

DAVIDSON
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Thank you for covenanting to wear your face masks/coverings throughout the service. The hymns and the sung responses will be sung by the choir only; we discourage congregational singing at this time. The congregation is invited to recite the spoken responses, the prayers, the Apostles' Creed, and the Mission Statement.

* All who are able, please stand.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Jim Humphries

* OPENING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

HANKEY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

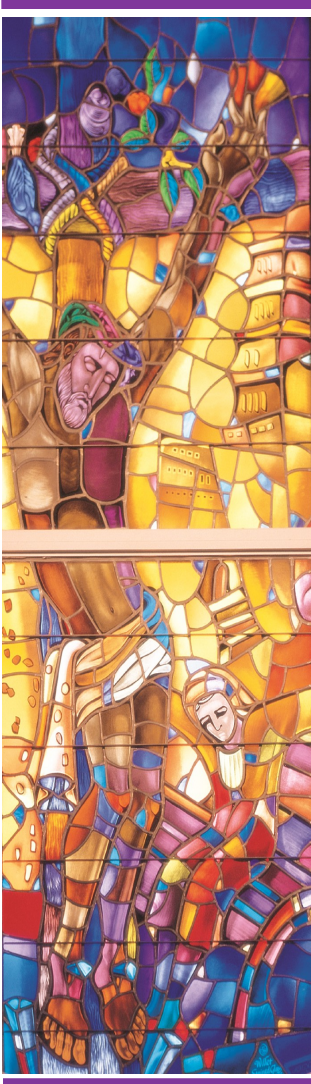
I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.

I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. *Refrain*

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. *Refrain*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *Refrain*



WE WILL BE THE BODY
OF CHRIST IN OUR
COMMUNITY THROUGH
WORSHIP
EDUCATION
FELLOWSHIP
SERVICE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**Through your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Song of Forgiveness

O Lord, Have Mercy

Allen Pote

O Lord, have mercy on us, have mercy, O Lord, have mercy on us, we pray.
O Lord, forgive us, forgive all our sins, as we walk in the light of your love.

Words of Assurance

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 2:1-6

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Now by this we may be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk just as he walked.

Lector: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

Walk In the Light

WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT

*We'll walk in the light, beautiful light.
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine right.
Oh, shine all around us by day and by night.
Jesus, the light of the world.*

WORDS: George D. Elderkin

MUSIC: George D. Elderkin; arr. by Evelyn Simpson-Curenton © 2000, GIA Publications

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

Rev. Shane Page

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' 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 Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at 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 Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

WORDS: Lesser Doxology, 3rd - 4th cent.

MUSIC: Charles Meineke, 1844

PASTORAL PRAYERS

The pastor will end each petition with: Lord, in your mercy,
to which the congregation responds: **Hear our prayer.**

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*You may give to the church's General Fund by texting 704-457-5083
with the amount you would like to contribute, online at www.davidsonumc.org/finances,
or by placing your offering in the collection boxes located at the doors.*

OFFERTORY

Speak, O Lord

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Virginia Herrick and Eric Loftin

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us. Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.
Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail, let the truth prevail over unbelief.
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds. Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.*

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* **DOXOLOGY**

Stephen Garnaas-Holmes

Gladly we praise you and bless you, Creator, O God, of Life.
Christ, we adore you and thank you, compassion of God, our Light.
Great Holy Spirit, by you we are born from above!
Alleluia! Praise the God of blessing! Alleluia! Bless the God of Love!

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We will serve in a manner befitting our protocols, distanced with individual wafers and individual (and sealed) cups of juice, leaving it to the discretion of our in-person participants about whether to receive. Those receiving will do so at the altar rails, one pew section at a time.

* The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

* The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion Music

Agnus Dei from Missa Tertia

Lajos Bárdos

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery

in which you have given yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* **CLOSING HYMN**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story, bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

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MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

* **OUR MISSION**

**We will be the Body of Christ in our community
through worship, education, fellowship, and service.**

* **BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Please remain seated. Ushers will instruct and release the congregation by section
at the end of the Postlude. Outer sections will exit first, followed by center sections.*

WELCOME!

Welcome to Davidson United Methodist Church! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. If it is the first time you are worshipping with us, it is a joy to introduce you to our church; our doors are open to all. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we'd love to walk alongside you. Our mission statement captures our desire "to be the Body of Christ in our community through worship, education, fellowship, and service." It is our commitment to live out our Christian faith in fresh and relevant ways.

Let us hear from you; we would like to encourage you on your faith journey. Whether you are a spiritual seeker who's just starting to ask questions about God or a committed Christian who wants to dig deeper, you will find a home here at Davidson United Methodist Church (DUMC). Check out our ministries, listen to a sermon, and read about what's going on at DUMC on our website at: www.davidsonumc.org.

Thank you for being a part of our worship! The Peace of Christ be with you!

THE FLOWERS ARE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY today to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthday of Ann Williams by her husband, R.W. Williams, and her family.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 18.
The staff will not be working remotely that day.

LIVESTREAM NOTE

This worship service is recorded and shared via the Internet on our church website (www.davidsonumc.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DavidsonUMC).
Audio or video of any congregant may appear in the webcast.

PASTORAL CARE NOTE

A DUMC pastor remains on call after hours to be of assistance during emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-770-1264 (or the Church Office - 704-892-8277 - which provides this number as well) and a pastor will respond as soon as possible.

2021 SANCTUARY FLOWERS SCHEDULE

A Signup Genius schedule is available for the 2021 Sanctuary flowers.
See the link at www.davidsonumc.org under Registrations.
Contact Jonna Eichorn at jeichorn@davidsonumc.org with any questions.

MISSIONAL IMPACT OPPORTUNITIES

MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE (MAD) COLLECTION for **January** is NEW school supplies for All-In Guatemala! Please drop off pencils, pens, crayons, markers, colored pencils, small matchbox size toys, toothbrush, and sugarless gum in the black containers located outside the Church Office entrance.

MEN'S SHELTER DUMC provides a meal for the Men's Shelter the first Sunday of every month. Our next date is Sunday, February 7. Sign up at www.davidsonumc.org under Registrations to serve a meal, make a sausage or vegetarian casserole, purchase fruit cocktail or green beans. Bring your food items to the Dale House.

FAITH AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

2021 CHURCH-WIDE STUDY Ask a crowd of Christians whether they believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior, and all hands will go up. Ask the same crowd whether they live like Jesus, and most of those same hands will come down. Why is it so hard to bridge the gap between belief and real life? Respected author, professor, and psychologist Gary Moon thinks it has to do with our hyper-intellectual but non-experiential method of living the Christian life. In his book *Apprenticeship with Jesus* Moon provides a 30-day apprenticeship with Jesus, whereby readers will actively practice being with Jesus day in and day out.

Each day's reading uses compelling stories and scriptures to illustrate a point and closes with a suggested apprenticeship activity. DUMC will host a Church-Wide Study during the month of January where the book readings will coincide with five sermons being preached today through Sunday, February 14. Pick up a copy of the book from your favorite retailer. If you are interested in joining one of our small groups, please contact Sherry Carpenter at scarpenter@davidsonumc.org.

SANCTUARY DAYS AND QUIET SPACE FRIDAYS are ecumenical retreats for all people. Encounter God in community, yet alone, in the beauty of nature and the healing rhythm of sacred quiet. Sanctuary Days are guided retreats, the second Monday monthly. Quiet Space Fridays are silent retreats, the second Friday monthly. Cost per day is \$25. Register online at www.thelydiagroup.com. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Bellamy at 336-971-7275.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION Calling all students in grades 8 - 12! If you have not participated in Confirmation and would like to, there is still time to register. Please reach out to Brittany Viehmann at bviehmann@davidsonumc.org with any questions.

FX (FAMILY EXPERIENCE) will be on Sunday, January 24, 11:00 a.m. - noon in the White House parking lot. Come join our family program for parents and children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Register at www.davidsonumc.org under Registrations.

CARE AND SUPPORT GROUPS

CANCER CARE SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Thursday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m. We have resumed our meetings virtually. Contact Sherry Carpenter at scarpenter@davidsonumc.org if interested in joining us.

CARING FOR CAREGIVERS BOOK STUDY Are you a caregiver - for a spouse, parent, grandparent, child, or friend? If so, you may want to join us in our small group study of *The Caregiver's Companion*. This book helps to nourish the health and spiritual well-being of all caregivers with practical and encouraging readings, prayers, and guided journaling exercises. Experienced caregiver Bud Katter will lead the group, meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. for 12 weeks, beginning January 26, in Room 212/214 in the Alexander Education Building. Contact Bud at okatter@gmail.com for more details. Register on the church website under Registrations. Participants will be responsible for purchasing the book .

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