

God acts with grace; we respond with gratitude. This rhythm of divine action and human response is found in throughout Scripture and human history; it shapes all of Christian faith, life, and worship.

This traditional German carol, married to an American folk tune, offers the image of a thornwood to represent the unredeemed state of the world. As Mary passes through with Jesus “under her heart,” the Christ-child brings new life.

Rorey Cooney’s energetic paraphrase of the Magnificat urgently proclaims that God is turning the world around with the fires of his justice. Bringing down the mighty and lifting up the lowly has deeply revolutionary implications. The singers are called to be aware of how God has acted, is acting, and will continue to act.

OFFERING (8:30)

Song of Mary
Geneva Choir Richard Shephard

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. My name shall live from age to age, and every tongue his servant bless, for mercy is their heritage whose hearts the Holy One confess. The proud beguiled by dreams of power divided and degraded lie: he casts them down from throne and tower and stoops to lift the humble high. He feeds the hungry at his board and sends the rich unfilled away, and mindful of his promised word has answered 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.

(11:00) Mary Through a Thornwood’s Gone Annabel Buchanan
Chancel Choir; Christina Tarry, soprano

Kyrie eleison. Oh Mary through a thornwood’s gone, that in seven years no leaves hath borne. Jesus Lord and Mary. What holdeth Mary under her heart? A little child all free from harm, the Virgin holds beneath her heart. Jesus Lord and Mary. Then lo, from the thorns were roses sprung, when the Christ-child through the wood had gone, then roses bloomed where the thorns had grown, Jesus Lord and Mary. Kyrie!

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

*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

*HYMN 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout
STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Benediction Response No. 110 Love Has Come BRING A TORCH

Love has come; a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies. See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises: Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

*POSTLUDE God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen Alfred Fedak

You are invited to “Coffee at the Chapel” for coffee lemonade, and cookies following the 8:30 service before the 11 a.m.

LIFE AT DCPC

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Scott Kenefake

Liturgists: Robert Alexander, Claire George-Drumheller

Acolytes: Cela Parrish

Candle Lighters: (8:30) Batty Family (11:00) Busse Family

Director of Music: Jane Cain

Associate Music Director: David Brinson

Sound: JD and Ryan Densmore

Ushers: (8:30) Dave and Becky Swartz; (11:00) Jesse Jones, George and Susan Burhans, Priscilla Perkins

Greeters: (8:30) James Parker, Judy McLean; (11:00) Andy and Kim Beard, Beth Christenbury, Pris and Scott Woodmansee

WORSHIP

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, or our livestream on Facebook. For more information: www.dcpc.org or 704-892-5641.

CHILDREN Worship bags are available for children of all ages at the sanctuary and chapel entrances. All childcare (ages 0-5) is located downstairs in room 14. Preschoolers are encouraged to stay for the beginning of the service. At 11 a.m. worship, childcare staff will escort preschoolers to the nursery after the Word for Children.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

4:00 p.m. service is planned with children in mind. Families celebrate the joy of Christmas with jingle bells.

7:30 p.m. Service with choir and instrumentalists. Service closes with the traditional passing of candlelight.

11:00 p.m. Led by college student liturgists with harp and soloist. Communion is served and candlelight is passed.

WHAT’S YOUR PURPOSE? DCPC is in the process of discerning its future “purpose” and is looking for **group facilitators** who will be trained to conduct and record congregation-wide small group discussions. Facilitator training with Rev. Jessica Tate of Next Church is on Thursday, January 3 at 7 p.m. in Rm. 201. If you are interested in serving as a group facilitator or if you have further questions, contact Scott Kenefake or Nancy Barkemeyer (nhbarkemeyer@hotmail.com).

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 6 at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary to elect Steve Bradley as an elder in the class of 2021.

MISSIONS

JOY GIFT OFFERING funds scholarships for Presbyterian Racial-Ethnic Colleges and the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. Scholarships offer students hope and opportunity for the future. The Assistance Program supports retired church professionals who are struggling to make ends meet. You may give by cash, check or credit card at www.dcpc.org. You may also text JOY to “20222” to give \$10.

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ROOM IN THE INN Our ministry to our homeless neighbors is underway. This year we will host guests on Thursday and Friday nights. Please access the sign-up from the banner on the church website. Questions? Contact Jane Campbell (usnpao@gmail.com).

Faith Formation

Adult

- Connections & Covenant Class will not meet this week
- Jubilee Class, 9:45 a.m., 201
- Maloney Class, 9:45 a.m., Parlor & The Pines Class, 9:45 a.m., Jesus: God’s Loving Promise, Luke 1:26-31;2:22, 25-35

Sign up now for Invitation to Romans, a Disciple short-term Bible study. See John Ryan or sign up on the DCPC website. The eight-week class will be held off campus; it starts on January 9 and is limited to 8 participants.

No adult or children’s Sunday school classes will meet on Sunday, December 30, with the exception of the Maloney class. All classes resume on Sunday, January 6.

Youth

Youth group and confirmation will resume January 6.

Choirs

All choirs will resume January 3 and after.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE				
	8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
12/16/18	105	159	277	541

DCPC FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	November	YTD
Receipts	\$139,617	1,454,056
Expenses	\$149,337	1,550,511
Over/(Under)\$	(9,720)	(96,455)

Instead of paying your pledge through ACS, please consider using your bank’s online billpay function to send money to DCPC. This will save the church up to \$6,000 in administrative and credit card fees. We also encourage you to fulfill your 2018 pledge by year end. In order for your contributions to count in 2018, they must be received by Trish Jones or Harriett Rosebrough in the church business office (room 111) **no later than noon on Monday, December 31**. Contributions postmarked by December 31 will also be counted toward 2018. If you are expecting a stock, donor advised fund, or IRA donation to count toward your 2018 contributions, please contact Trish Jones at pjones@dcpc.org or 704-892-5641.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** No. 113 Angels We Have Heard on High
Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

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.)

Hearing the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LECTIONARY READINGS

Micah 5:2-5a
Psalm 80:1-7



Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Cantors: (8:30) Bob Cameron; (11:00) Garry Yuen

Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-55

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

Scott Kenefake

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 145**

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

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.

Certain biblical images have come to have deeper significance and lasting meaning for God’s people. Look around the sanctuary, and you will spot some of these symbols, such as light, book, water, bread, cup, and cross. These symbols point to the grace of God in Jesus Christ.

A Service For The Worship Of God

December 23, 2018 ~ 8:30 and 11 a.m. Worship

4th Sunday of Advent

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE From Heaven Above to Earth I Come J.F. Kirnberger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stewardship

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: Love

Hymn 103 Come Now, O Prince of Peace OSOSO

**Come now, O Prince of Peace; make us one body.
Come, O Lord Jesus; reconcile all people. (repeat)**

Isaiah spoke to a people called chosen,
to a tribe called Israel, with a light of hope.
Gabriel came to a town called Nazareth,
to a girl called Mary, with a light of joy.
Mary went to a place called Bethlehem,
to a stable called a nursery,
with a light of love.

As we light our fourth Advent candle,
we rejoice with Mary, for Love has flesh.
Come now, O child of Mary.
Come now, O Prince of Love.

*HYMN 105 People, Look East BESANCON

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, you beckon us to wake from our sleep: to open our eyes to the goodness of your reign, the injustice of our world, and the gap in between. You call us to follow in the path of your love. Forgive us, O God, when we choose the easy way. Forgive us, O God, when we choose the selfish way, the fast way, the successful way, the nice way, the friendly way, the comfortable way. Convict us, awaken us, empower us, and enliven us to follow the way of justice and love.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayers.

Advent originated as a three-week fast in preparation for baptism at Epiphany, and it evolved into a period of penitential preparation for the coming of Christ as judge. Advent today is seen as a season of hope and joy, anticipating the rule of God in Christ's coming in the future. The liturgical color purple highlights the penitential aspect, while blue is expressive of the hope of Advent.

*Those who are able, please stand.

This Week

Sunday, December 23

8:30am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:45am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:45am	Jubilee Class	Room 201
9:45am	Maloney Class	Parlor
11:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:30pm	Mary Vinson Memorial Service	Lingle Chapel

Monday, December 24

4:00pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
7:30pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
11:00pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 25

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Friday, December 28

7:00am	DCPC Men's Group	Parlor
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Sunday, December 30

8:30am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:45am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:45am	Maloney Class	Parlor
11:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary

DCPC welcomes a number of support and recovery groups including:

- A.A. (weekdays, 7:00 a.m. & Monday and Fridays, 7:00 p.m., Jetton Hall)
- A.A. for Young People (Saturdays, 7:45 p.m., Jetton Hall)
- N.A. (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., Jetton Hall)
- Parkinson Group - (4th Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Parlor)
- Buddy Club (for parents of special need children-Saturdays, September-April)
- IGNITE (Autism Society of NC-1st Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Room 201)

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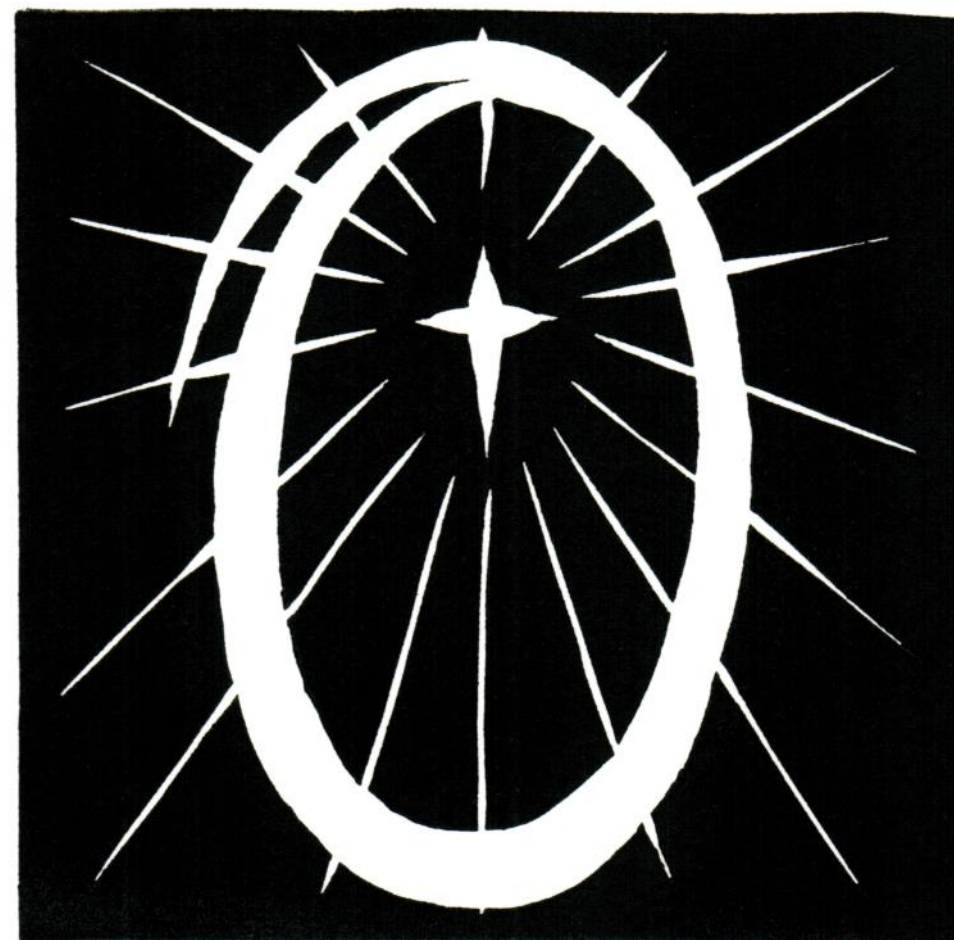
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Davidson College Presbyterian Church

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018 ~ 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship



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Davidson College Presbyterian Church is an Earth Care and Stephen Ministry congregation on the corner of campus and community. This 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.

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

DCPC Vision Statement