

8:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany January 18, 2026

The banners in the Chapel and Sanctuary represent our international partnerships with the Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kenya and the Kilambe communities in Nicaragua. An identical banner is in their worship spaces. Learn more about our partnerships at our website or use this QR code.



Call to Worship and portion of Prayer of Confession written by Stephanie Sorge for Presbyterian Outlook.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

- Prelude Our Father, in Heaven, BWV 737 J.S. Bach
- * Call to Worship
One: God calls us here together – each of us, all of us, our whole selves.
All: We bring our questions, our longings, our hopes, our dreams and our fears.
One: Jesus invites us to come and see where God is at work.
All: Across the street and across the globe, Jesus is present.
One: Within thee walls and within our hearts, God is here.
All: Let us worship the God who reaches out in love and invites us to come and see!
- * Hymn 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus CONVERSE
- Prayer of Confession
All: Saving God, we confess that we often have not waited patiently for you. We have preferred to sing our own song, to go our own way, and to put our trust in idols, institutions and individual strength rather than trusting you. We neglect you and our faith until we need something. Forgive us for not trusting in your mercy and presence in our lives. Lead us to the places in our lives where we need healing and wholeness.
- Please continue your prayers in silence.*
- Declaration of Love
One: As far as the East is from the West so far is our sin taken from us.
Hear the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.
- Response of Praise, Hymn 620 v. 1 LAUDA ANIMA
- All Sing:**
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore his praises sing: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.
- * Passing of the Peace
One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

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Prayer is at the heart of worship. It is a gift from God, who desires dialogue and relationship with us. It is a posture of faith and a way of living in the world. Prayer is also the primary way in which we participate in worship. Christian prayer is offered through Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Faithful prayer is shaped by God's Word in Scripture and inspires us to join God's work in the world.

Welcome and Announcements

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, reveal yourself to us once again as we hear your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, inspire us to follow where you lead, and to answer your call. Amen.

Time with Children

Jesus Loves Me

William Bradbury

All Sing:

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Scripture

Psalm 98

After each reading

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture

Matthew 6:5-14

Sermon

When You Pray

Deborah Conner

Time of Reflection

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

All sing:

**Lord, listen to your children praying.
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying.
Send us love; send us power; send us grace.**

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.*

The singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs is a vital and ancient form of prayer. Singing engages the whole person and helps to unify the body of Christ in common worship. The Congregation itself is the church's primary choir; the purpose of rehearsed choirs and other musicians is to lead and support the congregation in the



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worship is always to be an offering to God. (Book of Order, W-2.0202)

Use this QR Code to go to a document which contains all of our current **Sign-Up Links** for things like worship greeting and ushering, event registrations, service opportunities and more.



All Sing:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* Prayer of Dedication

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* Hymn 700 and 66 I'm Gonna Live/ Every Time Spirituals

All Sing:

Verse 1: I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Refrain: Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Verse 2: I'm gonna work... (R)

Verse 3: I'm gonna pray... (R)

Verse 4: I'm gonna sing... (R)

* Benediction

* Postlude

Worship Leaders

Preacher – Deborah Conner

Liturgists – Robert Alexander

Musicians – David Brinson, Sarah Lynch, The Geneva Choir

Technology- Bill Hatfield, Ben Slay

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Davidson College Presbyterian Church is part of the PC(USA). As a member of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, we are a welcoming, affirming, and inclusive faith community where all are one in Christ. We are a Matthew 25, Earth Care and Stephen Ministry congregation on the corner of campus and community. Our 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. Our sanctuary stands on lands once occupied by the indigenous communities of the Catawba people and our first worship space was built with bricks made by enslaved people. We remember them to God as we honor and recognize them in worship.

Childcare & Children's Sunday School
Children are invited to Sunday School, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Come hear Bible stories, make friends, have fun, and learn! Classes for infants through Preschool are on the lower level. Children in TK/Kindergarten through fifth grade are on the upper level. Please check in at a kiosk prior to drop off to receive name tags.
Childcare for ages 0-6 is available in room 14 weekly from 8:15 am – 12:15 p.m. A comfort room is available in Room 13 for nursing, napping babies with a live stream of worship.

Hearing Assistance Devices
Our devices are available in baskets at each entrance to the sanctuary. Each receiver pack has one of two cords: a simple in-ear piece and a T-Coil neck loop. If you need assistance, please see a worship leader.

Pew Cushions
A limited number of pew cushions are available for worshipers with back issues in the narthex.

Narthex Bathrooms
The bathrooms in the narthex (the entry way from the campus, at the back of the sanctuary) are all-gender bathrooms.