

**WE WELCOME YOU** to Davidson College Presbyterian Church and trust that you will find God's presence here. When you cannot be here, join our live broadcast at 11 a.m. on WDAV 89.9 or [www.wdav.org](http://www.wdav.org). For more information: [www.dpc.org](http://www.dpc.org) or 704-892-5641.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES** Our Advent journey from darkness to light is symbolized by the increasing candlelight from the Advent wreath each week. This Advent journey has a parallel in the travels of the three kings as they seek the light of the Christ Child. On the fourth weekend of Advent, our church will be producing "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a Christmas opera imagining the visit of the three kings in the home of a poor, crippled shepherd boy and his mother. Each Sunday, one of the characters from the opera will introduce the lighting of the candles and relate a portion of their story, illuminating our path to the Christ Child.

**THE CONGREGATION CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** this morning with Silas Helfrich born August 21, 2015 to Brian and Tyler Helfrich and Levi Helfrich born March 17, 2015 to Tim and Beth Helfrich..

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC(USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to shine the One True Light of Christ's love on the poor in circumstance or spirit. Undesignated gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

**CHRISTMAS OPERA PERFORMANCE** "Amahl and the Night Visitors" today, December 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Menotti's opera tells the legend of a poor mother and her crippled son who give shelter to the three wise men as they journey to find the newborn Christ. The viewer will be not only charmed by a touching story and lyrical music, but moved by the humanity of the kings, the fierce love of Amahl's mother, the impulsive generosity of Amahl, and the celebration of the miracle. The performance is under an hour and will be enjoyed by all ages. This program will benefit Habitat for Humanity; donations of any size will help to fund the next home being sponsored by Davidson College Presbyterian Church.

**YOUTH will not meet this Sunday, December 20 or next Sunday, December 27.**

**CONGREGATION GATHERING** As part of the Conciliation Process at DCPC there will be a second congregation wide gathering on January 10 at 3:00 pm in the Congregation House. Specific concerns identified during the first phase of the Conciliation Process will be discussed. The committees of the Session and Diaconate are already in the process of identifying ways to address these concerns and this information will be shared with those in attendance.

**IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY** the defibrillator and first aid box are located in the west hall of the main building next to the women's restroom.

**SAFETY FIRST!** If your child needs to visit the restroom or get a drink of water during worship, please escort them. Our Child Protection Policy does require that children be escorted in the building.

There will be **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** on Sunday, December 27, at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Child care begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School and youth groups will not meet.

**STEEPLETALK DEADLINE** The January issue of Steepletalk will be published on January 6. Please submit articles to [jnardella@dcpc.org](mailto:jnardella@dcpc.org) by December 31.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** will be closed December 25, December 28, and January 1 in observance of the holidays. For emergencies call 704-892-5641 for instructions.

**YEAR END DONATIONS:** In order for your contributions to count in 2015, they must be received by Trish Jones ([pjones@dcpc.org](mailto:pjones@dcpc.org)) or Harriett Rosebrough ([hrosebrough@dcpc.org](mailto:hrosebrough@dcpc.org) or 704-892-5641) in the church business office on the main floor no later than **noon on Thursday, December 31**. Contributions postmarked by December 31 will also be counted toward 2013.

**CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT** is January 22-24. Brochures are available at the information center in front of the office or at [www.dpc.org](http://www.dpc.org).

#### DCPC FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offering	12/13/15	YTD	
Receipts	\$24,505	Receipts	\$1,256,317
Budgeted Exp.	\$29,590	Actual Exp.	\$1,331,474
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#### TODAYS WORSHIP LEADERS:

**Pastor:** Lib McGregor Simmons

**Liturgist:** Robert Alexander    **Music Team Leader:** David Brinson  
Mary Margaret Porter    **Lighting of the Advent Candle:** Lou Chittenden

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**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS FOR  
DECEMBER 20—DECEMBER 27**

**Sunday, December 20**

8:30am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:45am	Worship Service	Lingle Chapel
9:45am	Sunday School	Various Rooms
11:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:00am	Sunday School	Various Rooms
2:00pm	Christmas Opera Performance	Sanctuary

**Monday, December 21**

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
9:30am	Shalom Group	Room 207
7:00pm	AA	Jetton Hall

**Tuesday, December 22**

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
6:45pm	Stephen Ministry	Room 201, Library
7:00pm	NA	Jetton Hall

**Wednesday, December 23**

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
9:30am	Disciple Class	Parlor
8:30pm	Music Team	Choir Room

**Thursday, December 24**

7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
4:00pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
7:00pm	NA	Jetton Hall
7:30pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary
11:00pm	Christmas Eve Service	Sanctuary

**Friday, December 25—Church Office Closed**

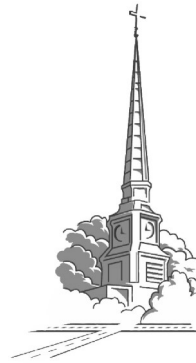
7:00am	AA	Jetton Hall
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**Sunday, December 27—ONE WORSHIP SERVICE**

11:00am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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*We are the Body of Christ – worshipping, learning, serving, loving, giving –  
seeking to realize God's vision for the world.*

*~DCPC Vision Statement*



# Davidson College Presbyterian Church

## Order of Worship - 9:45 a.m.

*Fourth Sunday of Advent ~December 20, 2015*

*Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the  
Lord has risen upon you. ~Isaiah 60: 1*

### Opening Songs of Worship and Praise

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear  
Angels From the Realms of Glory  
While We Are Waiting Come (Hymn 92)

### Presenting the Symbols of our Faith

#### Welcome

#### Lighting of the Advent Candle

Hymn 314 (verse 1)  
A Story from A Mother  
Opening Prayer

#### Song of Praise

Love Has Come (Hymn 110)

#### Prayer of Confession

Gloria from Angels We Have Heard on High

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

#### Sharing the Peace of Christ

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptized in Water (Hymn 482)

#### Scripture and Proclamation

Isaiah 58-61 (selected verses)  
From Darkness to Light: Conflict to Reconciliation

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

#### Offering

In the Bleak Mid-Winter (Madalyn Alexander and Kyra Hurst)

#### Sending Song

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Hymn 119)

#### Benediction