

Welcome Visitors! We thank you for worshiping with us this morning.
Please sign the Friendship Pad including your name and address
that we may make contact to express our gratitude in having you here.
Members are encouraged to indicate any changes in contact information.

This morning’s greeters are Krista Abbott and Katherine Abbott.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Offering: A special offering will be received today which will go to Bryan Braddock, Executive Director of the House of Hope, who is seeking to raise funds to purchase a trailer with 3 women’s showers and 3 men’s showers, plus a laundry in the back so that people can do laundry. He wants to take it to help the homeless as well as those who are victims of natural disasters.

Our annual Christmas Concert will be held this evening at 6pm in the sanctuary. Plan to join us and invite your friends and family! A reception will follow in the McCown Building.

A congregational meeting will be held following worship for the purpose of presenting the budget and acting on recommended changes in the pastor’s salary for 2026.

Nativity: Youth and Kids – Don't miss our rehearsal for youth and kids from preK-5th at 11am tomorrow. Those in 5th grade and under should be picked up at 12:15. Youth (6th-12th grade) will go to lunch afterward and then do White Christmas shopping. The final run-through for the Nativity service will be on 12/24 at 4:30pm with the service following at 6pm.

Christmas Eve: We will have two Christmas Eve candlelight services, one at 6pm which will also include a Living Nativity, and a communion service at 11pm. We hope you will join us. Nursery provided for the 6pm service.

College Group Luncheon: College students are invited to a get-together on Tuesday, December 30, at 12 noon at the Mellow Mushroom in Florence. Please contact Kelly Hayes (khayes@darlingtonpres.org) if you are able to attend.

A 2026 Flower Calendar is located in the vestibule for those who would like to sign up to place flowers in the sanctuary for a Sunday morning worship service this coming year. This is a great way to honor/remember our loved ones.



Want to be amazed by historical and archaeological evidence for Christmas? Scan this QR code to check out these short videos. If you don't have RightNowMedia yet, you can sign up for free by clicking blue RightNowMedia button at darlingtonpres.org or by texting DPC to 49775.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Today	6:00 pm	Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)
Monday	11:00 am	Youth Rehearsal/White Christmas Shopping
Tuesday	7:00 am	Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Takis’) <i>Office Closed</i>
Wednesday	4:30 pm 6:00 pm 11:00 pm	Youth – Nativity Rehearsal Live Nativity Service Candlelighting/Communion Service <i>Office Closed</i>



SESSION

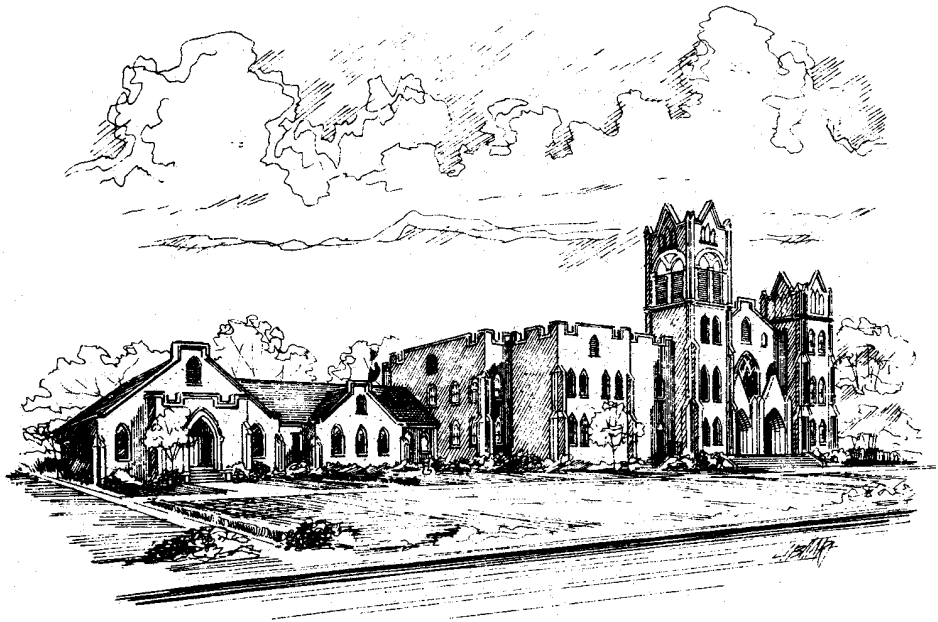
Kevin Cauley, Teaching Elder (Moderator)	
Kelly Hayes, Teaching Elder	
Brian Bagwell	Jim Ivey
Lee Bass	Albert James
Fred Bergwerff	Jim Lawson
Judy Dennis	John Milling
Anne Funderburk	Julie Scott
Wayne Howle	Byard Stone

DIACONATE

Dale Campbell	Nancy Matthews
Helen Carroll	P.J. McGirt
Lisa Doyle	Rob Rasmussen
Nancy Gordon	Jason Smith
George Haynes	Mike Wiggins
Ray Lentz	Meaghan Windham

STAFF

Kevin Cauley, Pastor
Kelly Hayes, Associate Pastor
Cole Davis, Music Director
Amy Williams, Organist
Edie Park, Church Secretary
Byard Stone, Jr., Treasurer
Jean Hunter, Custodian
Gloria Eaddy, Kitchen/Cook
Carrie Rush, Nursery
Johnny Campbell, Sexton
Johnny Richardson, Tech Director



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Worship Service
in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ

Darlington Presbyterian Church
December 21, 2025
11:00 am

Fourth Sunday in Advent

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

ENTERING GOD’S PRESENCE

INTROIT

Congregation

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

While we are waiting, come
While we are waiting, come
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel
While we are waiting, come.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Youth Group

PRAYER OF ADORATION & 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 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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 199

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living 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.

**The terms catholic church mean the universal church, which includes everyone who trusts Christ alone for salvation, no matter who they are or where they live.*

*GLORIA PATRI

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.

TIME FOR GOD’S CHILDREN

Krista Abbott
(Children ages 3-5 are invited to Wee Worship.)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads.)

OFFERTORY

Chancel Choir

“O Holy Night”

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining.
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices.
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees!
O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.
O night divine, o night, o night divine!

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Julie Scott

THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Zechariah 12:10-13:1

(Pew Bible pg. 798; Children’s Bible pg. 1142)

SERMON

Rev. Kevin Cauley

“The Reason for Christmas”

PRAYER FOR WORD AND LIFE

RESPONDING IN THANKS

* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 184

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

** Those who are able are asked to please stand.*