**Choral Anthem** "Because I Have Been Given Much" arr. Landgrave/Northen

\*Doxology

(Children exit for Sunday School for grades K-5)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (Debt/Debtors)

**Scripture:** 2 Cor. 8:1-9

**Sermon** "Pathways to Generosity: Introduction"

\*Hymn "Great God of Every Blessing" GTG#694

(Children return from Sunday School)

**Postlude** "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Lowe

Benediction

## **Serving Today**

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart Minister of Word and Sacrament

Kathy & Joe Northen Interim Choir Director & Organist

C. B. Strange Sound & Greeter

Pastor Beth Time for Young Disciples

Nancy Clayton Liturgist

Ray Beale Security, Side door & Offering

Harriet Beale & Joan Reynolds Sunday School

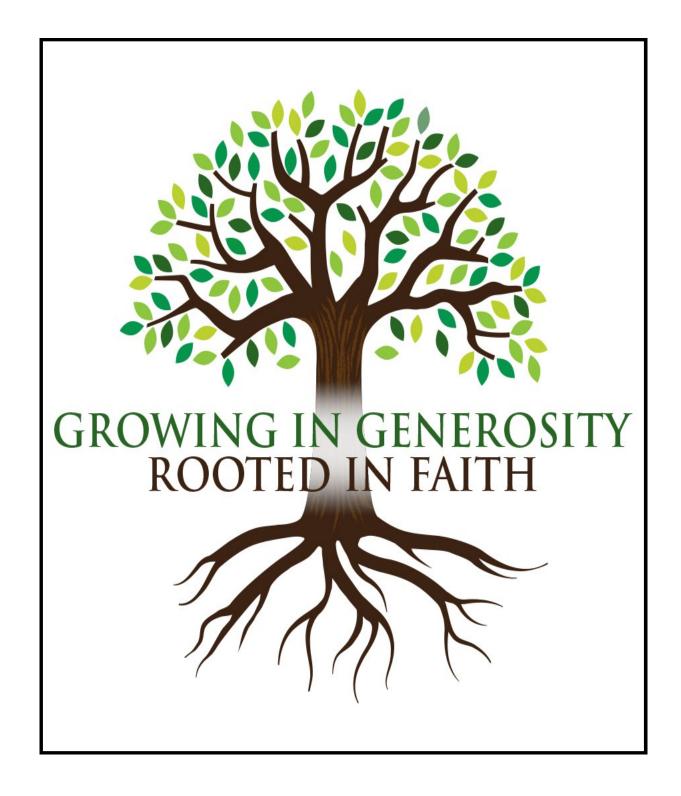
Today, the flowers are give to the glory of God, and in honor of our church family by Rebecca and Chris Moore.

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church.

Our office hours are Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

We can be found on the web at www.fpcdanville.com or on Facebook.

Please call us at 434-792-7822



# First Presbyterian Church

October 10, 2021

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite you to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Chiming of the Hour** 

**Welcome and Announcements** 

#### Invocation

Lord GOD Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, Deliverer of your people, Father of your Anointed King, indeed your beloved Son, with whom you are well pleased: Blessed are you above all others! You alone deserve to be trusted. You alone deserve to be served. You alone deserve to be worshipped. There is no other God! Grant us grace this day, we pray, to trust in you fully, to serve you well, to worship you rightly, to serve you with fear, and to rejoice with trembling. Praise be to you, eternal Father of your Son, Anointed Son of your Father, Holy Spirit of them both, the one and only God forever and ever. Amen.

Prelude

"The Gift to Be Simple"

arr. Wood

## **Call to Worship**

Our God, Creator and Sustainer of all life instructs us to give generously and cheerfully.

We come, giving the funds, time, and gifts God has given us

cheerfully and without hesitation or pressure,

Trusting that in our upside-down life of the Gospel,

our wealth is measured not by what we have but what we give away.

We give joyfully as an act of our faith trusting you great God,

to bless your church, your people, and your creation through our giving.

\*Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

GTG#14

#### **Call to Confession**

Leader: We want to serve God, but sometimes our will is weak, and sometimes our hearts are not big enough. Hear now our prayer of confession:

## **Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Eternal and Generous God, Every good gift comes from You. Your generosity is expressed best Through Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One, Who gave Himself for us. We acknowledge we often doubt Your willingness to give what we need. We do not ask. We do not seek. We do not knock. We think You don't want to be bothered Because we often don't want to be bothered By the needs of others. Forgive us for our lack of trust In Your generous nature. Forgive us for our lack of faith In Your sufficient supply. Forgive us for our lack of desire To give to others as You have given to us. Reorient our lives in Your way. Renew us for faithful service in Your Kingdom. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Silent Prayer

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Lord you are the path of life, fullness of joy and pleasure forevermore, so we can be confident of the truth:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

# \*Passing the Peace of Christ—

Please stand, pass the peace with cupped hands and remain standing for the hymn.

\*Praise and Worship

"God of the Fertile Fields"

GTG#714

(Children Come Forward During Last Stanza)

# A Time for Young Disciples

Pastor Beth

### Offering Prayer/Collection

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

Heavenly Father, thank You that You have given us all things richly to enjoy and that everything we have come from You. May we never be under the illusion that we can out-give Your over-abounding gift of grace.. in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. May I give faithfully, cheerfully and generously of my time, my talents and my money - and may the motive behind my giving be pure and ever open to Your scrutiny - this I ask in Jesus name, AMEN.

#### For the Beauty of the Earth 44



This tune in a higher key, No. 117.

Baptist Hymnal 1991 44

WORDS: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917

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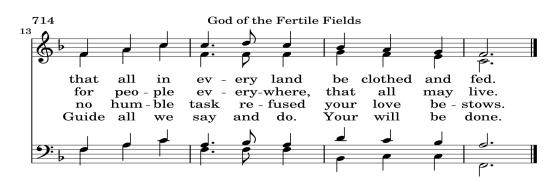
5. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight, For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain

#### God of the Fertile Fields 714



Glory to God 714
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#### GREAT GOD OF EVERY BLESSING



#### Announcements:

Session will meet Tuesday October 12th at 7 pm

CE will meet Monday October 25th at 4:40 pm

The Membership Committee is happy to announce our upcoming annual Low Country Boil. It will be held at the church on Sunday Oct 24th at 4:00pm. We'll have our typical fare of the Low Country Boil (shrimp, potatoes and sausage), cornbread muffins, slaw and desert. We'll position the tables so we can achieve social distancing and keep everyone safe. If you would like to attend, please let Vickie know as soon as possible. The cost will be \$8 per person, as it was in 2019. The 24th is just around the corner!

#### Missions Announcement:

Rev. Paul Sydnor, our sponsored missionary in France, will be here to speak November 21. He works with refugees from many parts of the Mediterranean world in need of everything, food, clothing, medical aid, and compassion from the Christian community. Mark the calendar for his visit with us.