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**Looking Toward this Sunday December 17, 2017**

*3rd Sunday in Advent*

*The Lighting of the third Candle  
of Advent—Hope, Peace and Joy*



Scripture: John 1: 6–8, 19–28

Sermon: Advent Through the Eyes of John the Baptist

Scott Kenefake will preach at 8:30 and 11 in the sanctuary and 9:45 in Lingle Chapel.

How often do we define ourselves in the negative? There's a tendency among moderate-to-progressive Christians to differentiate themselves from more conservative folk by describing themselves as "not that kind of Christian." This week we'll reflect on what we are *for*.

*The Geneva Choir will sing There Is No Rose of Such Virtue at the 8:30 service.*

*Low, How a Rose E'er Blooming at the 11:00 service.*

*Advent Healing and Wholeness service is this Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Lingle Chapel. While the hope is that Christmas brings peace and joy to families, it often can mean something quite different, as families who have experienced loss feel those emotions even more deeply. Recognizing the wide range of emotions experienced at Christmas, DCPC is offering an Advent worship service of healing and wholeness. This worship service will offer appropriate prayer, scripture and music meant to speak to people seeking healing and wholeness. It also is a good reminder to all that the Christmas season can mean different things to different people. Join us for a different Advent worship experience that seeks to provide comfort to those who are hurting in any way.*

*Christmas Joy Offering This Sunday and next Sunday 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.*

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### **Offer your Comments**

The Session invites you to offer your comments, your joys, and your concerns. Click on the "Comments" link at the beginning of this email. Your email will be directed to the appropriate committee and staff person.

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## **Pledge TODAY and Year End Contributions**

*Thank you to those who have already made their pledge for 2018. If you have not yet, please make your pledge today ([CLICK HERE](#)). Invest in the mission of Davidson College Presbyterian Church, for what we are, for what we can become.*

*As of December 4, 2017:*

- *Number of pledges received 274 totaling \$1,223,727 (Last year's total was \$1,351,459.)*
  - *Number of pledges that decreased 30*
  - *Number of pledges that increased 99*
- *Number of pledges not yet received 300 (60-80 expected based on previous years)*

In order for your contributions to count in 2017, they must be received by Trish Jones or Harriett Rosebrough in the church business office (room 111) no later than noon on Friday, December 29. Contributions postmarked by December 31st will also be counted toward 2017. Please check the church calendar to see when the office will be open over the Christmas holidays season. To pay your pledge by credit card, go to [www.dcpc.org](http://www.dcpc.org), click on the "Give" tab and click on "Online Giving". Then click on the "Give Online" box and follow the prompts. If you are expecting a stock, donor advised fund, or IRA donation to count toward your 2017 contributions, please contact [Trish Jones](#) or 704-892-5641 x 30.

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## **DCPC Youth Alum and College Students Events**

*DCPC YOUTH ALUM* are invited to a Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 19, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Beekens' Home (17915 Nodghia Circle, Davidson). Come say hi to DCPC friends and enjoy some holiday fun!

*ATTENTION DCPC YOUTH ALUM AND COLLEGE STUDENTS* Your leadership is needed for the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service! It is a special tradition of the church that the young adults lead this worship service. Please contact [Claire George-Drumheller](#) if you would like to participate.

*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! [CLICK HERE](#) to provide food for hungry college students. Contact [Claire George-Drumheller](#) with any questions.

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## **Congregational Retreat-SIGN UP TODAY**

Mark your calendar now for our annual Congregational Retreat in Montreat, NC, January 19-21, 2018. [CLICK HERE](#) for registration forms. They are also available at the information center in front of the church office.

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- 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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### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

*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 HERE](#).

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### **Faith Formation**

#### *Faith Formation Opportunities*

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

December 17–John Griffith, President Emeritus of Presbyterian College, will present two sessions on love. Love is a concept we associate with God and Jesus as we seek to understand our relationship to the Divine. In these two sessions, we will explore what the Old Testament and then the New Testament reveals to us about love.

DECEMBER 24 AND 31. NO CLASS MEETINGS

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

Dec. 17: Faith to Persevere: Acts 14; Colossians 2:6–7

Dec. 24: Faithful Seekers of the King: Matthew 2:1–12

Dec. 31: Faith to Unite: Ephesians 4

Jubilee (9:45 a.m. Upper Room) The Jubilee Class will examine the following readings in *The Day the Revolution Began*, by N.T. Wright, a groundbreaking biblical scholar and theologian: from PART THREE: THE REVOLUTIONARY RESCUE

Dec. 17: Chapter 13: "The Death of Jesus in Paul's Letter to the Romans: Passover and Atonement"

Dec. 31: Chapter 14: "Passover People"

#### *Children's Faith Formation Opportunities*

Sunday School 9:45–10:45 am

Preschool (age 3–5) Room 118

Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Room 206

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Room 207

4<sup>th</sup> Grade/5<sup>th</sup> Grade Room 208

Wednesday Kids Club 4–5 pm

# Joys & Concerns

## Deaths:

We extend sympathy and the hope of resurrection to eternal life to:  
The family of Randy Nelson. Randy's mother died December 8.

The families of Margaret Stauffer and Mary Ann Taylor. Margaret's mother and Mary Ann's sister died earlier this week.

The family of Betty Newbold. A memorial service will be held Monday, December 18 at 2:00 in the sanctuary.

## Hospital:

Calvin Farrar-Sardis Oaks

John Moore- Novant Huntersville

Eddie Mueller- A hospital in Huntersville, NC

## Financial Update and Attendance

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE				
	8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
12/10/2017	150	187	242	579

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

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