



Baccalaureate Service

Friday, May 8th, 2026

Harper-McNeeley Auditorium

Myles Center for the Arts

Elkins, West Virginia

A Baccalaureate Service **of Praise and Worship**

Prelude	<i>Sarabande</i> , George F. Handel Ms. Donna B. Huffman, Assistant Professor of Music
*Processional	<i>Largo from "Xerxes,"</i> George F. Handel Ms. Huffman
Welcome and Remarks	Chris A. Wood President
Greetings from the Board of Trustees	David Cutlip '77 Chair, Board of Trustees
Call to Worship	Dr. Franklin Tanner Capps Benfield-Vick Chaplain

One: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
All: For his steadfast love endures forever.
One: Give thanks to the God of all,
All: For his steadfast love endures forever.
One: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
All: For his steadfast love endures forever!

Prayer for Illumination

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we confess that we have missed the mark in many ways. We have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves and failed to treat your creation as a sacred gift. By your grace, extend to us the forgiveness we need, and set us on the right path. Help us follow after Christ and his example in thought, word, and deed. Amen.
(All pray in silence.)

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn *Be Thou My Vision*, Dallán Forgaill,
English translation by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1905)

Verse 1

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

Verse 3

*Great God of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

Verse 2

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart;
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.*

****Those who are able, please stand.***

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7.....Jaela Reid, Class of 2026, Criminology

Special Music *Ubi Caritas*, arr. Victor C. Johnson,
Davis & Elkins College Concert Choir

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:16-20Walker Shirley, Class of 2026, Nursing

One: This is the word of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks Be to God.**

Introduction of Speaker Dr. Capps

Baccalaureate Remarks *A Servant-Leader's Heart: Passion, Vulnerability, and (Occasional) Loneliness*,
Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

Special Music *How Can I Keep from Singing*, arr. T. Shaw
Davis & Elkins College Concert Choir with Dr. Renaud Stauber, violin

Presentation of Academic Hoods and Commemorative Coins

*Hymn *Here I Am, Lord*, Daniel L. Schutte (1981, OCP Publications)

(Verse 1)
*I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save*

(Verse 3)
*I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away*

(Chorus)
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart*

(Chorus)
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart*

(Verse 2)
*I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?*

(Chorus)
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart*

*Benediction Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey

*Recessional*Fanfares*, Jean-Joseph Mouret
Ms. Huffman

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The Rev. Dr. Scott Ramsey
Minister of the Word and Sacrament
Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, McLean, VA
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Scott Ramsey received his BA in Religion from Princeton University and earned both his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. He has served Lewinsville Presbyterian Church since 2015.

In his ministry, Scott seeks to cultivate a community of people who are committed to following Jesus, receiving the fullness of his love, and embodying that love in a broken world. He believes the church is called to live intentionally at the intersection of God's grace and the world's pain.

Scott lives in Arlington, VA with his wife, the Rev. Dr. Laura Cunningham, and their two children, Will and Ginny. A native of South Carolina, he enjoys hiking, playing tennis, listening to folk and country music, and occasionally attempts to play golf.



Davis & Elkins College Concert Choir

**Graduating Senior*

Olivia Insani Perske, *Director*

Donna Baroudi Huffman, *Accompanist and Assistant Professor of Music*

Members

Marissa Barajas	Isabell McCormick
Zion Black	Mary Orndorff
Mariah Dodrill	Christopher Osborn
Alyssa Haddix	Rori Riddle
Isreal Holte	Alyssa Shine*
Taylor Lesneck	Leanna Trout*
Marissa Mallow	Catherine Whalen*