



**DAVIE STREET**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



**Welcome!**

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

*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.*

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# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 15, 2024

11:00 A.M.

## Third Sunday in Advent: *JOY*

Guest Pastor: Rev. Victoria Blount

Music Director: Dr. Candace Laughinghouse, Ph.D.

Liturgist: Edna Blue

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

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome/Announcements

Liturgist

Minute for Mission

Advent Readers

Bill and Maggie Thomas

Call to Worship

One: Surely God is my salvation! Surely I can trust in him!

**All: With joy we have come to worship!**

One: Give thanks to the Lord and call on his name

**All: With joy we have come to exalt his name!**

One: Sing praises to God, rejoice for all God has done!

**All: With joy, we have come to lift him up!**

Welcoming the Spirit

*Emmanuel*

Prayer of the Day

Liturgist

Come, Lord Jesus. Bring your presence; bring your peace; bring your light. Comfort the sick, soothe the sorrowful, bind up the wounded. Calm our spirits. Ease our burdens. Mend our hearts. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Bring your justice; bring your righteousness; bring your goodness. Reorder our priorities. Direct our efforts. Strengthen our resolve. Break down walls. Dismantle oppression. Overthrow tyrants. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Lord Jesus. Bring your love; bring your

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## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**Liturgist**

Gracious and loving God, as we prepare to hear Your Word, we come before You with open hearts and minds. We acknowledge that Your ways are higher than our ways, and Your thoughts higher than our thoughts. Lord, we ask for the illumination of Your Holy Spirit as we listen to the Scriptures and the message prepared for us today. Open our ears to hear Your voice, even when Your instructions may seem perplexing or challenging. **Amen.**

### **The Scripture Lessons**

#### **First Reading**

*Philippians 4:4-7*

**Rev. Blount**

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

#### **The Gospel Lesson**

*Zephaniah 3:14-20*

**Rev. Blount**

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

#### **Musical Selection**

*It is Well*

#### **Sermon**

**It Is Well**

**Rev. Blount**

### **Invitation to Discipleship**

#### **Hymn**

*There is Something About that Name*

#### **\* Affirmation of Faith (Apostle's Creed)**

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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## **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.**

## **The Offering**

### **Call to the Offering**

**Liturgist**

Jesus says: The realm of heaven has come near. Freely you have received; therefore, freely give. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.  
(*Matt. 10:7-8*)

### **\*Doxology**

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

**Liturgist**

Gracious and loving God, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for Your peace and love. We're thankful for the work you've started in us and the peace that flows freely around us. We bring our gifts to you as a way to say thank you for the things you have done. We present our offering and ask that you bless them and use them to do your Kingdom's work. May they be used to bring hope to those who are hopeless and comfort to the broken. May we be your instruments of peace in the world. Use these offerings and our lives to share Your message to the world. We give today as an act of worship and obedience, reflecting our hope and trust in you. **Amen.**

### **\*Offertory Response**

## **SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

### **\*Closing Hymn**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee (RH #159)*

### **Charge and Benediction**

**Rev. Blount**

### **Postlude**

*Order my Steps*

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## Thank you for Worshiping with us Today!

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*\*Note: Liturgy was adapted from resource provided by The Presbyterian Outlook*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF December 15, 2024

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

**Advent season devotional** - The Mary Gladden Carter Circle III invites the DSPC family and friends to join us in celebrating the Advent season. A link to online daily readings will be available via this link: [ukirkadvent.org](http://ukirkadvent.org)

**Angel Tree** – The Presbyterian Women want to thank all of the members who contributed to making the identified children’s Christmas’ Merry!

**Messages of Hope** - The DSPC Sunday School invites you to write a message of hope for 2025 Please write your message on an angel, located on the table in the Old Fellowship Hall, and place it on the tree.

**Black Caucus Advent Celebration** –The Black Caucus Advent Celebration will be held at Davie Street today, Sunday December 15, 2024 beginning at 3:00pm. A light repast will begin at 2:15p.m. All are welcome, we hope you can attend.

**DSPC 2025 Calendars for Sale** - Circle I has DSPC 2025 Calendars for Sale featuring the birth months and candid pictures of church members. Please see a Circle 1 member to preview the calendar.

**Call for Ushers** – *Are You Willing to Serve?* The Usher Board is seeking all who are interested in serving *Davie Street* as an Usher for Sundays and special services! Sign-up on the clipboard available in the Old Fellowship Hall or **contact Elders Pam Woodyard or Chie Handy.**

**Christmas Cantata** – The Christmas Cantata will be celebrated on December 22, 2024 at the 11:00am worship services. This is a celebration composed of music and scripture. Please join us, all are welcome!

**Christmas Joy Offering** – Davie Street will collect a Christmas Joy offering next Sunday December 22, 2024.

**Capital Campaign Reception** - Everyone is invited to the reception hosted by the Capital Campaign Committee that will follow the Cantata on December 22nd in the New Fellowship Hall. The reception will recognize and celebrate the generosity of the time, talents, and finances you have provided to help make our

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campaign a success over the last 10 years. We are truly grateful for your support.

**Intercessory Prayer** - 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

**Disaster Relief Efforts** - Davie Street's mission projects are currently in progress. Due to the damage caused by Hurricane Helene in the western parts of North Carolina, Davie Street has initiated projects to support recovery efforts in the area. We ask that members continue to support the relief efforts of our Mission and Outreach Committee and New Hope Presbytery as posted in upcoming eNews and weekly worship bulletins. Rev. Wade has shared a list of [area churches](#) seeking donations. A list of drop-off locations is provided [here](#).

**Capital Campaign Updates - As of November 1, 2024, our mortgage balance is \$694,752.57.** With your help during the final months of our third 3-year pledge period, we can aggressively reduce the debt. Please encourage your friends, family, and organizations to which you are a member or patronize to help us by participating in 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	Chie Handy	Delores Parker
Edna Blue	Janet Harris	Garland Davis
James Hardy	Michael Pollard	Pauline Goza
Ray Harris	Shelita Williams	Susan Bryant
Cynthia Butler		

**Beloved & Honorary Members**

Ethel Evans  
Jacquelyn Benbow  
Joan France  
Desretta McAllister-Harpe

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***Rev. Victoria Blount  
Biography***



Rev. Victoria Blount is a May 2023 Master of Divinity graduate of Duke Divinity School. Born and raised in Asheville, NC, Victoria is a daughter, sister, and dog mom.

She is a graduate of Western Carolina University, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology with a Minor in Special Education.

Victoria is currently completing a 2nd Year CPE residency at a Level 1 Trauma Center in Raleigh. Along with her chaplaincy training, Victoria is a Doctor of Ministry student at Candler School of Theology. Her degree will be in chaplaincy with a focus on grief and rituals.