



# DAVIE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH(USA)

*The Basis for Our Knowledge of God*



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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**

**May 18, 2025**

**11:00 A.M.**

## **Fifth Sunday of EASTER**

**Guest Pastor: Rev. Clayton W. Brooks**

**Guest Music Director: Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggen**

**Liturgist: Elder Dan Blue**

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### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Liturgist**

**Minute for Mission**

**Call to Worship**

**Liturgist5**

**L: Come, join with me in singing praise to the God who loves us!**

**P: The Covenant with Abraham so many centuries ago is in place still.**

**L: Though life does not promise easy times, God does promise us constant help.**

**P: Lord, preserve us through all trial and tribulation as only You can.**

**L: The Lord above grants us peace and serenity in the midst of great danger.**

**P: If we but allow God to enter in, the power of the Holy Spirit shall preserve us.**

**L: Let us worship the God whose steadfast faithfulness endures from generation to generation.**

**P: We lift our voice in praise to the God Most High: our present help through the time of storm. Amen.**

**Welcoming the Spirit**

*Praise Him*

*(RH)*

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**Prayer of the Day****Liturgist**

Heavenly Creator, you breathed life onto this barren world before human conception even began. You molded the heavens and placed each and every star on its trajectory. Great catalyst of the Big Bang! Eternal guardian over all that is and was: to you we come in prayer. Allow all travail to be waylaid, every furrowed brow to be lifted! We leave every one of our problems at your altar: Great Fortress against all disaster. You are the God of Covenants: showing your steadfastness and loving-kindness to your People since time immemorial. Be with us still! Bring new life and the growth of spring to all within these walls, while especially looking out for those outside them. Let Your will be done in this place and allow that our worship might be magnified in Your sight. Grant us Your peace and Your serenity, but do not quench our fire to realize a world bathed in Your Love. **Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn***Praise Him! Praise Him!**(RH #31)***\*Call to Confession****Liturgist**

The world often judges by outward appearances, but Jesus reveals to us a deeper reality. When we fail to live in the new way of love he commands, we distance ourselves from the truth and pretend to possess a righteousness that is only ours through Christ. In this new promise, and knowing God's steadfast love is trustworthy and true, let us confess our shortcomings together, seeking the Spirit's new workings within us. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)****Liturgist**

**True God in Heaven, compared to your perfection, we are nothing. We constantly fall short of the example of Jesus. Love is not natural to our state without the inworking of the Holy Spirit and Lord, we need more of Your heavenly power this day. We have too often allowed our fear, jealousy, and insecurities to overcome our sense of justice and fairness. We have too often allowed the path towards wealth and the pursuit of prestige to overshadow the simple path of Jesus. But You look upon our wanton disregard not with vindictive jealousy, but with a disappointed love. God, grant that we might bring you greater joy than disappointment. Grant us the power to overcome our human baseness so that we might tap into the Holy**

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**Spirit made available to us by You. We were made in Your image for a reason, Lord, but too often that part of ourselves is made unrecognizable by our sinful actions. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us poor sinners. Amen.**

**\*Silent Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**Liturgist**

We are an Easter people, forgiven and freed, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace. Amen.

**\*Passing the Peace**

**Rev. Brooks**

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**

Lord, grant us the wisdom to find truth in the scriptures of old. For we know Your Truth is present within them and speaks to us still. Though the Bible was constructed by human hands, we see Your Will and Truth throughout it. In the Bible we see perfection alongside deeply imperfect humanity and so the lessons we learn are nuanced and many. Grant us thy wisdom to discern a lesson from these words from Scripture today. Give them new life and new meaning so that they may speak to the realities of our time. But before all of that, Lord, we ask You to be present today, that Your will might be done in this place. **Amen.**

**The Scripture Lessons**

**First Reading**

*Genesis 15: 1-21*

**Liturgist**

*The Word of the Lord*

*Thanks Be to God.*

**Second Reading**

**Rev. Brooks**

*The Good News of the Lord*

*Galatians 1:11-2:14*

*All: Thanks Be To God.*

**Musical Selection**

*The Lord is My Light*

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**Sermon      “The Basis for Our Knowledge of God”      Rev. Brooks**

**Hymn                              *Oh, How I Love Jesus*                              (RH)**

**\* 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. Brooks**

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**

As you consider the ways in which God has blessed you and the calling that has been placed on your life to help others, give generously so that the work of God may be felt in this church and within the community. The Davie Street Presbyterian Church has always stood as a bulwark for the community around us and we are the current stewards of that mission. The call to give of our treasure to the Church should not be felt out of some blind obedience to tradition, but only out of a cheerful recognition that God is moving within this place. If you feel that God is moving here, you could make no better investment. And so, give as you are able and as God encourages you. **Amen.**

**\*Doxology**

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**\*Offertory Prayer****Liturgist**

Lord, we consecrate these gifts for the upbuilding of Your kingdom. Ensure that all care is given for their expenditure and that only Your will be done. Magnify this bounty, Lord, that even more people outside of these walls can be helped - just as this church continues to preserve those within its walls. This community of believers asks Your continued direction, Lord, as we walk the Path of the Cross that Jesus laid out for us so many years ago. **Amen.**

**\*Offertory Response****SENDING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD****\*Closing Hymn***To God Be The Glory (Fannie Crosby version)***Charge and Benediction****Rev. Brooks****Postlude** *My Tribute (To God Be The Glory) – (Andrae Crouch version)*

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

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF****May 18, 2025*****Please remember our Sick and Shut-in Members***

**Congratulations** - Congratulations to Mrs. Carolyn C. Peebles, who will receive the 2025 New Hope Presbytery's Older Adult Award, representing Davie Street Presbyterian Church. She will be recognized at First Presbyterian Church, 153 North Church Street, in Rocky Mount, NC, Today from 3-5 pm.

**Arise Collective/formerly IPMW - Clothing Items Needed for Work Release Closet** - NCCIW Canary Unit Work Release Closet is in urgent need of smaller-sized clothing. Specifically, women's pants in sizes 0-6 and women's shoes in sizes 4-6. If you or anyone you know would like to donate these items, please email Chaplain Elisa Rosoff at [erossoff@arise-collective.org](mailto:erossoff@arise-collective.org). Thank you for your support!

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**Vacation Bible Study** - Are you ready to rev your engines, race to victory, and experience the ultimate pit stop in your life? DSPC invites you to join us for a week of high-octane adventure, where speed meets faith, and we race in the power of God's guidance. The theme is "Rocket Racers – On Track with Our Powerful God." VBS will be June 23– 27, 2025 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at 300 East Davie St. Raleigh, NC 27601. You may register online or sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Donations are appreciated. Thank you for your support. *DSPC Christian Ministry*

**Sponsored Event** - The Capital Campaign is hosting Mr. Eric Taylor, a gospel violinist from Hampton, VA, on Saturday, May 24, for two performances at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM in the New Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased from any member of the Capital Campaign Committee or on Eventbrite.com. Please note that additional charges may apply for online purchases.

**Habitat for Humanity Calling volunteers** - On the second Saturday of each month April through August (April 12, 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.

**Capital Campaign Updates** – As of May 01, 2025, our mortgage balance is \$668,007.19. 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

**Intercessory Prayer Meeting-** The 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

**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.).

**Davie Street Presbyterian Church USA - Men's Day Celebration Activities**  
All men of the church are invited to join us for a series of meaningful and engaging events in Celebration of Men's Day.

- **Saturday, June 7, 2025 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study**, Led by Dr. James Hardy
- **Wednesday, June 11, 2025** - 7:00 PM - The Lamont Mitchel Men's Chorus Practice @ Davie Street Presbyterian Church
- **Saturday, June 21, 2025 - 11:30 AM** - Luncheon at The Pit Authentic BBQ, 328 W Davie St, Raleigh, NC 27601 Sunday, June 22, 2025 - 9:30 AM
- **Sunday, June 22, 2025 - 10:00 AM** - The Lamont Mitchel Men's Chorus Practice, @ Davie Street Presbyterian Church
- Men Bring a food item for the Sunday Repass in celebration of Men's Day
- **Sunday, June 22, 2025 - 11:00 AM** -Men's Day Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tolokun Omokunde Special Performance by the Lamont Mitchel Men's Chorus <https://www.youtube.com/c/DavieStreetPresbyterianChurch>



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