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Looking Toward this Sunday December 10, 2017

2nd Sunday in Advent

*The Lighting of the Second Candle of
Advent—Peace*



**8:30 and 11 service will
be in the sanctuary.**

Scripture: Luke 1:46b–55

Isaiah 61: 1–4, 8–11

Sermon: Advent Through the Eyes of Mary

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

This Sunday we will consider Mary's view of the Advent of Jesus. The coming of the Messiah is certainly a sign of God's presence among us and of God breaking into the world to exercise justice and

mercy. As we hear the passage, often called the "Magnificat", both read and sung, we will have time to consider the words placed in the mouth of the mother of Jesus by the gospel writer. The song or psalm is closely connected to another song sung by a grateful mother –that is Hannah – the mother of Samuel (1 Samuel 2). Both songs rejoice in God's greatness, faithfulness, and justice. Both songs praise God for God's power to right the wrongs of the world and fulfill God's purposes despite the competing forces that would seek to undo God's plans.

As you come to worship this Sunday, consider where you see God's reign breaking into the world of competing powers. Consider where you stand in relation to the justice and mercy of God.

The NC Baroque Orchestra Chamber Players will sing *Trio Sonata opus 2, no. 1 in D Major*.

This Sunday's MUSIC– The Canticle of Mary is one of three canticles found in the first two chapters of Luke. Since the sixth century, the "Magnificat" has been sung daily as the textual climax of the office of Vespers in the Catholic and Anglican churches, so it is a very important part of the liturgy and has been set to music by almost every important choral composer. The young Pergolesi (1710–1736) and other members of the Neapolitan School were progressive in their composition of operas, but as in other eras of music history, church music was usually composed in the "old style." In this case, using a phrase of Gregorian chant as the main theme reminded listeners of their roots. The lively first movement expresses the joy of Mary; the lyrical solos convey the mercy God is showing; and the mighty are put down from their thrones with strong, fugal writing.

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.

White Gift Christmas Pageant THIS SUNDAY

White Gift Christmas Pageant will take place at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary today. There will be a collection of food as part of the White Gift Christmas Pageant, which will be distributed to families through Loaves and Fishes at the Ada Jenkins Center. Please bring any or all of the following: *rice, tomato or pasta Sauce, canned fruit/fruit cups (no added sugar), 100% fruit juice and/or oatmeal or grits. (No foods that need refrigeration, please.)* Join us afterward in the Congregation House for a soup and sandwich supper prepared by Chef Eric. Donations are needed to off set the cost of food.

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.dcpcc.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.

Angel Tree

DCPC invites you to help sponsor dozens of families from our community during our Angel Tree 2017 project through Wednesday, December 13. The Angel Tree can be found on the bulletin board beside the main office. There will be specific instructions about how to participate in this project on the bulletin board. You may contact [Stephanie Rollans](#) 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](#) in the church office with your in memory and honor of information ([click here](#)) or forms are available at the information center. Please return forms no later than December 10. Acknowledgments will be included in the bulletins on Sunday, December 17 and 24 .

Bonus Organ at Davidson

For the first time, there will be an organ concert in December featuring music for Christmas. The performer is Michael Lehtinen, organist at St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Charlotte and director of the Southern Park Music School. Dr. Lehtinen's program encompasses a broad variety of seasonal music, from German chorale settings by J.S. Bach, to early French variations on a noel, to glorious French Romantic nativities, to favorite carols set by American composers. There is something for everyone.

Save the date: December 11 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and is followed by a meet-the-artist reception.

Davidson College Cookie Study Break

Please bake cookies and take them to the back office hallway on Monday, December 11 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.

Advent Healing and Wholeness Service

Advent Healing and Wholeness service is scheduled for December 17. 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 on the evening of Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Lingle Chapel. 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.

DCPC Youth Alum and College Students

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.



- 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)

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.

Congregational Retreat

Mark your calendar now for our annual Congregational Retreat in Montreat, NC, January 19–21, 2018. Our retreat leader is Jeannie Dubose, wife of Montreat Conference Center's president Richard DuBose and the daughter-in-law of our own Bill & Sally DuBose. [CLICK HERE](#) for registration forms. They are also available at the information center in front of the church office.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!



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](#).

[CLICK HERE](#) TO SIGN UP FOR DINNER

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Opportunities

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

December 10, 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. 10: Faith to Discern: Acts 13:1–12

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. 10: Chapter 12: "The Death of Jesus in Paul's Letter to the Romans: The New Exodus"

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/1st Grade Room 206

2nd Grade/3rd Grade Room 207

4th Grade/5th 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 John and Missy Martin. John's brother, Lee, died this past week.

The family of Charles and Michele Houck. Charles' mother, Elizabeth "Molly" DeLoache died December 8.

The family of Betty Newbold. She died December 8. Service details forthcoming.

Financial Update and Attendance

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

	8:30	9:45	11:00	Total
12/3/2017	106		235	

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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