DAVIDSON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





WE WILL BE THE BODY
OF CHRIST IN OUR
COMMUNITY THROUGH
WORSHIP,
EDUCATION,
FELLOWSHIP,
AND SERVICE.

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 21, 2024

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

† All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE

John Settlemyer, organ

† GREETING

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

† COLLECT

Rev. Dianne Lawhorn

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

† Opening Hymn, No. 577

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA



WORDS: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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



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.

Mark 1:14-20

† GOSPEL READING

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation #885, 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.

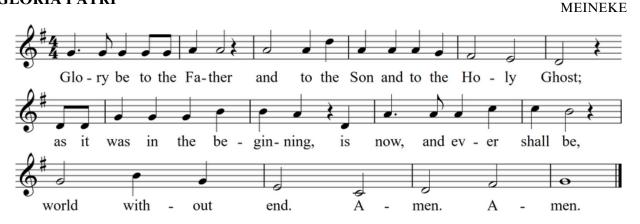
We believe that this faith should manifest itself

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



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.

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ANTHEM

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

arr. John Carter

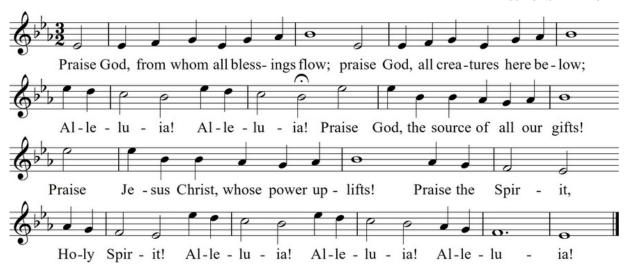
I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me; The world behind me, the cross before me; no turning back, no turning back.

He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! What e'er do, where e'er I be; still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Though none go with me, still I will follow; though none go with me, still I will follow; Though none go with me, still I will follow; no turning back, no turning back.





WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

† CLOSING HYMN, No. 438

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord





Forth in thyname, O Lord I go, my dai-ly la-bor to pur-sue; The task thy wis-dom hath as - signed, O let me cheer-ful-ly ful-fill; Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine in - most sub-stance see, For thee de-light-ful-ly em-ploy what-e'er thy boun-teous grace hath given;



in all my works thy pres - ence find, and prove thy good and per - fect will. and la-bor on at thy com - mand, and of - fer all my works to thee. and run my course with e - ven joy, and close-ly walk with thee to heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1749 MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

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

- **† BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**
- **† CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

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.

Thank you for being a part of worship today! The Peace of Christ be with you

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



Welcome Davidson College Students!

Davidson Wesley Campus Ministry is the United Methodist campus ministry at Davidson College and is supported by Davidson United Methodist Church. Join us for fellowship, snacks, worship, and discussion on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Oasis – fourth floor of the Union.

LECTORS

9:30 R.W. Williams 11:00 Heidi Milbredt

Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary to the glory of God and in celebration of Ann Williams' birthday by R.W. Williams and family.

2024 SANCTUARY FLOWERS SCHEDULE A Signup Genius flower schedule is available for 2024. See the link on the church website under Registrations. Contact Jonna Eichorn at jeichorn@davidsonumc.org with questions.

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NEW BUILDING DEDICATION

Please join us on
Sunday, January 28
at 10:00 a.m.
to participate in the worship and dedication
ceremony of our new building.
Please note this will be the only
worship service for the day.



TODAY

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 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 in the new building. We share in a snack breakfast together and then split into small groups.

Sunday Night Youth We will meet in the Youth Center in the new building from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. for fellowship and fun. Please reach out to Rev. Meredith Hinton at mhinton@davidsonumc.org with any questions about our Youth Ministry.

MISSIONS: ENGAGE, INSPIRE, IMPACT

Weekly Snacks Needed The LEARN Works program at the Ada Jenkins Center needs snacks for children every Monday through Thursday during the school year. LEARN Works is an after school academic program for local elementary and middle school students and is also the Ada Jenkins Center's longest-running program. LEARN Works partners with families, schools, and volunteers to support student's academic progress and advance family engagement. Please consider helping once, weekly, monthly or as often as you feel led. There are many open slots available for January, February, and March. Register on the church website under Registrations. Contact Laurie Randolph at frog_0813@yahoo.com with questions.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Administrative Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room on the second floor of the new building. All congregation members are welcome to attend as non-voting participants.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Upcoming Concert Series DUMC Music Ministry is excited to announce that Fernando Ortega will be kicking off our new building celebration and concert series with a performance in the Sanctuary on Friday, January 26 at 7:00 p.m. Juan Fernando Ortega is a singer-songwriter in contemporary Christian music. He is noted both for his interpretations of many traditional hymns and songs, such as *Give Me Jesus, Be Thou My Vision*, and *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*, and for writing clear and easily understood songs such as *This Good Day*. We have also sung some of his music in worship. Tickets are available to purchase on the homepage of the church website.

We will be celebrating Candlemas with an Evensong service in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. Our Youth Choir and Wesley Choir will lead us in this service that is halfway between Christmas and Easter. Candlemas (from "Candle Mass") is also known as the Feast of the Presentation when we remember when Jesus was presented in the temple.

Upcoming Concert Series The Carolina Brass Quintet will perform in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. Instead of tickets, we will be accepting a freewill offering that night. The Carolina Brass Quintet has quickly become the premiere brass ensemble of the southeast. It draws its musicians— Byron Johns, horn; John Bartlett, trombone; Alex Wilborn, trumpet; Jon Kaplan, trumpet; and Colin Benton, tuba— from the Charlotte Symphony. From the elegance and grace of beautiful classical music to the hard driving sound of an All-American big band, this ensemble will sweep you off your feet and leave a smile on your face.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Dementia Caregivers Support Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Join us for our first meeting of the year on January 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 212. We offer a safe space for caregivers of those with dementia to share their specific challenges with others who understand. To join us or learn more, contact Rev. Jim Humphries at jhumphries@davidsonumc.org or 704-892-8277, ext. 234.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Membership and Discipleship Series Are you interested in learning more about Davidson United Methodist Church, how you can be involved in our church and community, and meeting others that are new to the church also? You are invited to attend the Membership and Discipleship series on Thursday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 212. Register on the church website under Registrations. Childcare is available upon request. Contact Charlotte Thomas with questions at cthomas@davidsonumc.org.

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