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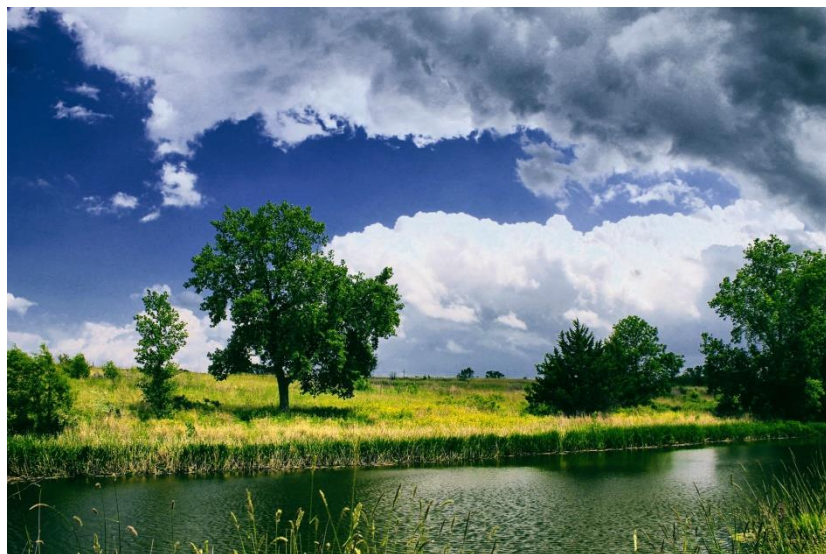
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**The Mission of Davie Street Presbyterian is to Spiritually Invite, Inspire, Teach, and Serve.**

**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

August 25, 2024

11:00 A.M.

## **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Rev. Dr. Vanessa Hawkins: Bridge Interim Pastor**  
**Music Director: Dr. Candace Laughinghouse**  
**Liturgist: Rosalind Lennon Loftin**

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

*PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELLPHONES*

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Minute for Mission**

**Call to Worship**

**Liturgist**

Leader: Christ abides in us,

**People: And we abide in him.**

Leader: Christ has the words of eternal life:

**People: We believe and trust that he is the Holy One of God.**

Leader: As we hear the gospel of peace today,

**People: Let us choose again whom we will serve.**

Leader: We will serve the God of liberation and new life,

**People: the God who hears and answers when we call.**

Leader: We bring our praises and our prayers to God,

**All: Trusting God to meet us as we gather.**

**Let us worship our God together!**

## 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

*"I Surrender All"*

(H)183

### \*Call to Confession

Liturgist

Psalm 34:22 reminds us: "The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in God will be condemned." Trusting that God is always more ready to forgive than we are to confess, let us turn to God in prayer, seeking forgiveness and new life.

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

Liturgist

**Loving God, through Christ you abide in us, and you invite us to abide in you. But so often we are restless and unsatisfied. Instead of resting in the fullness of life Christ offers to us, we chase after money and fame, recognition and power, status and control. Instead of honoring the image of God in all our neighbors, we push others down in the pursuit of our own desires. Forgive us for forgetting that you call us to a different way of being in the world, to lives grounded in the self-giving love of Christ. Lead us out of self-interest and into communal care for one another and the world you have made. In Christ's name we pray; Amen.**

### \*Silent Confession

### \*Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Hawkins

John’s Gospel tells us: “God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him” (John 3:17). Christ forgives us and makes us whole. Christ fills us with life and sets us free for love. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!**

**\*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**

Eternal God, quiet our hearts and minds amid the clattering chaos of the world and all the voices vying for our attention. May we clearly hear your word of life spoken to us today. As we hear, help us to understand; as we understand, move us to respond in love, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ; Amen.

**The Scripture Lessons:**

**First Reading**

**Psalm 119:33-40**

**Liturgist**

*The Word of the Lord  
Thanks Be To God.*

**The Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 18:1-6**

**Rev. Hawkins**

*The Good News of the Lord  
Thanks Be To God.*

**Musical Selection**

*“He Changed Me”*

**Sermon**

**Unless you Change**

**Rev. Hawkins**

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**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** (Philippians 2:5–11, Book of Common Worship)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

**Call to the Offering****Liturgist**

When Christ abides in us and we abide in him, we can see that everything we have is a gift from God. The gifts of time, talent and treasure God has entrusted us with are not to be hoarded, but to be shared, to give life to others as Christ gives life to us. Let us now return to God a portion of what God has so generously given to us.

**The Offering****Offertory Prayer****Liturgist**

Holy God, we thank you that we have heard your words of eternal life today. As a sign of our gratitude, we offer you these gifts. Take what we have given and multiply it for the good: the good of our faith community, the good of our neighbors, and the good of the world you so love. Shape and mold us so that our whole lives become a loving response to your goodness. In the name of the one whose life gives life to the world, Jesus Christ, Amen.

**Offertory Response**

**SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Closing Hymn**      *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less” (H)113*

**\*Charge and Benediction**      **Rev. Hawkins**

**Meditation**      *Please sit quietly and meditatively and exit after the postlude is over.*

**Postlude**      *“Thank You, Lord for All You’ve Done for Me”*

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**Thank you for Worshiping with us Today!**

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*\* Please Stand      Bold Print (in Unison)      (B) Bulletin Insert*

***ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF  
August 25, 2024  
President of the August Birthday Club  
Mrs. Sharon Ann Carr***

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

In order to honor the sacredness of worship please silence all cellphones and other devices.

## **Outdoor Worship Service**

Outdoor worship service will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>! Please bring your chairs and invite family, friends, and colleagues to come on out! Ice-cream will be served as refreshments after worship. Water for hydration is available during the service.

## **Intercessory Prayer**

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

## **Anniversary/Homecoming**

This coming November, Davie Street celebrates its **156<sup>th</sup>** anniversary. It has been our tradition to mark each anniversary with a “Homecoming Weekend” for Family and Friends of Davie Street to come together to celebrate and to serve our community. At our January Congregational Meeting, one person was elected to the committee. No other members expressed interest at that time.

I am hopeful that having had some time to reflect, others may recognize their call to this work so this tradition may continue. We are looking for a few good men, and women, and youth to help plan and carry out our event. **If you are interested in serving on the committee,**

**please contact Rosalind Loftin at [rlennon032225@gmail.com](mailto:rlennon032225@gmail.com) or 919-270-6049.**

## **Quilt Exhibit**

Davie Street will exhibit the Portraits of Resistance and Resilience Quilts: Honoring African American Women with Wake County Roots. The exhibit **will open on September 14<sup>th</sup> (please note the date change) from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and will be available for viewing for approximately 6 weeks. Please note that the quilts make an excellent reference and backdrop for the upcoming PW Bible Study - *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. *The opening is also the same date as the Davie Street PW Stated Gathering.*

## **Capital Campaign Updates**

As of August 1, 2024, our mortgage balance is **\$823,035.17**. Our interest rate is 6.4030%. With your help during the final months of our third 3-year pledge period, we can aggressively reduce the debt. Please

encourage your friends and family, and organizations to which you are a member or patronize to help us by participating and any of the following fundraisers -

**Donor Tree:** We have twenty-two patrons who have purchased leaves and pray others will be added soon.

**Stained Glass Windows:** There are nine stained glass windows awaiting donors' inscriptions.

**Room Dedications:** There are many opportunities to name other rooms in both the old and new fellowship hall.

**Thank you for your support.**

*The Capital Campaign Committee Members*

Carletta Moore

James Hardy

**Beloved &**

Chie Handy

Janet Harris

**Honorary**

Delores Parker

Michael Pollard

**Members**

Desretta McAllister-

Pauline Goza

Ethel Evans

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Jacquelyn Benbow

Edna Blue

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Susan Bryant



**FREE**

**HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR**

**September 28, 2024**

**10 am – 2 pm**

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