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The Mission of Davie Street Presbyterian is to Spiritually Invite, Inspire, Teach, and Serve.

Welcome!

Blessings be upon you in the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ! We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and we welcome you into this community of faith. It is our prayer that having heard the Word of God you will go out and share God's love in service to others.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 24, 2023

11:00 A.M.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Vanessa Hawkins, Bridge Interim Pastor

Elder Chie Handy, Liturgist

Dr. Candace Laughinghouse, Music Director

Our Vision – To be a welcoming, inclusive, and worshipping community that partners with others to serve the needs of all of God's people.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Minute for Mission

Peace & Global Witness

Call to Worship (from Psalm 107:1-3, 43)

Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Leader: Let those who are wise give heed to these things,

People: and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

Welcoming the Spirit “*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*”

Hymn #415

Prayer of the Day

Liturgist

God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness.

On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ from the darkness of death.

On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory.

Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen

***Opening Hymn** *"Come, Thou Almighty King* **Hymn #577**

***Call to Confession**

Liturgist

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. With that assurance and the promise of God's grace through Jesus Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

***Prayer of Confession (in Unison)**

Liturgist

Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble and complain against your goodness as the Israelites did in the desert, as the elder brother did to his father, as the workers in the field did to the landowner. We judge and weigh your gifts according to our standards. We often question your fairness instead of receiving your grace with thanksgiving and joy. Help us to see your world through your eyes and with your spirit of generosity and grace, that we may welcome the chance to serve in your kingdom and all who join with us. Forgive us, Lord, in your grace and mercy through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon (In Unison)**

Rev. Hawkins

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. For by grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing;

It is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

***Passing the Peace:**

Rev. Hawkins

Hear the teaching of Christ: I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Hawkins

Holy God, your Word teaches us that all Scripture is inspired by you and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed today, speak to us, and inspire us that we may be proficient and equipped for every good work; through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons

First Reading

Genesis 37:12-28

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be To God.

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

The Good News of the Lord

Thanks Be To God.

Musical Selection

“God is Here”

Sermon

Just Do it!

Rev. Hawkins

Invitation to Discipleship

Rev. Hawkins

***Hymn**

“Where He Leads Me”

Hymn #417

The Prayer of Intercession

And now, church, I invite you to join me in praying the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples saying,

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.

***Affirmation of Faith (From A Brief Statement of Faith)**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Call to the Offering

Liturgist

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God." Let us bring our offerings to God, even as we present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God.

The Offering

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist

Gracious God, we know that every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from you. We thank you for your many blessings, especially your perfect gift of your Son Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift! Help us to receive your gifts and grace with thanksgiving and humility and to use them faithfully in and for your kingdom. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory Response

Dr. Laughinghouse

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn**

“Yes, God is Real”

Hymn #97

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Hawkins

Meditation

(Please sit quietly and meditatively)

Postlude

“We’ve Come This Far By Faith”

Hymn #488

*** Please Stand Bold Print (in Unison)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

**President of the September Birthday Club
Ms. Michelle Evans**

**Please remember our Sick and Shut-in Members
and those who have lost loved ones.**

Shirley Evans is a patient at Universal Health Center, 5201 Clarks Fork
Dr., Raleigh, NC 27612

Jackie Benbow has been moved to Hillcrest Raleigh at Crabtree Valley.
Visitors – Family Only

West Raleigh

This is a reminder that our Congregation will be worshipping at West Raleigh Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 1st as we celebrate World Communion Sunday with them. West Raleigh has planned an enlightening service on that date and it will be an opportunity to fellowship once again with our sister church.

See you on October 1st at West Raleigh !!

The flowers last week were donated by Doris Jackson in celebration of she and her husband’s birthday!

The altar flowers are provided by Mrs. Joni Coburn in loving memory of her father Mr. George A. Coburn.

"On the 22nd of September this year, you would have turned 95. The Happiest of Happy Heavenly Birthdays to you Daddy, as you are loved

and remembered always"



Installation Celebration Weekend

You are invited to the Official Service of Installation Sunday of Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Grady, Executive Presbyter of New Hope Presbytery September 24th at 3:00pm located at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, 927 W. Trinity Avenue, Durham, NC 27701

Older Adult 2023 to be recognized on October 1, 2023 at 3pm at First Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount, NC is Ethel “Bunny” Daniels Evans. Congratulations to Ethel!!

Nominating Committee

Thinking of ways to serve in the Church? Nominations are now open for the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Trustee. Nomination forms and description of offices will be available on the table in the **old** Fellowship Hall.

Circle I will meet at 2:00 pm on **September 24, 2023** via Zoom.

The Men’s Choir will sing on October 29, 2023. The men will practice on Wednesday, October 25, 7:00 pm and Sunday, October 29, 10:00 am.

The Intercessory Prayer, led by Maggie & Bill Thomas, will be on Thursdays at 7:15 pm. Participation is by Conference Call #425-436-6317; Access Code: 442765

Sunday, September 24th at 4:30 pm, the **MORE team (Ministry on Racial Equity)** at White Memorial Presbyterian Church will host a screening of *At the River*. This documentary film is an oral history about Presbyterian pastors and how they provided leadership, often at their own peril, to their congregations and communities during the Civil Rights era. Filmmaker, Carolyn Crowder, interviewed pastors and their families to record their stories for this compelling film. Carolyn Crowder will be present and will offer a Q&A session following the film. This event is free, but it will require registration at <https://www.whitememorial.org/register/>.

SPIRITUAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN OF FAITH: The women of Saint Ambrose Episcopal Church will host a Spiritual Retreat featuring Rev. Stephanie Yancy on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 9:30 am-3:00 pm at St. Ambrose. Come pray and meditate, reflect on what the

women of the Bible still tell us, and center yourself to do God's work. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Invite a friend and RSVP at (919) 833-8066 or ecw@stambroseraleigh.org with any questions. Please leave your name and a telephone number confirming that you wish to attend or would like more information. Donations to cover the cost of food are appreciated and can be made via the Abundant Giving App. Please indicate in the memo line ECW Spiritual Retreat. Thank you.

Loaves and Fishes is holding a Gala Celebration/Fundraiser at Marbles Kids Museum on Friday, September 29, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm. Go to <https://www.lafchildren.org/> for more information.

The **City of Oaks Marathon** will be held in Raleigh on Sunday, November 5, 2023 from 7 am–1 pm.

Please continue collecting your Cents-a-bility Coins!

Capital Campaign Update

As of September 1, 2023, our mortgage balance is **\$864,698**. During this 3-year pledge period, we plan to aggressively reduce this debt. Ways that you can contribute to the reduction are:

Donor Tree: For \$500, we will engrave donors' names on our *Tree of Life*, located on the south wall of the new Fellowship Hall entryway.

Room Dedications: We are also offering opportunities for people to name rooms and dedicate stained glass windows.

For more information: For specific rooms and windows and/or an opportunity to place your name on the *Tree of Life*, information sheets are on the table outside the Fellowship Hall or see a member of the Capital Campaign Committee.

EXTRA SECURITY

When you park at the church – or in any parking spaces visible to the public - **ALWAYS** lock your car doors and trunk. Do not leave any valuable items on your car seats or floor. If you must have them in the car, store them in the trunk of your car.

If you are experiencing an emergency, please contact the Church office. The office is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00- 4:00 p.m. Please call before coming.