

# DAVIDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A PLACE TO DISCOVER GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE ALIVE EACH DAY



## The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025 | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

† All who are able, please stand.

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Voluntary*

John Settlemyer, Organ

Douglas E. Wagner

### † GREETING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray...

Rev. Dr. Brad Hinton

*Upper Room Worshipbook*

### † OPENING PRAYER

**New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us the desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors and all your creation, and to devote each day to your Son and our Savior, Christ the Lord. Amen.**

### † OPENING HYMN, NO. 111

*How Can We Name a Love*

TERRA BEATA



How can we name a Love that wak - ens heart and mind,  
If we a - woke to life built on a rock of care  
When peo - ple share a task, and strength and skills u - nite  
So in a hun - dred names, each day we all can meet



in - dwell - ing all we know or think or do or seek or find?  
that asked no great re - ward but firm, as - sured, was sim - ply there,  
in pro - jects old or new, to make or do with shared de - light,  
a pres - ence, sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.



With - in our dai - ly world, in ev - ery hu - man face,  
we can, with par - ents' names, des - cribe, and thus a - dore,  
our Friend and Part - ner's will is bet - ter un - der - stood,  
Yet ev - ery name we see, shines in a bright - er sun:



Love's ech - oes sound and God is found, hid in the com - mon - place.  
Love un - con - fined, a fa - ther kind, a moth - er strong and sure.  
that all should share, cre - ate, and care, and know that life is good.  
In Christ a - lone is Love full grown and life and hope be - gun.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

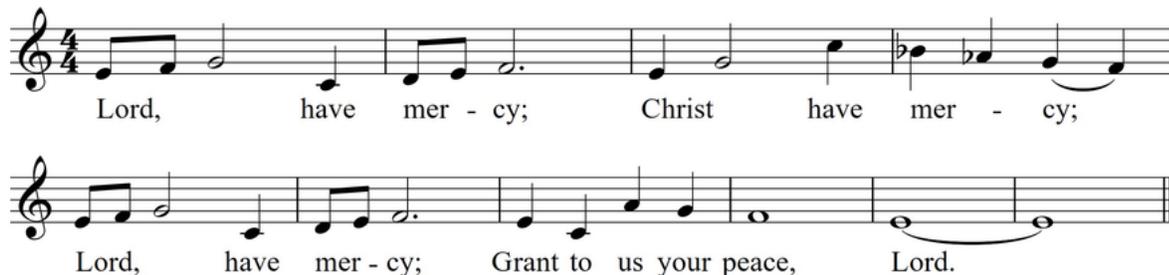
**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

**Amen**

## SONG OF FORGIVENESS



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ have mer - cy;

Lord, have mer - cy; Grant to us your peace, Lord.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

**Pastor:** Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All:** Glory to God. Amen

## † GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:27-36

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

**Lector:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**People:** Praise to you, O Christ!

† A MODERN AFFIRMATION NO. 885

*The United Methodist Hymnal*

Pastor: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**People: We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope,  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end  
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen**

† GLORIA PATRI

MEINEKE

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er  
shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The pastor will end each petition with: Lord, in your mercy,  
to which the congregation responds: **Hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.**

**Amen.**

## THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

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## OFFERTORY

*All the Good You Can*

Howard Goodall

## † DOXOLOGY



Glad-ly we praise you and bless you, Cre - a - tor, O God, of Life.



Christ, we a - dore you and thank you, com - pas - sion of God, our Light.



Great Ho-ly Spir - it, by you we are born from a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!

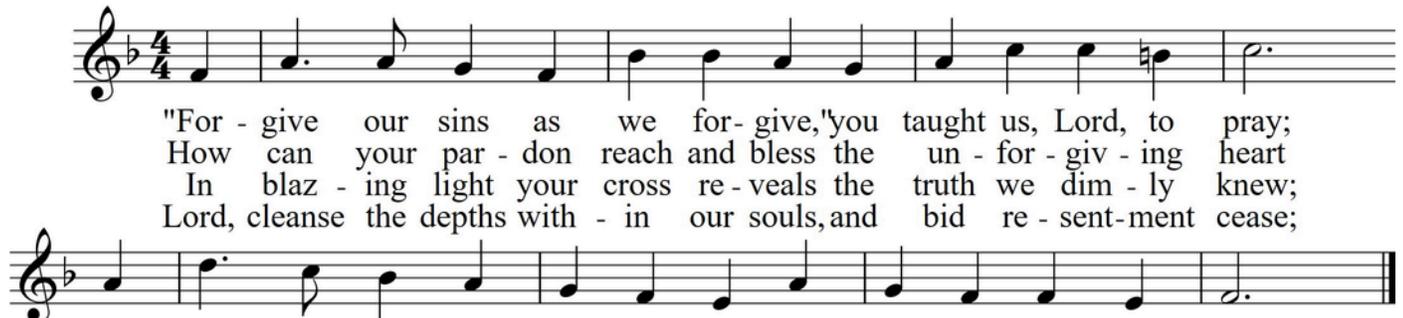


Praise the God of bless - ing! Al - le - lu - ia! Bless the God of Love!

† CLOSING HYMN NO. 390

sung to WINCHESTER OLD

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*



"For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew;  
Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment cease;

but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!  
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

† OUR MISSION

**We will be the Body of Christ in our community  
through worship, education, fellowship, and service.**

† BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

*Suite for Organ*

Robert A. Roesch

John Settlemyer, Organ

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**LECTORS**

9:30 a.m. - Cindy Farmer 11:00 a.m. - Sue Winter-Hallman

Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary to the glory of God by Kathy Feezor in loving memory of her husband, Charles Feezor.

## WELCOME TO DAVIDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

If this is the first time you are worshipping with us, it is a joy to introduce you to Davidson United Methodist Church (DUMC); our doors are open to all. Let us welcome you. Whether you are a spiritual seeker who is just starting to ask questions about God or a committed Christian who wants to dig deeper, you will find a home here. Check out our ministries, listen to a sermon, and read about the ways you can become involved at DUMC on our website, [www.davidsonumc.org](http://www.davidsonumc.org).

Thank you for being a part of worship today!

Scan the QR code and let us know you're in worship today  
or drop by the Welcome Center.



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday mornings offer a traditional worship experience at 8:00 a.m. in our Chapel, across the street, which includes weekly Holy Communion, and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in our Sanctuary.

**Children's Sunday Morning Classes** are each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Children ages birth - Grade 5 are invited to meet in the Alexander Education Building classrooms for faith formation and fellowship. Please reach out to Brittany Viehmann at [bviehmann@davidsonumc.org](mailto:bviehmann@davidsonumc.org) with questions about our Children's Ministry.

**Youth Sunday Morning Small Groups DUMC Youth Grades 6 - 12** meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Center for small groups. Sunday Night Youth will meet in the Youth Center from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. for fellowship and fun. Please reach out to Rev. Meredith Hinton at [mhinton@davidsonumc.org](mailto:mhinton@davidsonumc.org) with any questions about our Youth Ministry.

**Adult Sunday Morning Small Groups** meet at 9:30 a.m. Contact Gail Spach at [gspach@davidsonumc.org](mailto:gspach@davidsonumc.org) for more information.

**Midweek @ DUMC** - Join us every Wednesday for a night of dinner, fellowship, and activities for all ages! Dinner is served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., with a suggested donation of \$5 per person (up to \$20 per family). Please use the QR code to R.S.V.P. for dinner. Childcare is available for infants and preschoolers, while kids in K-5th grade can enjoy choir from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., time on the playground from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m., and a devotion at 7:00 p.m. For youth in grades 6 - 12, 6th grade choir is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., 7th - 12th grade choir is from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., and Bible study is from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.



## MISSIONS: ENGAGE, INSPIRE, IMPACT

**THE MISSIONS PRAYER FOCUS** for this week is UMAR, a division of Monarch, whose mission is to provide hope, promote wellness, and empower individuals and families impacted by mental illness, substance use disorders, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and traumatic brain injury. Monarch supports adults in their own communities through group homes, independent and supported living, vocational services, and art programs across the state. With the help of families, volunteers, businesses, and churches, Monarch continues to empower adults with disabilities to live their best independent life. To learn more about the UMAR division of Monarch, stop by the Missions table in the Gathering Space today. We are honored to have with us Nicole Sigmon, Director of Referral Marketing, and Carissa Brown, Referral Marketing Manager.

**March's Make-a-difference (MAD) Collection** is for UMAR's Barnabas Home in Cornelius. As a division of Monarch, UMAR provides residential services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Please bring your donations of paper goods (napkins, plates, paper towels), laundry detergent, and dishwasher tabs to the MAD bins in the Gathering Space and Church Office. Thank you for your generosity. Learn more at [www.monarchnc.org](http://www.monarchnc.org).

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### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

**Questions Jesus Asked: Sermon Series Discussion** - Join Rev. David Hockett for a follow-up discussion of the churchwide book study, *Questions Jesus Asked* by Magrey deVega. Discussions will take place on Wednesdays, January 29 - February 26, at 5:45 p.m. in the upstairs multipurpose youth room of the Seymour Building. Enjoy Wednesday night dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall before the discussion. Please register for dinner by scanning the QR code in the Midweek section on the previous page in the bulletin. Childcare is available; scan the QR code in this announcement to register. No registration is required to attend the discussion.



**New Sunday School Class for Young Adults** - Looking for a place to grow in faith, build meaningful relationships, and explore life's big questions? Join our new Sunday School class for young adults, where we will dive into scripture, discuss real-life applications, and encourage one another in our walk with Christ. No signup is necessary—just come as you are! The class will meet on Sunday, March 2, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in Room 220 of the Alexander Education Building, with Nancy Young facilitating. We look forward to growing in faith together! Please email Nancy with any questions, [njyoung05@gmail.com](mailto:njyoung05@gmail.com).

**DUMC LGBTQIA Family & Friends Group** - The DUMC LGBTQIA Family & Friends Group is gathering at 760 Craft Works in Huntersville on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:30 p.m. Whether you're a regular or it's your first time, everyone is welcome! We meet on the first Tuesday of each month, so mark your calendars and bring a friend. For more information, contact Beckie McCall at [cartermccall@gmail.com](mailto:cartermccall@gmail.com).

**Ash Wednesday at Davidson UMC** - Join us on March 5 as we begin the Lenten season with a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. Services will be held in the Sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. as we remember that "all come from dust, and to dust all return" (Ecclesiastes 3:20). May this sacred day draw us closer to God's grace and promise.

**Art Music Justice Tour** - Join us for the Art Music Justice Tour on Sunday, March 2, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., hosted at Davidson United Methodist Church in Davidson, NC. This event offers an evening of inspiring performances that blend art, music, and a message of justice. The tour features singer-songwriters Sara Groves, Fernando Ortega, and Sandra McCracken. For more details and to purchase tickets, scan the QR code.



**DUMC's Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Join us in crafting for a cause! Love knitting, crocheting, or want to learn? Our next gathering is Wednesday, March 5, at 10:15 a.m. in Room 213. We create and bless shawls and baptism blankets for those in need. All skill levels welcome!

**Church Admin Council Meeting** – The Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, March 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room on the second floor of the Seymour Building. We'll hear a report from the DUMC Forward visioning team including feedback from the survey and focus groups. All are welcome.

**Lesson from the Tackle Box** – A Men's Ministry Class - Gentlemen, are you ready to grow in faith and build lasting, Christ-centered relationships? Lesson from the Tackle Box will equip you with biblical insights and practical tools to leave a legacy of faith, wisdom, and love. Through meaningful discussions and fellowship, you'll gain encouragement and a deeper understanding of how to share your faith with those who matter most. Join us on Monday nights, March 10 – April 7, from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. (location TBD). The cost is \$15 for materials. Scan the QR code to register. For more details, contact Tom Peckham at [tompnc@gmail.com](mailto:tompnc@gmail.com).



**Fourth Sunday Q&A** - Are you new(ish) to Davidson UMC? Or maybe you just want to get to know our pastors better? Meet a pastor in the Fellowship Hall—directly across from the Sanctuary—on the fourth Sunday of the month from 10:30 to 10:50 a.m. Bring your questions, or just stop by to say hello. We'd love to meet you!

**Leader Training & Luncheon** - Interested in serving in our Children & Youth Ministries? Join us on February 23 at 12:00 p.m. in the Youth Center for a Leader Training & Luncheon. We'll focus on our 2025 ministry goals of Belong, Grow, Impact and review important procedures, including Safe Sanctuary training. We'd love for you to join us and make an impact!

**Created by God** - Will take place at Davidson UMC on March 7-8, facilitated by Rev. Kate May. This human sexuality class is open to fourth and fifth-grade children, with a cost of \$40 for the weekend. On Friday evening, both parents and children will attend. On Saturday, children will participate, and parents will join for the final portion of the session. Scan the QR code to register! For questions, please contact Brittany Viehmann, Director of Children's Ministries, at [bviehmann@davidsonumc.org](mailto:bviehmann@davidsonumc.org).



**High School Beach Retreat** - The High School youth are heading to the NC coast for an unforgettable retreat weekend, February 28 - March 1! Get ready for a time of worship, fun, and delicious food—all in a beautiful setting. It's the perfect chance to grow in faith, connect with friends, and make lasting memories. More details coming soon (cost, transportation, and lodging). Scan the QR code to register. For more information, contact Rev. Meredith Hinton at [mhinton@davidsonumc.org](mailto:mhinton@davidsonumc.org).



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