

A Service For The Worship Of God

Christmas Day, December 25, 2016

11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE Variations on a French Noel: Whither Go These Merry Shepherds?
Jean-Francois Dandrieu

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

A Child has been born for us,

A son given to us;

Authority rests on his shoulder, and he is named:

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Let us go now and see this thing that has taken place which the Lord has made known to us.

Let us join our hearts and hands and voices in praise to our God. For the Lord, our God, has come to us today!

*HYMN 134 Joy to the World ANTIOCH

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have come to us in the frailty and innocence of a child and have reminded us that your ways are not our ways. Forgive us for thinking that more power, more money, and more stuff are the answer to the world's problems and to our own salvation. Forgive us for living in ways that ignore the truth of your good news in Jesus Christ. Help us to receive you anew this Christmas morning and to cherish the gift of your love above all else. Through Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayers of Confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Hearing the Word

(11:00) 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 Isaiah 52: 7-10

HYMN 145 What Child is This? GREENSLEEVES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 1: 1-14

SERMON The Word Became Flesh! Robert Alexander

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 146 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

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

THE OFFERING What Is This Lovely Fragrance? French trad.
Al Sudduth, solo

What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring! Shepherds, O tell us, whence such beauty, hear you not heav'nly caroling? What is this lovely fragrance wafting like to the scents of flow'rs in spring. What is this light so fair, so tender breaking upon our wond'ring eyes? Never the morning star so radiant followed his course o'er eastern skies, What is this light so fair, so tender, breaking upon our wond'ring eyes? Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps seek the Savior, born today. Low at His feet we lay our treasure, heart's adoration, love for aye. Shepherds, O haste with eager footsteps seek the Savior, born today.

(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 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

POSTLUDE From Heaven Above to Earth I Come Wilbur Held

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Robert Alexander

Assisting Minister: John Ryan

Director of Music: Jane Cain

Sound: Sid Wishon

Ushers: Alan England, Sterling Martin, Stephanie Glaser, Thomas, Philip and Alexander Hazel

Greeters: Andy and Kim Beard

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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.

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.

WELCOME CHILDREN 11 a.m.- The Nursery (birth-age 2) is downstairs, 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!

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.

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.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF DCPC? Then please join us for our **New Member Welcome Classes** in 2017. Each set is a two-Sunday series.
1st set: Sunday, February 12 & 19 (the **joining day February 19**)
2nd set: Sunday, April 30 and Sunday, May 7 (the **joining day is May 7**)
3rd set: This set will be held in October of 2017. The specific dates are TBD. All classes are from 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. and will be held in Jetton Hall (bottom floor of our Main Building). Please contact Stephanie C. Rollans (srollans@dcpc.org or 704-892-5641 ext. 12) with any questions and/or to sign up.

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED for the holidays on **December 26** and **27**, and **January 2**. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, please call 704-604-7004 to reach the pastor on call.

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 \(srollans@dcpc.org\)](mailto:Stephanie.Rollans@dcpc.org).

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP Ruling Elders: Jim Brueggemann, Gordon Clark, Jennie Clifton, J.D. Densmore, Van Lear Logan, Charlie Massey, Becky Montgomery, Mark Newbold, Lovenia Summerville, Abigail Merrifield; Deacons: Lynn Andrus, Karen Castoral, Charles Houck, Susan Krebs, Mary Pryor and Peri Beatty. On Sunday, January 8, the following will be ordained and installed to service as church officers: Ruling Elders: Phillip Batten, Beth Christenbury, Jay Harris, Ellen Law, Rachel T. Lewis, Cris Piephoff, George Raftelis, Jan Tevepaugh, Ed Wadsworth, Sam Tarry; Deacons: Ann Browning, Leah Chester-Davis, Heather McKee, Bev Mitchell, Pat Rickert, Jason Rogers, Wiley Reddick. For the coming year, Lyn Batty will serve as Clerk of Session. Linda Griffeth will serve as moderator of the Deacons and Mary Mac Kincaid will be secretary.

ORGAN AT DAVIDSON Minnesota native and Iowa-based Luther College instructor Brad Schultz opens the 2017 half of Organ at Davidson's 11th annual series both with Christmas selections and with "Variations on a Mighty Fortress" in celebration of the Protestant Reformation's 500th Anniversary. His performance is January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Following the performance is a meet-the-artist reception hosted by Friends of the Organ. Performances are free with donations gratefully accepted to enhance the growing series.

SOS (short on sweets)! The Cookie Monster devoured our entire supply of cookies. Please help the Common Ground Fellowship Ministry restock our beloved pantry. We would appreciate ALL kinds of cookies, muffins, etc., which are NUT-FREE (and some gluten-free choices would be a real treat as well). We will make your donations available on our *Coffee at the Chapel* table each and every Sunday from 9:30am – 12:30pm outside of Lingle Chapel. Your treats will help make our time of Sunday morning fellowship extra delicious. Please bring your donations to the church office or put them in the bin outside of Stephanie Rollans' office. Thank you, and see you on Sundays at *Coffee at the Chapel!*

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.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY the defibrillator and first aid box are located in the west hall of the main building next to the women's restroom.

Adult Faith Formation

Covenant (9:45 a.m. Congregation House)

JAN. 1-----NO CLASS MEETING

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5- Tony Abbott, Professor Emeritus of English at Davidson, will lead a discussion of Jacqueline Bussie's splendid new book, *Outlaw Christian*. Dr. Bussie, who is Director of the Forum and Faith and Life and Professor of Religion at Concordia College in Minnesota, returned for her 25th reunion at Davidson College and introduced the book to a packed house in June. Many were able to purchase the book then. If you do not already have it, you may order it from Amazon or pick up a copy at Main Street Books in Davidson. You will need the book to follow the discussion.

Maloney (9:45 a.m. Parlor) and **The Pines** (Marshall Room)

Jan 1: NO CLASS MEETING

Jan. 8 All Creation Overflows with Praise: Psalm 96

Jan. 15 Praise God the Provider: Psalm 65; Psalm 67:6-7

Jan. 22: Praise God the Creator: Psalm 104

Jan 29 All Creation Praises God: Psalm 148

Jubilee (9:45 a.m. Upper Room)

Faith & Life (11:00 a.m. Room 201) At 11 a.m. on Sunday mornings, a group gathers in Room 201 to explore the teachings of scripture and the themes of faith and spirituality as they intersect with life.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR December 25-January 1

Sunday, December 25-ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00am Worship Service Sanctuary

Monday, December 26-Church Office Closed

7:00am AA Jetton Hall

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Tuesday, December 27-Church Office Closed

7:00am AA Jetton Hall

7:00pm NA Jetton Hall

Wednesday, December 28

7:00am AA Jetton Hall

11:30am Intercessory Prayer Parlor

2:00pm Prayer Shawl Knitters The Pines Living Room

Thursday, December 29

7:00am AA Jetton Hall

7:00pm NA Jetton Hall

Friday, December 30

7:00am AA Jetton Hall

7:00pm AA Jetton Hall

Saturday, December 31

Sunday, January 1-ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00am Worship Service Sanctuary

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE					DCPC FINANCIAL UPDATE		
	8:30	9:45	11:00	Total	November YTD		
12/18/2016	143	147	302	592	Receipts	\$150,312	1,322,493
					Expenses	\$113,157	1,356,597
					Over/(Under)	\$ 37,155	(34,104)



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worshipping, learning, serving,
loving, giving—
seeking to realize God's vision for the world.

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