



DAVIE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

*Celebrating
Women's
History Month
2025*

*Thirsting
and Seeking*



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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

March 23, 2025

11:00 A.M.

Third Sunday of Lent-Youth Sunday

Guest Pastor: Reverend Victoria Blount
Music Director: Dr. Candace Laughinghouse
Liturgist: Dr. Pauline Goza

(PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome/Announcements

Liturgist

Minute for Mission

Circle 3

Call to Worship:

Rev. Blount

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

All: My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

All: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live;

All: I will lift up u hands and call on your name

Welcoming the Spirit

One more day

Prayer of the Day

Liturgist

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the way you have crafted this world. For the clouds and the water that were used to lead your people to the promised land. Be with us as you were with those who came before us, turn us from false idols and transform us. Surround us with your peace amidst uncertainty, your comfort amidst our grief, your healing amidst our injuries and illness. Lead us towards your promised kingdom, your new heaven and new earth, a world where all have enough food, all have enough drink, all are safe and all who are at peace. We pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

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***Opening Hymn**

How Great Thou Art

(RH:#22)

***Call to Confession**

Liturgist

The prophet Isaiah instructs us to seek and call upon the Lord. The prophet pleads with the wicked to forsake their way, with the unrighteous to forsake their thoughts. The prophet invites them to return to the Lord that he may have mercy on them and assures them that our God will abundantly pardon. Let us seek God. Let us call upon the Lord, knowing that we will be received with mercy and abundant forgiveness.

***Prayer of Confession (All)**

Liturgist

Merciful God, we confess that we have been quick to judge others and slow to make changes in our own lives. We confess that we have focused on others' shortcomings instead of reforming our own.

Turn us, O Lord from these ways that lead to perishing. Lead us O Lord, in your ways that lead to abundant life. In Jesus' name. Amen

***Silent Confession**

***Assurance of Pardon**

Liturgist

God speaks through the prophet Isaiah: my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways. Let us find peace in God's ways of mercy and grace knowing that we are forgiven. **Amen.**

***Passing the Peace**

Rev. Blount

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 all times and places, be with us here and now. As we read from and reflect on Scripture, may your Holy Spirit move among us that we might hear your Word. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

The Scripture Lessons

First Reading

Psalm 63:1-8

Alania Alan

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The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks Be to God

Second Reading *Isaiah 55:1-9* **Rev. Blount**
The Good News of the Lord
All: Thanks Be To God.

Musical Selection *Bless the Lord*

Sermon “Thirsting and Seeking” **Rev. Blount**

Hymn *Renewal*

*** 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.

Prayer of Intercession **Rev. Blount**

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.

Call to the Offering **Liturgist**

God has given to each of us and all of us a variety of gifts and we are grateful. As an act of worship, let us commit to returning those gifts to God and God’s service.

***Doxology**

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***Offertory Prayer**

Liturgist

Gracious God, you give to us out of your abundance. For the material gifts and the spiritual gifts you give us, we thank you. We dedicate these gifts of time and talents and tithes to ask you that you continue to lead us as we use these gifts to join your work in this community. **Amen.**

***Offertory Response**

SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn** *Lift Him Up* (RH#420)

Charge and Benediction **Rev. Blount**

Postlude *My Tribute (Stanza) / Benediction (Charlene Moore Cooper c.2000) / Twofold Amen (Charlene Moore Cooper c.2000)*

Thank you for Worshiping with us Today!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF
March 23, 2025**

Please remember our Sick and Shut-in Members

Thank you, Davie Street Presbyterian Church family - Thank you for supporting Presbyterian Women's Celebrate the Gifts of Women service. An inspiration message was delivered by Rev. Armstrong and inspiring music delivered by the combined choirs. The brunch hosted by Circle 1 was splendid. The programs would not have been possible without the church family's support. God bless each of you.

The Men's Chorus – The Men's Chorus will sing on the Fifth Sunday, March 30, 2025. Practice - The Men's Chorus will practice at the church on the following days: **Sunday, March 30, 2025 at 9:30am**

Save the Date Casual Sunday/Family Dinner - *Casual Sunday/Family Day Dinner*, will be held on **March 30th**, the 5th Sunday in March. This is a "come as you are" potluck dinner. Whether you're a long-time member or a first-time visitor, we welcome you and your family and friends to join us for service at 11:00 and stay for a time of fellowship and delicious food. Food categories are assigned by the first letter of your last name. Look for an insert in your bulletin

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for further details. Bring your favorite dish to share and come as you are! Let's gather together again as a community to share a meal, laughter, and fellowship.

Bugg Elementary Students in Need of Food - Spring Break at Bugg begins March 31st and ends on April 6th. This means that students who rely on Bugg for breakfast and lunch will not have those meals that week. Please donate food that they may take home to eat during that week. We need items that are non-perishable that will sustain them for the week. Remember, some students have allergies, so let's avoid peanut products and seafood. Also, please ensure that items have not passed their expiration date. We would like to deliver the food to the school by **March 27th** so the school can prepare the bags for distribution. Thank you

Mission and Outreach Request - DSPC, we need your help. The DSPC Mission and Outreach Committee is preparing for another community outreach event at Robert's Park Community Center. We need to sort and prepare clothing for distribution at this event. Please come to the church on the following days to help us do sorting: **March 28th, 3-6pm, March 29th, 10-2pm** and if needed, **April 5 th, 10-2pm**. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Habitat for Humanity Calling volunteers - On the second Saturday of each month April through August (April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, and Aug 9), DSPC 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 area churches in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity of Wake County. For anyone that is not able to participate in the actual construction but would still like to contribute and fellowship with the other church congregations, on a few of those days we will need volunteers to prepare lunches for those that are doing the building. If you are interested, please fill out your information on the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or text your name, email address and mobile phone number to Mr. Pollard (919-264-7225) and Mr. Woodyard (919-271-2605). Mr. Woodyard or Mr. Pollard will contact you and explain the details of the project, what days we will be out there and how to get involved.

Intercessory Prayer meeting – The 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 Capita – Remember to pay your thirty-dollar (\$30.00) per capita. These funds are used to help support services at all levels of PC (U.S.A.).

Capital Campaign Updates – As of March 15, 2025, our mortgage balance is \$678,012.05. With your help, we can reduce the debt even faster. Please

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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.



Family Day Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 30, 2025. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve and/or clean up. Please put your name on your dishes and utensils. Go by the first letter of your last name for the category of food you should bring. Remember sugar-free & gluten-free dishes. If you are assigned drinks or ice, please feel free to bring an additional dish in another category. Here are some suggestions:

B,T,G Vegetables

Greens, green beans, broccoli, cauliflower, squash, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, okra, sweet potatoes, white potatoes, corn, peas, rice, carrots, lima beans

A,F,O,Q

Ice

2 large bags and 1 cooler

P,V

Drinks

Iced tea, soda, lemonade, fruit punch, water, (don't forget to include sugar-free drinks)

D,K,R,I,E,H

Meats

Ham, chicken (fried, barbequed, baked), roast beef, turkey, pork (shoulder) roast, pork chops, fish, corned beef, hot dogs, hamburgers, ribs

L,N,U,S

Breads

Dinner rolls, biscuits, cornbread, loaf bread

C,J,M Desserts.

Cake, pie, cookies, ice cream, Jello, banana pudding, fruit (don't forget something sugar-free)

W,Y,Z Salads.

Sliced tomatoes, potato salad, Cole slaw, tossed salad, pasta salad, relish tray, chicken salad, tuna salad, Jello mold, fruit, fruit salad, deviled eggs

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If you have any questions, please call Rosalind Loftin (919-270-6049), Joni Craven-Jeffries (919-368-7127), Shea Evans Epps (919-418-3716), or Sharyn McCalla (919-0271-7301). Thank you.



Dr. Charlene Moore Cooper (b. 1938)

Charlene Moore Cooper (born 1938) is a Baltimore native with a distinguished career in music and education. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree in flute and music education from Oberlin Conservatory and received a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Cooper taught music in both the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. public schools and instructed liturgy courses at Howard University's School of Divinity. Her directorial roles included leading the Municipal Opera of Baltimore, the NAACP Community Choir, the Best Friends Jazz Choir, and serving as Director of Music for John Wesley A.M.E. Zion Church in Washington. Cooper's compositional work spans multiple genres, including organ, piano, voice, chorus, chamber ensemble, and orchestra. Her piece, *A Solitary Prayer*, was initially conceived as a tribute to her late mother.

Organ Compositions (Published Scores)
A Joyful Noise for Trumpet and Organ (1993)
Alleluia (1995)
A Solitary Prayer (1995)
Festal Postlude (1995)
Christmas Morn for Oboe and Organ (1995)
Meditation (1996)
Gloria in Excelsis Deo (1997)
Joy in the Morning (1997)
Resurrection (1997)

A common misconception about African American classical music is that it solely draws from Negro Spiritual themes and folk songs. Although many works do indeed originate from these sources, others reflect broader social changes throughout Black history. Moreover, African American composers were influenced not only by their own cultural heritage but also by the evolving styles and periods that characterized music history as a whole. The compositions of African Americans, particularly those writing for the organ, are rooted in a diverse array of influences. These include not only spirituals but also plainchant, general Protestant hymnody, German chorale tunes, themes of African origin, and original themes.

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