

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Hear the good news: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ lives in power for us, Christ prays for us. Any-one who is in Christ is of the New Creation. The old life is finished, gone. Behold, new life has begun. Brothers and Sisters, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **P: Thanks Be to God!**

***Passing the Peace of Christ—**

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

*Praise and Worship	<i>“Gloria Patri”</i>	GTG#581
A Time for Young Disciples		Kathy Dolianitis

Offering Prayer/Collection

Anthem

***Doxology**

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (debt/debtor)

Scripture: Nehemiah 1:4-11

Sermon “Nehemiah: “A Dislocated Heart””

Ordination and Installation of Officers

Brenna Takata, Barbara Wilkins, David Swann, Kathy Dolianitis, Jackie Rochford, alternate

Sending

L: Now, remember your baptism as you go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that Christ has commanded you. **P: May God’s Spirit flow through us to bless the world.** L: And remember that God’s promise goes before you. For thus says the Lord, “I am with you always, to the end of the age.” P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude *“Fugue”* Pachelbel

Benediction



First Presbyterian Church

January 9, 2022

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

O wondrous God, on this holy day, we have gathered together once again to celebrate your presence among us, to praise you, and to thank you for all you have given us. May this time of worship strengthen and refresh us, and fill us with such joy that we cannot help but share it with everyone around us. Though we are very different people, with many different talents and gifts, make us one in your Spirit, that we may be your ministers in the world. Amen.

Prelude *“Quem Pastores”* Colin Hand

Call to Worship

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be God's people.

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be the body of Christ.

Come let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.

***Hymn** *“Jesus, Light of Joy”* **GTG#673**

*Baptismal Confession

L: Even as we enter into the presence of God, we exclaim with Isaiah: “Woe is me, I am a person of unclean ways, dwelling among a tainted people.” If we claim we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. Trusting in the steadfast love of God in Christ Jesus the Lord, let us pray:

Lord, have mercy **P: Christ have mercy.**

L: Sovereign God, in baptism you called us to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ; but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.

(Silence) Lord, have mercy. **P: Christ, have mercy.**

L: In baptism you joined us to Christ in his death that we might be raised with Christ in new life; but we cherish old ways and fail to embrace the risen life of righteousness, justice, and love.

(Silence) Lord, have mercy. **P: Christ, have mercy.**

L: In baptism you united us with all the baptized who confess your name; but we foster division in the church. We refuse to live as one people, and so fail to witness to your reconciling love before the world.

(Silence) Lord, have mercy. **P: Christ, have mercy.**

L: In baptism you call us to ministry in all realms of life, but we refuse the struggle to know your will; we do not nurture the ways of peace; we allow enmity to grow among us, setting neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse the earth you entrust to our care, and live in discord with all you have made.

(Silence) Lord, have mercy. **P: Christ, have mercy.**

L: In baptism you sent us to serve with compassion all for whom Christ died; but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed and the plight of the poor. We take bread from the hungry, and stop our ears to cries for justice.

(Silence) Lord, have mercy. **P: Christ, have mercy.**

L: In baptism you gave us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us but we rely on ourselves and refuse to trust your direction. We spurn your eternal wisdom, Preferring, instead, the luring ways of the world.

(Silence) Lord, have mercy. **P: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy on us. Remember the promises you made to us in baptism, forgive our sinful ways and heal our brokenness. Set us free from all that enslaves us, and raise us to new life in Jesus Christ, that we may be your faithful servants, showing forth your healing love to the world, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Interim Music Director
Patricia Howell	Interim Organist
Eddie Blount	Sound
Nancy Clayton	Liturgist
Kathy Dolianitis	Time for Young Disciples
C. B. Strange	Security, Side door & Offering
David Parris	Greeter
Kathy Dolianitis & Lorraine Willeford	Sunday School

Announcements

The Evening Circle will meet Monday January 10th at 7 p.m. at the church in
Dunglinson-Roberts hall. The Day Circle will also meet at the church at 12:30 p.m.
in Westminster, Monday Jan. 10th for their monthly meeting.
Session will meet Tuesday January 11th at 7 pm.
CE Committee will meet Monday January 24th at 4:30 p.m.

*The flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of
Ronnell D. Belton by his family.*

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.
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