

# A Service For The Worship Of God

2nd Sunday in Advent, December 4, 2016

8:30 a.m. in Lingle Chapel and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

## Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE

(8:30)

Savior of the Nations, Come  
Savior of the Nations, Come

J.S. Bach  
D. Buxtehude

(11:00)

In the Bleak Midwinter  
Tower Ringers

arr. Michael Helman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LIGHTING OF THE SECOND CANDLE OF ADVENT: PEACE

*In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has built on this tradition in creating the practice of lighting the candles of the Advent wreath. For Christians, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who promised to come again into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, and remembering the promises of God.*

Savior of the Nations Come

Choir

The candle is lit.

"We have lit this candle for peace."

Hear God's promise of peace from Isaiah 11: 1-10.

Prayer

**Faithful God,  
you are at work to restore all of creation  
in its intended harmony.  
Give us your shalom  
that we may be reconciled to all enemies  
in the peace that passes all understanding  
through Christ Jesus our Lord.  
God of promise, God of hope,  
into our darkness come.**

\*HYMN 87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

GENEVAN 42

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**When our faith is rooted deeply in you, O God, our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness, but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world that your values take second place. Forgive us. Enable us to take a clear-minded look at our complicity in sin that we may repent and turn toward new attitudes and actions, bearing fruit worthy of our faith in you.**

*Silent Prayers of Confession*

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE Angels We Have Heard on High  
**Gloria, in excelsis Deo; Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

GLORIA

\*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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3: 1-12

SERMON

Prepare the Way: Turn

Lib McGregor Simmons

## Responding to the Word

THE OFFERING

(8:30)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
Geneva Choir and Alleluia Ringers

arr. Tucker

(11:00)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
Chancel Choir and Tower Ringers

arr. John Ferguson

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

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Sealing of the Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Hymn 92

While We Are Waiting, Come

WAIT

The Lord's Prayer

Pg. 35

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

## Bearing and Following the Word into the World

\*HYMN 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and world is about to turn.**

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake

Gustav Merkel

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**Preacher:** Lib McGregor Simmons

**Assisting Minister:** Robert Alexander (8:30), Mary Margaret Porter, Avery Fawcett (11:00)

**Advent Candle Lighters:** Hannah and Brandon Ellington (8:30) Mary Lang and Jon Regen (11:00)

**Acolytes:** Eric Kniple, Ketcher Honeycutt

**Director of Music:** Jane Cain

**Music Associate:** David Brinson

**Sound:** Gary Simmons

**Ushers:** Doug Fitzpatrick (8:30) Andrew, Joan and Elena Gradus, Barrett, Astri, Burns, Elizabeth, Shaw and Maya Kollme, Linda Clausen (11:00)

**Greeters:** Bill Morrison, Loyce Davis (8:30) Marjorie and Lynn Burris, Colette Naso, Bev Mitchell, Sarah Crissinger, Terri Rehkop (11:00)

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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.

**TEN CENTS A MEAL OFFERING** will be received at all worship services **today**. Please place your donations in the red baskets. If each family at DCPC contributed 30¢ a day each day for 30 days, that would equal \$9 per month.

**WELCOME CHILDREN 8:30 a.m.-** All childcare (ages 0-5) is located downstairs in 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!

**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.

**CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED** As winter goes on, we think about those who are struggling to cope with the cold weather. 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. This project is being coordinated by Women's Circle 7. Please contact Anne Cooper with any questions at annescooper@att.net.

**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.

**DCPC YOUTH** The White Gift Service is coming up on December 11.. We will be rehearsing today during our normal youth group time (4:30 - 5:30 p.m.) and at 3 p.m. before the White Gift Service and both practices are required for participation as a reader or a main role.

**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 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 the **Lectio divina and breath prayer**. The following groups – open to all- will meet in the chancel of Lingle Chapel.

Monday evening from 7-7:45 – December 5 and 12

Wednesday from noon-12:45 – December 7 and 14

Saturday from 8:45-9:30 – December 10, and 17

A group will also meet in the Living Room at the Pines at 10 a.m. on December 3, 10, and 17.

**DAVIDSON COLLEGE COOKIE STUDY BREAK** Please bake cookies and take them to the parlor on Thursday, December 8 by 9:00 p.m. Be sure to mark your cookies if they have nut allergens in them so that we can set them out separately.

**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.

**CRISIS ASSISTANCE** The Ministers' Discretionary Fund is one way that DCPC responds to requests for crisis assistance in our community. The holiday season is a time when we particularly depend upon this resource. Contributions will be gladly accepted online or by marking your check "MDF."

**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 beginning Wednesday the 30. There will be specific instructions about how to participate in this project on the bulletin board. You may contact Stephanie Rollans (srollans@dcpc.org or 704-892-5641 ext. 12) with any questions. Please help us make the tradition of gift-giving possible for area families!

**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@dcpc.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.

**A DAY FOR DANCING** will be presented by our choirs on December 18 at the 8:30 and 11:00 services. We are forming an intergenerational group to learn a simple dance for one or two of the sections. If you would be interested, please contact Jane Cain immediately. Male and female, ages eight through adult, all are welcome.

**WHITE GIFT CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** will take place at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary on December 11. 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.

**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.dcpc.org](http://www.dcpc.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](mailto:pjones@dcpc.org) or 704-892-5641 x 30.

**THE DAVIDSON COLLEGE HOST FAMILY PROGRAM** is looking for a few good host families. This is a non-residential program (all students live on campus) that pairs an international student with a local family to serve as a support system and as a connection to the community. More information (including the application) can be found at: <http://www.davidson.edu/offices/international-studies-program/international-student-services/host-family-program>. If this sounds like something you are interested in, please submit an application as soon as possible. We hope to pair students and families before December 21. This will allow time for introductions and dialogue before the students return to campus around January 16. Any questions you may have about the program can be directed to Carol Sandke at [casandke@davidson.edu](mailto:casandke@davidson.edu).

**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR  
December 4-December 11**

**Sunday, December 4**

8:30am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
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
4:30pm	High School Youth-White Gift Service practice	Sanctuary
5:00pm	Geneva Choir	Choir Room
5:30pm	Youth Dinner	Congregation House
6:00pm	Middle School Youth	Congregation House
7:30pm	Christmas Vespers	Sanctuary

**Monday, December 5**

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
9:30am	Shalom Study Group	Room 207
7:00pm	Advent Study	Lingle Chapel
7:00pm	UKirk	Student Center
7:00pm	AA	Jetton Hall
7:30pm	Circle 2	Away

**Tuesday, December 6**

8:00am	Brindisi Bible Study	Parlor
10:00am	Circle 3	Away
10:00am	Circle 4	The Pines
11:00am	Circle 1	Parlor
2:30pm	Stephen Leaders	Library
4:30pm	Property Committee	Library
6:45pm	Stephen Ministry	Upper Room
8:00pm	Stephen Ministry	Library

**Wednesday, December 7**

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
9:30am	Disciple Class	Upper Room
10:00am	Career Transition Program	DUMC
11:30am	Intercessory Prayer	Parlor
12:00pm	Advent Study	Lingle Chapel
5:00pm	Children's Choirs	Various
5:00pm	Beatitudes and Beverages	Mestizo
5:45pm	WNL Dinner	Congregation House
7:00pm	A&P Committee	Room 201
7:00pm	Community Missions Committee	Parlor
7:00pm	Membership Committee	Library
7:00pm	Disciple Class	Jetton Hall
8:30pm	Music Team	Lingle Chapel

**Thursday, December 8**

11:00am	Preschool Christmas Program	Sanctuary
7:00pm	Circle 7	Anne Cooper's Home
7:30pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
9:00pm	DC Cookie Study Break	Student Union

**Friday, December 9-Room in the Inn**

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

**Saturday, December 10**

8:45am	Advent Study	Lingle Chapel
10:00am	Advent Study	The Pines Living Room

**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

**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)

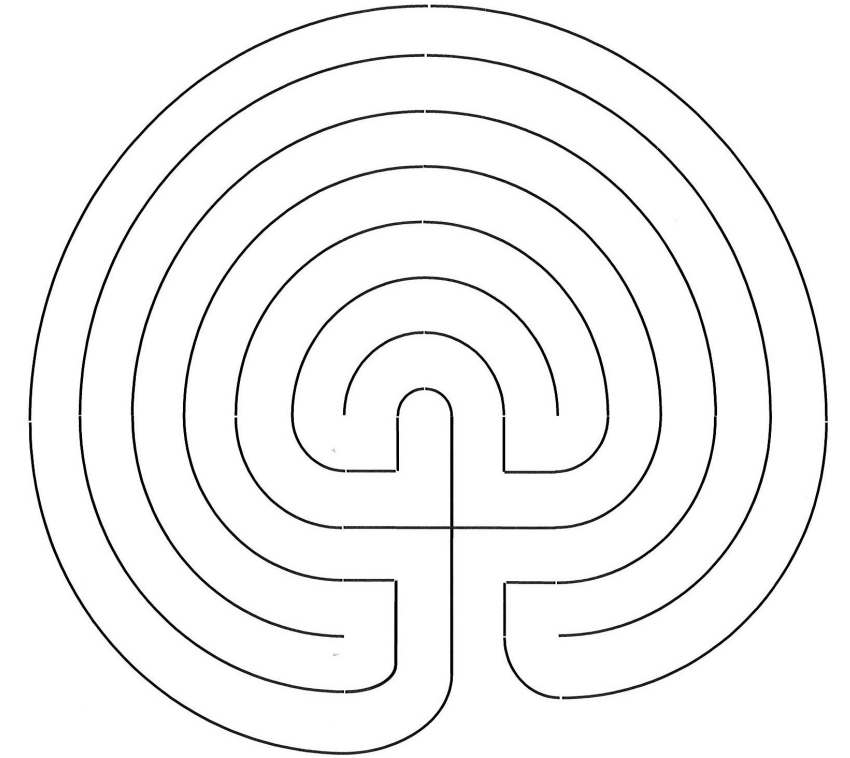
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Choose a walking finger and breathe smoothly. As you trace the path (from the outside opening at the bottom to the center, move at whatever pace feels right for you. As you do so, you may opt to:

- A. Quiet your mind
- B. Pray for yourself or someone else
- C. Keep a question in mind and feel the question using your emotions

At the center, pause and take several slow deep breaths (keeping your finger inside the center or place your hands comfortably on your lap). Here, many believe you are the closest to the center of your spirit and greater insight is available. When ready to leave the center, or feel satisfied (like after eating a good meal) retrace the path back out to the entrance (which now becomes the exit point). Upon leaving the labyrinth, be grateful and thankful for the opportunity to bring divine strength and insight back with you into your daily life.

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
11/27/2016	92	154	165	411

**DCPC FINANCIAL UPDATE**

	October	YTD
Receipts	\$116,087	1,172,180
Expenses	\$134,738	1,243,439
Over/(Under)	(\$ 18,651)	(71,259)