sending Song

This Joy that I have

#### Benediction

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

*~DCPC Vision Statement*