

# DAVIE STREET

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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**

**January 21 , 2024**

**11:00 A.M.**

## **Fourth Sunday of Christmas**

**Rev. Dr. Vanessa Hawkins, Bridge Interim Pastor**

**Elder Chie Handy, Liturgist**

**Dr. Candace Laughinghouse, Music Director**

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

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Minute for Mission**

**Call to Worship**

**Liturgist**

One: Silence your scattered thoughts and lay down your distractions. God calls us here to worship.

**People: We are here to worship.**

One: Drop your nets and leave your boats. God is with us. Jesus calls us.

**People: We are here to worship.**

One: Let us worship God together.

**Welcoming the Spirit**      *"Faithful is Our God"*

**Prayer of the Day**

**Liturgist**

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**\*Opening Hymn**

*"Oh How I Love Jesus"*

**Hymn #378**

**\*Call to Confession****Liturgist**

Jesus calls to us: change your hearts and change your lives! Repent, and believe the good news. The mercy and forgiveness we have already received enables us to be honest about the places in our lives in need of transformation. Let us confess our sin together.

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

God of mercy, we confess that we have settled down in Nineveh.

We have gotten comfortable in our categories:

haves and have-nots,  
makers and takers,  
bigots and bystanders,  
self-starters and subordinates,  
law-abiders and illegals,  
the perpetrators and the innocent.

We confess that we are comfortable living under systems of injustice and exploitation. We confess our discomfort in speaking truths that unmask idolatries. Make us ready to follow Jesus, ready to repent, and eager to change our hearts and lives. Call to us again and show us your mercy. Let us hear your good news again. Amen.

**\*Silent Confession****\*Assurance of Pardon (In Unison)****Rev. Hawkins**

God desires a relationship with us and reconciliation for all of creation. Jesus comes bearing the good news of forgiveness and transformation. Receive the good news of God's grace: We are forgiven!

**\*Passing the Peace****Rev. Hawkins**

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD****Prayer for Illumination****Liturgist**

God who creates us and calls to us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to hear your Word, and embolden us to respond faithfully as we seek to follow Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **The Scripture Lessons:**

### **First Reading**

**Jer. 31:7-14**

**Liturgist**

*The Word of the Lord*

*Thanks Be to God.*

### **The Gospel Lesson**

**John 1:10-18**

**Rev. Hawkins**

*The Good News of the Lord*

*Thanks Be to God.*

### **Musical Selection**

*“We Shall Behold Him”*

**Hymn #602**

### **Sermon**

**To Make God Known**

**Rev. Hawkins**

### **Invitation to Discipleship**

**Rev. Hawkins**

### **Hymn**

*“The Lord’s Prayer”*

### **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 (The Declaration of Faith)**

**In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death.**

**We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God’s undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God’s demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us. Forgiven by God and supported by our siblings in Christ, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.**

## Call to the Offering

Liturgist

With open hearts and open hands, we let go of the things that possess us, we offer our gifts to God, and we dedicate our lives in service to Jesus Christ. Freely we have received, now freely let us give.

## The Offering

## Offertory Prayer

Liturgist

Holy God, change our hearts and our lives. Renew us by your good news. Use the gifts we bring for your holy work of transformation, as we seek to go where Jesus leads us. Amen.

## Offertory Response

### SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*Closing Hymn

*“Come Thou Almighty King”*

Hymn #577

\*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Hawkins

Meditation

*(Please sit quietly and meditatively)*

Postlude

*“Soon and Very Soon”*

\* Please Stand

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF**

**January 21, 2024**

**President of the January Birthday Club**

**Mrs. Ardis Bridges**

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

We will have our Winter Congregational Meeting in person on January 28th, immediately following the worship service. Please submit your organizational reports to the secretary by January 17th.

**Presbyterian Women  
Presbytery of New Hope  
Scholarship Application**

The Presbyterian Women Scholarship Application is now available. You may find the application on the information table in the Fellowship Hall. We encourage all college and college bound students to apply. All information requested on the form is required, plus a short essay entitled "My Plans for the Future, Shaped by my Faith, a copy of the official secondary school transcript, and three letters of recommendation from your pastor, the Moderator of your congregation's Presbyterian Women and school guidance counselor or teacher/advisor. Completed application packets must be received by March 1, 2024.

**Reminder to members:** Please contact the office if you want in-home communion in February.

The Men's Council will host our 2024 African American History Worship Service on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. Our Keynote speaker will be Dr. Darin J. Waters.

For a few Saturdays this winter/spring, we will need volunteers (16 years old and over please) to help build a home for a deserving family as part of a coalition of downtown churches in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity of Wake County as part of the "Beloved Build Project". We will once again be working in the Old Poole Place community where many Habitat for Humanity houses have already been turned into homes. So mark your calendars as the dates will be February 10, March 9, and April 13. Go to the Volunteer

Hub: <http://vhub.at/BelovedBuild> and sign-up for any or all of those dates. There will be an indoor kick-off event at the Habitat for Humanity Construction building in Garner on January 15<sup>th</sup> with wall building, lunch and a ceremony where will worship, break bread and fellowship with members from the other congregations. Go to the Volunteer

Hub: <http://vhub.at/BelovedBuild> and sign-up for either the 8:15am – 3:30pm Morning shift or the 10:45am – 2:30pm Afternoon shift.

We also need volunteers to organize and serve lunches for those that are doing the building. If you are interested, please text your name, email address and mobile phone number to Mr. Michael Pollard (919-264-

7225) **and** Mr. Terrance Woodyard (919-271-2605) and one of them will contact you and explain how to get involved.

Intercessory Prayer meeting will be held on Thursday at 7:15 pm via conference call. The details on how to participate are as follows:

Conference Call #: 425-436-6317

Access Code: 442765

Our 2024 per capita remains at \$30. Please make your payment today.

**Please continue collecting your Cents-a-bility Coins!**

### **Capital Campaign Updates**

As of January 1, 2024 our mortgage balance is \$848,489.51. During the 3rd year pledge period, we are aggressively reducing this debt and you can help by participating in any of the following fundraisers:

**Donor Tree:** We submitted our first order of ten (10) leaves that have been sold. **The first ten leaves ordered have been engraved and are now installed on the tree!** We still have many leaves left for you and friends to purchase. For \$500, we will add donors' names to our *Tree of Life*, located on the south wall of the new Fellowship Hall entryway.

**Stained-Glass and Room Dedications:** We submitted orders for five new stained-glass dedications. There are still eleven windows left. Prices vary based on the window location. Opportunities are open to name rooms in both the New and Old Fellowship Halls. We have members who have expressed interest in dedicating some of the rooms. For prices, ask any member of the Capital Campaign Committee.

**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.

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**Upcoming Meetings**

01/23 – Stated Session Meeting 7 p.m.  
01/28 – Winter Congregational Meeting  
01/31 – Presbyterian Women History due

**Upcoming Service**

02/11 – 2024 African American History Worship Service \*Speaker Dr. Waters