

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 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!

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.

TODAY The singing of carols and reading the story of the prophecy and birth of Christ have been a traditional part of the Christmas celebration for many years. "A Day for Dancing" presents carols which rehearse the story told in the Christmas lessons. While the music is contemporary, the texts are traditional English, German, Spanish, some dating back to the fifteenth century. In keeping with their medieval heritage, the carols are meant to accompany dancing, since in that pre-literate time, the message could only come across by visual and aural means. Just as music heightens the meaning of the spoken word, interpretive movement provides a double impact for the text. The performance is festive yet simple, so that the imagination of the audience may be attracted to and aroused by the story which is sung and danced.

WELCOME CHILDREN 8:30 a.m.- All childcare, room 14. 11 a.m.- Ages 0-2 in room 14. A cry room with radio broadcast is available in room 13. Children ages 3-4 are encouraged to sit with their parents until the Word for Children then may go with staff to childcare in room 118. 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.). 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.

DCPC YOUTH Our Youth Group Christmas Party is today from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Congregation House. We'll play some fun games, eat pizza, do a gift exchange and finish the evening by doing some good. Bring a white elephant gift (something laying around your house, nothing new please) and \$5! The second phase of confirmation will begin on January 8th at 6 pm. Parents and confirmands are invited to join us in Lingle Chapel as we begin our confirmation journey together. If there are any high school youth who have not been confirmed but would like to be, please contact Lib or Matt.

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.

ATTENTION DCPC COLLEGE STUDENTS! Your leadership is needed for the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service! It is a joy and a privilege to lead worship; it's also a chance to use your gifts to give back to God... and to give to the people of God. Please contact Claire George-Drumheller if you would like to participate (cgeorge.drumheller@dpc.org).

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.

PICTURES FOR THE ONLINE DIRECTORY will be taken by Monica Galloway on January 29, February 5 and February 26 following the 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 service outside of Lingle Chapel. She will be ready to quickly snap a great family or individual photo for the DCPC online directory. If you already have a favorite picture of you and/or your family, please send a jpeg to [Stephanie Rollans](mailto:Stephanie.Rollans@dpc.org) (scrollans@dpc.org).

THANK YOU The Campus Ministry Committee extends a hearty "THANK YOU" to all the DCPC cookie bakers who provided the delicious treats for the Cookie Study Break on December 8. A good time was had by all!

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.

TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

Preacher: Lib McGregor Simmons

Assisting Ministers: Robert Alexander, Mary Margaret Porter

Music Associate: David Brinson

Advent Candle Lighters: Donny, Kaylor, Clara, Caroline and Danny Kaemba, Larry and Martha Lyon

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

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**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR
December 18-December 25**

Sunday, December 18

8:30am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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
5:00pm	Youth Christmas Party	Congregation House
5:00pm	Geneva Choir	Choir Room

Monday, December 19

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
9:30am	Shalom Study Group	Room 207
7:00pm	AA	Jetton Hall
7:00pm	Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 20

8:00am	Brindisi Bible Study	Parlor
7:00pm	Planning Committee	Library

Wednesday, December 21

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
10:00am	Davidson Career Transition Program	DUMC
11:30am	Intercessory Prayer	Parlor
6:30pm	Christmas Caroling	Congregation House
7:00pm	Session Meeting	Upper Room
8:30pm	Music Team	Lingle Chapel

Thursday, December 22

7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
6:45pm	Brass Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Friday, December 23

7:00am	Men's Study Group	Parlor
7:00pm	AA	Jetton Hall

Saturday, December 24

4:00pm	Family Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
7:30pm	Traditional Candle Lighting Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
11:00pm	Traditional Candle Lighting with Communion	Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25

11:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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Davidson College Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship - 9:45 a.m.

*4th Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2016*

Opening Songs of Worship and Praise

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
He Came Down-Hymn 137

Presenting the Symbols of our Faith

Welcome and Announcements

Song of Praise

People Look East-Hymn 105

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Scripture and Proclamation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

First Candle: Hope

It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Second Candle: Peace

Comfort My People

Kelli Brinson and Rusty Knox

Third Candle: Joy

How Far

Monica Galloway, Madalyn Alexander

Fourth Candle:

Advent Hymn (Watching, Waiting, Longing)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Born in the Night

Sending Song

Love Has Come-Hymn 110

Benediction