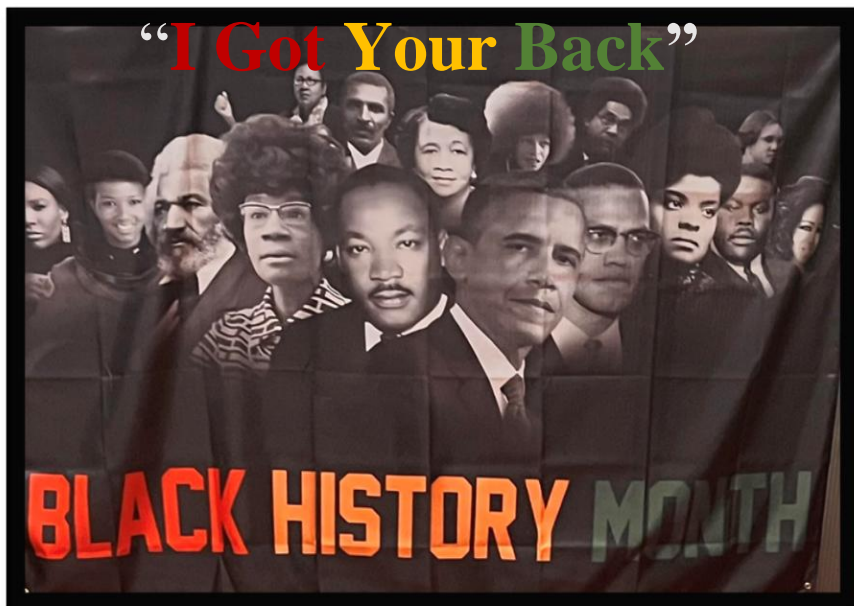




DAVIE STREET
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)



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.

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

February 16, 2025

11:00 A.M.

BLACK HISTORY SUNDAY

Sponsored by the
Men's Council of Davie Street Presbyterian Church

Guest Pastor: Minister Justice Hill

Black Church Studies Fellow, and the President of the Black Seminarians at
Duke Divinity School

Dr. James Hardy, Liturgist
Dr. Candace Laughinghouse, Music Director

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Liturgist

Call to Worship

Liturgist

One: We are grateful for all the ways you demonstrate a playfulness in the world. Let us continue to claim a divine levity in private and in public, multiplying it before one another in unexpected times.

People: Our joy is contagious, rippling out of us even when we are not in physical proximity to other people. Remind us always that we made community out of apps that were not meant for us.

One: That we found laughter under the harshest duress. Help us to never forget the power of Blackness in community with itself,

All: That whether it be on Twitter or around the table, at birthday parties or homegoings we would know that we possess a mysterious access to joy.

One: Let us never stop being us.

All: Let us laugh with one mouth. May it be so.

Welcoming the Spirit *Have a Little Talk with Jesus*

Prayer of the Day**Liturgist**

God of liberation, love, and mercy. God of freedom, justice, and hope. We gather on this day to say thank you. Thank you for another day's journey. Lord God, this is the day that you have made, and we are going to rejoice and be glad in it. God, we pray right now in the name of Jesus that you have your way in this service. Have your way in our lives. Have your way in our community. Have your way at Davie Street Presbyterian Church. It is our prayer that someone is drawn closer to you from this service and that they leave here feeling better than when they came. During this Black History Celebration, we give you all the glory, all the honor, and all the praise for the great things that you have done for Black History. Thank you for your guidance. Thank you for your love. Thank you for your presence. God you have been so good to us and on this day we want to do something good for you. Have your way dear Lord. Have your way. It is in your Holy, mighty, and everlasting name we pray, **Amen.**

***Opening Hymn** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Call to Confession*Liturgist**

God is vaster than the night sky, brighter than the sun, and wilder than a tornado. Yet, God loves us enough to come to us in ways that we see and understand, including Jesus Christ. Let us open our hearts to God, confessing the ways that we have fallen short of God's call to love our neighbor and love the Lord. We can do so knowing that our Creator, who is both the Lion of Judah and the sacrificial lamb, listens.

Prayer of Confession (in Unison)*Liturgist**

Sustaining God, you lead us through parched wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness. We ignore your rich provisions, choosing the world's latest fad and shallow self-help. We sentimentalize the spiritual and ignore the deeper needs of our souls. Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and our ignorance. Remind us of our spiritual needs and the many ways you are here to provide. Amen.

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

Let your soul receive this rest: The God of joy takes compassion on us and fills us with a peace that surpasses understanding. Let the

divine guide you laugh, joke, rest, dance, remember, dream, all steadied by a belief that you are worthy of goodness even when goodness does not immediately make herself known to you. Forgive yourself, your despair, and relax in the arms of the divine. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

Minister Hill

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.

CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY

Introduction of Speaker

Elder Everett Ward

The Scripture Lessons

The First Reading

Psalm 98

Liturgist

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God.

The Second Reading

Mark 15:21

Minister Hill

The Good News of the Lord

All: Thanks Be To God.

Musical Selection

I Need You to Hold My Hand

Message

“I Got Your Back”

Minster Hill

Presentation

Mr. Bill Thomas

Hymn

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

The Prayer of Intercession

Minister Hill

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 power and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to the Offering

Liturgist

God gifted us with free will that we might choose to worship the Almighty in our words, actions, and thoughts. Let us make the choice now to honor the Word of God by the offering of our tithes, trusting that our money, freely given, will be a blessing to God and our neighbors.

The Offering

Liturgist

Offertory Prayer

Liturgist

Almighty, on the mountain top, you instructed Peter, James, and John: “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” We are listening, God, and we hear your call to make the world a better place alongside your Holy Spirit. We offer you these gifts and our hearts alongside them. May they be blessed to do your bidding. Amen.

Offertory Response

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn**

Down By the Riverside

*** The Charge and Benediction and
Blessing of the food**

Minister Hill

Postlude

God’s Grace

~ Refreshments will be served after worship ~

Liturgy is taken from: Presbyterian Outlook, Cole Arthur Riley. Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human (p. 200). The Crown Publishing Group.



Minister Justice Jeremiah Hill is the son of Dr. Edward Minister Hill Jr. and Mrs. Chanda Hill. His personal, educational, and spiritual foundations were cemented in Columbia, South Carolina. Justice grew up at Brookland Baptist Church and was baptized at Brookland in 2011. At Brookland, Justice participated in the Brotherhood Oratorical Contest and in 2018 served as the chairperson for the Brookland Baptist Youth and Teens Day Committee. Justice went on to graduate high school from Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in 2018.

After graduating from Heathwood Hall, Justice attended St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri where he double majored in Political Science and American Studies. Justice ultimately graduated from Saint Louis University Summa Cum Laude. At Saint Louis University, Justice served as the President of the Saint Louis University African American Male Scholars Initiative and became a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated in 2020 where he held the offices of Chaplain and the Director of Educational Activities.

In Alpha, Justice was recognized as the 2020-2021 Missouri District and Midwestern Region Brother of the Year along with being the winner of the 2021 Alpha Phi Alpha National Belford V. Lawson Oratorical Contest. At Saint Louis University, Justice was also recognized with Saint Louis University Spirit of the Billiken Award. This Award is reserved to the top 18 Graduating Seniors at Saint Louis University committed to academic excellence, community service, and making a positive impact at SLU. Justice was also inducted into the Saint Louis University Student Hall of Fame and was selected as the student commencement speaker for his graduation from Saint Louis University in 2022.

Justice has received many awards and commendations for excellence in scholarship, service, and leadership to include being the National Champion of the MLK Drum Major for Justice Oratorical Competition sponsored by the National Bar Association in 2017, finishing 3rd in the World in the 2016 Optimist International Oratorical Contest, being recognized as the Best Oral Advocate at the University of Alabama School of Law Pre-Law Scholars Program, and being presented a House Resolution by the State of South Carolina for his academic success, community engagement, and dedication to service.

Justice has now begun his studies at Duke Divinity School where he is

studying to attain his Master's Degree in Divinity. He has started his third year of the program and is doing very well. At Duke Divinity, Justice is a part of Black Church Studies Fellowship Program and the Thriving Community Fellowship Program. He is also serving as a Graduate Resident overseeing two buildings on Duke's campus along with serving as the President of the Duke Divinity Black Seminary Union. This past summer, Justice served as an intern at the Historic Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. On the side of ministry, Justice is serving as the Young Adult Minister at St. Joseph AME Church in Durham, North Carolina. Justice loves the Lord, and his favorite scripture is Jeremiah 21:11.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF
February 16, 2025**

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

Black History is American History - As a church family, during the month of February we will center people of color and celebrate our rich heritage and share our untold stories. We will also highlight enriching activities and culturally relevant gatherings that honor our African American History. Today, the Men's Council hosts our 2025 African American History Worship Service featuring the Lamont Mitchell Male Chorus of Davie Street and our honored guest speaker Minister Justice Hill. Please join us for refreshments directly after service.

Session – February Meeting of Session is set for Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 7:00pm. Session Members, please send all reports to Atten: Naida Boyer via : office@daviestpc.org by Wednesday, February 20, 2025

Presbyterian Women Youth Scholarship –High school graduating students and college students, who are members of Davie Street Presbyterian Church or members of any Presbyterian church in New Hope Presbytery, are eligible to apply for the PW Scholarship. Applications must be completed fully and received by the Scholarship Committee before **March 1, 2025**. Applications are available on the table in the Old Fellowship Hall, or you may contact any member of the Presbyterian Women for a scholarship application.

Kirk of Kildare Invitation: The Men's Group of Kirk of Kildaire is pleased to announce their upcoming Prayer and Bible Study Breakfast on March 15, 2024. They have extended an invitation to the Men of Davie Street Presbyterian Church for this fellowshiping event. We are enthusiastic about the potential for strengthening bonds and fostering community through this gathering. Details: Date: March 15, 2025 Time: 9:00 AM, Location: Kirk of Kildaire, 200 High Meadow Drive, Cary, NC

DSPC 2025 Calendars for Sale - Circle I is selling *DSPC 2025 Calendars* featuring the birth months and candid pictures of Davie Street Presbyterian Church members. Calendars are \$15.00 each. See any member of Circle I to get yours today!

Call for Board Members - Rich Park Apartments are an affordable housing complex that was built (in cooperation with the federal government) by the following Raleigh churches: First Baptist, Community United Church of Christ, Davie Street Presbyterian Church, First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh. The Board of Directors of this Corporation should consist of 4 members of each church. However, the Board does not have a full complement of directors, and two members have announced their retirement. Carletta Moore and Frances Turner represent Davie Street. A full Board is needed to help manage the affairs of the corporation. We welcome new members as they bring new life experiences and knowledge. This is a voluntary position. The Board meets once a month by teleconference. If you feel led to serve, please contact a Session member, Carletta, or Frances.

Intercessory Prayer - Intercessory Prayer meeting will be held on Thursday at 7:15 p.m. via conference call. The details on how to participate are as follows: Conference Call #: 425-436-6317, Access Code: 442765

Per Capta Dues – Remember to pay your thirty-dollar (\$30.00) per capita dues. These dues are used to help support services at all levels of PC(U.S.A.).

Capital Campaign Updates - As of February 1, 2025, our mortgage balance is \$681,486.62. With your help, we can reduce the debt even faster. Please encourage your family, friends, and organizations to which you are a member 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 rooms in both the old and new fellowship halls. **Thank you for your support.**

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