

A Service For The Worship Of God

15th Sunday after Pentecost, September 17, 2017

8:30 in Lingle Chapel and 11 in the Sanctuary

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Gathering Around the Word

PRELUDE How Firm a Foundation Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 103
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God does not treat us as our sins deserve or pay us back according to our wrongdoing.

As the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love towards us!

The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting!

Bless the LORD, O my soul!

*HYMN 37 Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and mercy, your steadfast love endures forever. We speak of your love and even celebrate it but we often take it for granted and even hoard it for ourselves or for those closest to us. Forgive us for ways that we have failed to acknowledge your love and mercy. Forgive us for those times we have failed to share your love and mercy with others in word or deed. Remind us that 'love does no wrong to a neighbor.' We humbly ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Silent Prayers of Confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE No. 439 O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer
STUTTGART

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; all within me bless God's name; bless the Savior, and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim. God forgives all your transgressions, all diseases gently heals; God redeems you from destruction, and with you so kindly deals.

*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

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 14: 1-12

ANTHEM (8:30) Almighty God, Who Hast Me Brought Thomas Ford
Geneva Choir

Almighty God, who hast me brought in safety to the present day, keep me from sin in heart and thought, and teach me what to do and say.

(11:00) Grace Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18: 21-35

SERMON Standing Before God Robert Alexander

Responding to the Word

*HYMN 435 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

*AFFIRMATION OF FATIH From the *Confession of Belhar*-Section 10.3
"We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another... that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind." Amen.

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MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP Thomas Hazel

THE OFFERING Andante Niels Gade
(*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 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Christ be With You Philip Hayden

POSTLUDE Prelude for Organ Fanny Mendelssohn

You are invited to the Lingle Chapel steps for coffee, lemonade, and cookies following the service.

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: Robert Alexander

Assisting Ministers: John Ryan, Claire George-Drumheller

Director of Music: Jane Cain

Associate Director of Music: David Brinson

Sound: Rick Cardenas

Ushers: Doug Fitzpatrick, Judy Newbold (8:30) Alex Rankin, Brad and Trish Jones, Brian Leeper, Meredith Allen, Wayne Utley (11:00)

Greeters: Bill and Royce Kimbrough (8:30) Lemie Richard, Bill DuBose, Bev Mitchell, Randy Kincaid, Lane Dunker, 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. or our livestream on Facebook. For more information: www.dpc.org or 704-892-5641.

WELCOME CHILDREN All childcare (ages 0-5) is located downstairs in room 14. 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 sanctuary. We stream WDAV's radio broadcast of the 11 service in room 15 downstairs should children and a parent need a place to go during worship. We are glad you are here!

THE FLOWERS in the chancel are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Taylor White and Matthew Sandberg..

CARITAS ACAPELLA ENSEMBLE will be singing in our sanctuary TODAY at 3:00. They will perform some particularly beautiful acapella music on the topic of nature, in a concert titled "For the Beauty of the Earth." Half of the proceeds will benefit Camp Grier and Sustain Charlotte. Tickets are available at the door, \$20.00.

ORGAN AT DAVIDSON The season opens TOMORROW NIGHT with a spectacular program of music for organ and strings by three world-famous musicians. Dongho Lee, the 2010 winner of the national competition of the American Guild of Organists, will partner with a violinist and cellist from the Borromeo Quartet from the New England Conservatory, performing music by Josef Rheinberger, Max Bruch and Tomaso Vitali. Nicholas Kitchen and Yeesun Kim are in demand as chamber musicians all over the U.S., South America, Asia and Europe. They perform on sixteenth-century instruments, a Stradivarius violin and a Zanetto cello. Check Steepletalk or dpc.org/organ for a full press release. The concert is free with donations gratefully accepted, and is followed by a reception sponsored by Friends of the Organ.

ALLELUIA RINGERS are in need of some additional handbell ringers. They meet at 4:00 on Sundays and play at the 8:30 service. We ring music that has parts for "seasoned" players, but also parts for those who have never rung handbells before. If you're interested in contributing, email David Brinson, dbrinson@dpc.org.

CHOIRS We are saving your place in choir. All ages, from four years old to adults, have a place in the choir, and if you come once, you will want to come back. Children's choirs meet at 5:00 on Wednesdays, and this week is the first Children's Handbell rehearsal at 4:30 on Wed. for third- through fifth-graders. YOUTH MUSIC begins today at 6:30 in the choir room, grades 6-12. For more information contact Jane Cain (jcain@dpc.org) or David Brinson (dbrinson@dpc.org). Adults are invited to Geneva Choir at 5:00 Sundays or Chancel Choir at 7:00 Thursdays; we would like additions in all the voice parts. Come with hearts and voices!

DCPC BLOOD DRIVE will be Monday, October 2, 2:00-7:00 p.m. in the Congregation House. Sign-ups will be available soon. Please contact Linda Drimalla (Imdrimalla@gmail.com) to donate food, volunteer to work registration, hospitality, clean-up or set-up or to sign up for an appointment to donate blood. If you prefer, you may sign up for your own appointment by visiting redcrossblood.org. Look for the blue box that says Give Blood and enter the code DCPC then follow the prompts. Please join us for this life saving Community Missions sponsored event. Thank you!

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT DCPC Do you know someone who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide Christian care, encouragement, and support to make it through the crisis. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Alice Sudduth, Rosemary Raynal, Martha Lyon, Margo Wehrung, Mary Thornberry or Meredith Allen. stephenministry@dpc.org. They can talk with you about how to connect the person you know with a Stephen Minister. It's a great way to show how much you care!

GUEST PREACHER Brian McLaren will be preaching at all 3 services next Sunday, September 24. Brian McLaren is a prominent Christian pastor, author, activist and leading figure in the emerging church movement. Often cited as one of the most influential Christian leaders in America, he has authored 20 books on faith in a contemporary global context, including *Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope* and *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road? Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World*.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE Dinner is at 5:45 in the Congregation House. **RSVP's are required, before noon on Tuesday for dinner.** *New Kids Club*-for information contact Jenny Alexander at jalexander@dcpc.org.

1st GRADE WORSHIP & CHALICE MAKING WORKSHOP Calling all 1st Graders for a 5-week special class. Sundays at 9:45 am October 8 – November 5. Communion as a class during the 11 am worship on November 5. Register online by logging onto your ACS account or email Jenny Alexander (jalexander@dcpc.org).

HABITAT HOUSE DCPC has joined with other faith communities in the Lake Norman region to build a home in the Poole Place neighborhood in Cornelius at 9915 Psalms Street for Fabiola Sanchez and her four children. **The house dedication is Tuesday morning, 11 a.m. on October 10.**

OFFERING OF LETTERS-September 24 In Brian McLaren's book *Everything Must Change*, we are encouraged to engage in change that impacts local, national, and global policy. The organization *Bread for the World* has been at work for years speaking to our leaders in Washington, D.C. and other places about the need to care for the most vulnerable in our communities and throughout the world. Their *Offering of Letters* encourages us to share our thoughts with our elected leaders and encourage them to vote in such a way that more people will have access to life saving food. On September 24 after each worship service there will be tables set up with sample letters, envelopes, pens, etc. that will make it easy for us to share this message with members of Congress so that they might soften their hearts and vote in favor of caring for the poor. We will also provide opportunities to send letters digitally. This event, co-sponsored by our Community and Global Mission Committees, supports our commitment to bring an end to hunger and poverty. Please plan to join us for a few minutes after worship on September 24. Please contact Robert Alexander at ralexander@dcpc.org with questions.

SAGES Odd Month Luncheon will be on Thursday, September 28 in the Congregation House. Plan to arrive by 11 for a time of fellowship. Eric Rice, DCPC's new chef, will have lunch at 11:30. Cost is \$8. Rev. Tony Marciano, Executive Director of the Charlotte Rescue Mission will speak. Bus will leave The Pines at 10:50. Reservations must be made via the Church Office by September 25th. **SAGES Day Trip to the NC Mountains**, Thursday October 19th. Coach bus will leave at 8:15 a.m. to West Jefferson to take in the fall leaves, enjoy lunch at Shatley Springs and visit several area frescos. Bus Cost \$20. Lunch \$8-12 (off menu) \$18 (family style). Reservations must be made via the Church Office by Sept. 28th. Only 49 seats available.

September Faith Formation Opportunities

Covenant Bible Study is starting this Wednesday and it's not too late for you to join the morning class. Contact Susan Manning (susanmanning@hotmail.com) or John Ryan (jryan@dcpc.org) to register or for more details.

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

September 17, 24, October 1.

Doug Ottati, the Craig Family Distinguished Professor of Reformed Theology and Justice, will present a three week refresher course in Reformation and Reformed theology in celebration of the 500th Anniversary. We will explore "scripture alone," or the basic methodological principle of the Reformation, "grace alone," or its basic substantive principle, and the humanist character and content of the Reformed movement. So, three sessions: sola scriptura, sola gratia, and a Reformed Christian humanism.

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

September 17: Sabbath Observance *Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 31:12-18; Isaiah 56:1-8*

September 24: Spirit-Filled Heart *Ezekiel 36-37; Titus 3:1-11*

Jubilee (9:45 a.m. Upper Room) Reading and discussing NT Wright 's Book, *The Day the Revolution Began*. BYOB (Bring Your Own Book)

DCPC FINANCIAL UPDATE

	August	YTD
Receipts	\$ 78,322	1,013,523
Expenses	\$128,965	1,061,672
Over/(Under)	\$(50,643)	(48,149)
Please bring your pledge up to date during September.		

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
9/10/2017			*375	375

*One service only

Calendar September 17– September 24

Sunday, September 17

8:30am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
8:30am	Youth Committee	Library
9:30am	Coffee at the Chapel	Corner of Lingle Chapel
9:45am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:45am	Sunday School	Parlor/Room 201
11:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00pm	Caritas Acapella Ensemble	Sanctuary
4:00pm	Alleluia Ringers	Handbell Room
5:00pm	Youth Dinner and Groups	Various
5:00pm	Geneva Choir	Choir Room
6:30pm	Youth Music	Choir Room
7:30pm	Interim Pastor Nominating Committee	Upper Room

Monday, September 18

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
9:30am	Shalom Study Group	Room 207
6:45pm	UKIRK	Student Center
7:30pm	Organ at Davidson	Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 19

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
6:45pm	Stephen Ministries	207, Library, Upper Room

Wednesday, September 20

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
10:00am	Covenant Bible Class	Jetton Hall
10:00am	Davidson Career Transition	DUMC
11:30am	Intercessory Prayer	Parlor
4:00pm	Kids Club	Various
4:30pm	Children's Handbells	Handbell Room
5:00pm	Children's Choirs	Various
5:00pm	Beatitudes and Beverages	Mestizo
5:45pm	WNL Dinner	Congregation House
7:00pm	Tower Ringers	Handbell Room
7:00pm	Session	Upper Room
8:30pm	Music Team	Lingle Chapel

Thursday, September 21


7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
7:00am	DCPC Men's Group	Parlor
10:00am	PW Coordinating Team Meeting	Parlor
7:00pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Friday, September 22


7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
7:00pm	AA	Jetton Hall

Sunday, September 24-Offering of Letters following all 3 services

8:30am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:30am	Coffee at the Chapel	Corner of Lingle Chapel
9:45am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:45am	Sunday School	Parlor/Room 201
11:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00pm	Alleluia Ringers	Handbell Room
5:00pm	Youth Dinner and Groups	Various
5:00pm	Geneva Choir	Choir Room
6:00pm	Connections Social Gathering	Dellingers' Home
6:30pm	Youth Music	Choir Room
7:00pm	Officer Training	Parlor
7:30pm	Interim Pastor Nominating Committee	Upper Room

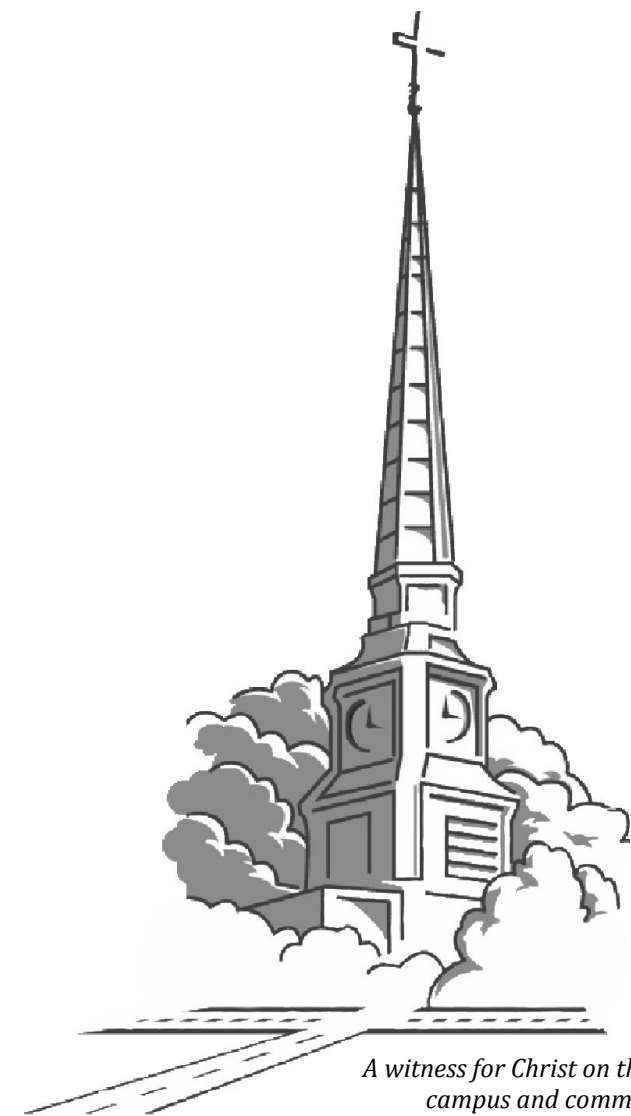


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Davidson College Presbyterian Church is an Earth Care and Stephen Ministry congregation on the corner of campus and community. This congregation celebrates partnerships in Christ with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kikuyu, Kenya, and the Kilambe 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.

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

DCPC Vision Statement