



10:00 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

The banners in the 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.



Use this QR code to fill out the online friendship pad.



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

* Prelude

* Call to Worship

One: Welcome to a jam session of the Holy Spirit.

All: We are listening for the rhythm, O Spirit.

One: Just follow the lead of Jesus.

All: Help us to find your groove, O Jesus.

One: No matter what you expected from the God of surprises,

All: Help us improvise as you guide us, O God.

* Hymn 375

Shall We Gather at the River

HANSON PLACE

Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, we know that in you we find the leader to our music.

You call us to swing in time with your rhythm, but we don't always listen well. We are often set in our own patterns.

Improvisation does not come easy and we don't always make room for others, even if you have called them to the song. Enable us to sense your syncopation and jam with Jesus, whose love invites everyone to join in the music of love and mercy.

Please continue your prayers in silence.

Declaration of Love

One: All of us play wrong notes at times. Sometimes we are discordant on purpose and sometimes by accident. The good news is that Jesus does not dismiss us from the song. I declare to you that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

Response of Praise, Hymn 600

AMEN

All Sing 2 times:

Amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

* Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Jesus Christ is not like what the world gives. Where the world plays blue notes, in Jesus it is blue like jazz. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

We are invited to make an offering in response to God's grace and love and to Jesus' call to care for one another. You can use the QR code or place your offering in an offering plate.



Our affirmation of faith today comes from the part of our PC(USA) constitution we call the Book of Confessions. About The Confession of 1967, the Book of Confessions says: "In approving the Confession of 1967, the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America adopted its first new confession of faith in three centuries. The turbulent decade of the 1960s challenged churches everywhere to restate their faith. While the Second Vatican Council was reformulating Roman Catholic thought and practice, Presbyterians were developing the Confession of 1967."

HEARING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
All: Come, O Holy Spirit. We need your guidance to hear the notes and to join in the song. Enable us to hear fully, so that we might live faithfully as part of the ensemble that assembles to sing your praises. Amen.

Time with Children JESUS LOVE ME
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 Matthew 14: 22-33
After each reading
One: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
Sermon Alive, Awake, Alert, Enthusiastic Peter Henry

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* Hymn 673 Jesus, Light of Joy LAUDA ANIMA

*Affirmation of Faith The Confession of 1967 Section 9.15
All: God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer
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 I Saw the Light Hank Williams, Sr.

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.



* Doxology, No. 606

OLD 100th

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 350

Keep Your Lamps

African American Spiritual

* Benediction

* Postlude

Today's Worship Leaders:

Preaching – Peter Henry

Liturgists – Robert Alexander, Gordon Barber

Musicians – David Brinson, Music Team

Greeters – Sue Farina, Judy Grissom, Bev Mitchell, Katie Scruggs

Ushers – Ann Alves, Jan Tevepaugh

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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

Childcare for ages 0-6 is available on the lower level, room 14, every Sunday 9:45-11:15 a.m. during the summer. A comfort room is available in room 15 for nursing or a break from the worship service (for adult and child) with a livestream of the worship service.

Children's Sunday School (for ages 0 and up) resumes on September 13th at 9:45 a.m.

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

Pew cushions are available near each entrance for our worshipers with back issues.

Narthex Bathrooms

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

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