

A Service For The Worship Of God

4th Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2017

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE Greensleeves Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT: LOVE

Hymn

LYONS

**The candle of love tells what we are worth:
God loves us so much, God came to the earth!
An angel brought news of a child who would be
The one who would save us and set us all free.**

People of God, today we hear the story of an angel appearing to a young girl.

Mary was chosen by God for a special message and task..

Because of her deep faith, she trusted in God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

When we know God's love, we can extend it to others.

Today we light a candle to symbolize the steadfast love of God. We hope in the One who will come. We pray for God's peace to prevail. Our joy will come with God's servant. God's love never ends.

(Light the candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.)

People of God, remember you are God's beloved children.

We celebrate God's steadfast love!

*HYMN 82 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have come to us in Jesus Christ to set us free. Forgive us for the ways that we resist this freedom. We allow ourselves to be enslaved by selfish impulses, greed, and jealousy. We show favoritism, build walls, and speak words that divide rather than live in the freedom of your Spirit of unity, wholeness, and welcome. Heal our brokenness and set us free to say "Yes" to the ways that you lead us to love and serve you in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayers of Confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 134 Joy to the World ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

No more let sins and sorrows, grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

*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.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16

ANTHEM Thou Child Divine J.A.P. Schulz
Chancel and Youth Choirs

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 1: 26-38

SERMON Advent through Our Eyes Robert Alexander

*HYMN 108 Of The Father's Love Begotten DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Vs. 1 choir; vs. 2,3 all

Vs. 4 choir; vs. 5,6 all

Responding to the Word

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Confession 1967 (Sections 9.54 and 9.55)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and women and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgement and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Pg. 35

THE OFFERING Prelude on "Il Est Né" Raymond H. Hann
(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 113 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*Benediction Response No.143 Angels from the Realms of Glory
REGENT SQUARE

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!**

POSTLUDE Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella Keith Chapman

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Preachers: Robert Alexander

Liturgists: John Ryan, Scott Kenefake

Director of Music: Jane Cain

Associate Director of Music: David Brinson

Sound: Larry Cain

Ushers: John Lingle, George and Susan Burhans, Priscilla Perkins, James Ross

Greeters: Beth and David Christenbury, Kim and Andy Beard, Lovenia Somerville

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

CHILDREN 8:30 am All childcare (ages 0-5) is located downstairs in room 14. 11 a.m. Nursery care (ages 0-2) is in room 14. Preschoolers (ages 3-5) are encouraged to stay in the sanctuary through the Word for Children. Childcare staff will escort children to room 118 for the remainder of the service. Children's worship bags (coloring & Bible storybook for all ages) are available at the entrances. Please accompany your child should he/she need to leave the service. We stream WDAV's radio broadcast of the 11 am service in room 15 downstairs should children and a parent need a place to go during worship. We are glad you are here!

PRAYER CARDS are available in the pew racks or online (www.dpc.org). Requests are made known to those gathered for silent intercessory prayer on Wednesday mornings at 11:30 in the parlor. All are welcome and encouraged to join in prayer at that hour in the chapel or wherever you are.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING Today we will collect funds for the Christmas Joy Offering. This offering, a Presbyterian tradition since 1930, is divided evenly between the Assistance Program of the PC(USA) Board of Pensions and Presbyterian-related racial-ethnic schools and colleges. You may give to DCPC with "Christmas Joy" in the memo line or text "JOY" to 20222 to give \$10. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU The Campus Ministry Committee wishes to give hearty thanks to everyone who provided delicious cookies for the December 11 Cookie Study Break. The event was a great success!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Starting in January for 9 weeks, the Adult Faith Formation Committee will be offering the *Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University* classes beginning on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Erika and Phil Batten have volunteered to teach and are graduates of the class. For a nominal membership fee of \$109 (purchased through the Dave Ramsey website,) you will receive all the materials you need to take control of your financial future. Some of the classes include: Cash flow planning, Real estate and Mortgages, Insurance, Retirement and Planning, and Dumping Debt. This is the money class that can change lives! You can register online at www.dpc.org. Please direct any questions to John Ryan (jryan@dpc.org).

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to shop at the Alternative Gift Fair! Give a gift and change the world! Honor a loved one with a gift to one of our mission partners and they will benefit from your generosity and kindness. Pick up a brochure today or click the banner on the church website – www.dpc.org.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed December 25 and December 26, and January 1 in observance of the holidays. For emergencies call 704-892-5641 for instructions.

PLEDGE INFORMATION With any tax law changes, your tax advisor may advise that your tax bracket will decrease next year. As a result, if you want to prefund your 2018 pledge this year, please furnish to Patricia Jones (pjones@dpc.org) in the office by noon, 12/31/17.

SAVE THE DATE The next Organ at Davidson is January 15. Go to www.dpc.org for more information.

LINGLE CHAPEL A reminder that as we enter the Advent Season, Lingle Chapel is always open for prayer and reflection. During Advent, content has been added to LingleChapel.org designed to comfort those dealing with loss during the holiday season. In addition, a "Lord's Prayer Through Music" section has been added featuring renditions of the Lord's Prayer from throughout the world. **Lingle Chapel...Always Open...All Are Welcome**

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT Mark your calendar now for our annual Congregational Retreat in Montreat, NC, January 19-21, 2018. Go to www.dpc.org for registration forms. Brochures are also available at the information center in front of the church office.

PROVIDE MEALS FOR COLLEGE CONFERENCE DCPC will host a group of students for the College Conference at Montreat coming up on January 2-5. You can help make our experience a great one by providing home-cooked food! Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4fabaa2aa1f94-meals4> to provide food for hungry college students. Contact Claire George-Drumheller with any questions.

HOLIDAYS can be a time of remembering, questioning or even sadness. If you or someone you know could use some support during the holidays or after, **Stephen Ministers** are here to listen. We provide confidential one-to-one listening and Christian care. Email stephenministry@dpc.org or contact a pastor for additional information.



Chrismon ornaments are symbols representing the birth and ministry of Jesus and were first created by Frances Spencer of Danville, VA, as an alternative to commercial Christmas tree ornaments. Our Chrismon ornaments have been handcrafted by sisters Marty Leak and Gerry Corwin.



*Join us Tonight for
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 December 24 – December 31

Sunday, December 24-Christmas Eve

- 11:00am Worship Service Sanctuary
- 4:00pm Christmas Eve Service-designed for children Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Christmas Eve Service-Candlelight Sanctuary
- 11:00pm Christmas Eve Service-Candlelight & Communion Sanctuary

Monday, December 25-Church Office Closed

- 7:00am AA Jetton Hall
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Tuesday, December 26-Church Office Closed

- 7:00am AA Jetton Hall

Wednesday, December 27

- 7:00am AA Jetton Hall
- 11:30am Intercessory Prayer Parlor
- 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Knitters The Pines Living Room

Thursday, December 28

- 7:00am AA Jetton Hall
- 6:45pm Beloved Community Book Club Quaker Mtg. House

Sunday, December 31

- 8:30am Worship Service Lingle Chapel
- 9:30am Coffee at the Chapel Corner of Lingle Chapel
- 9:45pm Worship Service Lingle Chapel
- 11:00am Worship Service Sanctuary

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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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE				
	8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
12/17/2017	105	125	227	457

DCPC FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	November	YTD
Receipts	\$119,822	1,350,740
Expenses	\$140,488	1,485,249
Over/(Under)	\$(20,666)	(134,509)