

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

March 17, 2024

11:00 A.M.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Rev. Dr. Vanessa Hawkins, Bridge Interim Pastor

Mrs. Pamela Woodyard, 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

Circle II

Lenten Reflection

Call to Worship

Liturgist

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

People: According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

One: You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

People: Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

One: Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.

All: Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation. Let us worship God!

Welcoming the Spirit

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**

Hymn #

***Call to Confession**

Liturgist

"The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "When I will make a new covenant with my people. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest."

Friends, we are God's people. Yet even as we strive to know our God and walk in God's paths, we fall short. Trusting in God as a merciful covenant partner, let us confess our sin together:

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

Liturgist

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we are always looking for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but we are not willing to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine." Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us

from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Hawkins

Friends, hear the good news! We worship a God who forgives our iniquities and remembers our sins no more. Proclaim the good news with me:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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 of living water, pour out your Spirit and nourish your Word within us, that in its time, that Word may bear much fruit. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons:

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

Liturgist

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be to God.

The Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-9

Rev. Hawkins

The Good News of the Lord

Thanks Be to God.

Musical Selection

Sermon

In The Abyss

Rev. Hawkins

Invitation to Discipleship

Hymn

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 the Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1)

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That we are not our own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because we belong to him, Christ, by the Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God.

Call to the Offering

Liturgist

By the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, our lives have borne much fruit. Let us now return thanks where it is due and offer the fruits of our labor back to the Lord. Let us receive the morning offering.

The Offering

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist

Gracious God, it is our joy to return the gifts of our lives to you. May our offering this morning forever bring glory to your name,

and may we continue to work tirelessly for the well-being of your whole creation. Amen.

Offertory Response

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn**

Hymn #

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Hawkins

Meditation

(Please sit quietly and meditatively)

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF

March 17, 2024

President of the March Birthday Club

Mr. Eddie Davis

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

The Men's Chorus will sing on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024.

The Men's Chorus will practice at the church on:

Sunday, March 24, 2024, at 9:30 am

The Davie Street Men's Council will provide breakfast for our members on Easter morning, March 31, 2024. In celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord, they will serve breakfast at 9:00 a.m. in the Davie Street Fellowship Hall after the Easter Sunrise service.

Please join us on this celebratory morning as we prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection in our very own 11:00 a.m. service. We look forward to seeing you and celebrating with you on this Easter morning. Let us break bread together on March 31st at 9:00 a.m.

The Capital Campaign Committee will meet directly after church service on this Sunday, March 17th.

On March 24,th our guest preacher will be the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins. After the worship service, he will engage us in a Book Discussion on his book: “Unbroken and Unbowed” *A History of Black Protest in America*. Please join us. Light refreshments will be served.

Please join the New Hope Presbytery Black Caucus for a Seven Last Words worship service on March 29, 2024, at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham, NC, at 12:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE will be in the CAPITOL SQUARE

On the East side of the Capitol on March 31st, 2024

Davie Street will be one of the participants.

For Directions visit: <https://goo.gl/maps/tLB37a6AR3e3qKzg7>

Music begins At 6:20 a.m., Worship begins at 6:30 a.m.

For more information, call (919) 744-4942

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 March 1, 2024, our mortgage amount is \$840,314.12. 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. 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.

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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