

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Interim Organist
Ray Beale	Sound
Maggie Weller	Liturgist
Barry Cutright	Security, side door and offering
David Parris	Greeter
Rebecca and Chris Moore	Sunday School

We are delighted to have your children in worship, and they are welcome to remain in the sanctuary. However, if you prefer, we do provide a staffed nursery. Children K to 5th grade may attend our Young Disciples class that meets following the “Gloria Patri”. Their teachers will meet them at the door on the left side of the sanctuary. Childcare workers are experienced and have appropriate screening.

First Presbyterian Church

August 28, 2022

11 a.m.



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Office Hours: Tuesday—Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

If you do not have a church home you are always welcome to share our journey.

Invocation

O God our Father, who sent your Son to be our Savior: renew in us day by day the power of your Holy Spirit; that with knowledge and passion, with courage and love, with gratitude and hope, we may strive powerfully in your service: may he keep our vision clear, our aim high, our purpose firm and our sympathy wide; that we may live as faithful servants of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude *“Arietta: J.J. Haydn*

*Call to Worship

The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.

**But from everlasting to everlasting
your love is with those who fear you,
and your righteousness with their children's children**

***Hymn** *“From All That Dwell Before the Skies” GTG#327*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES: Children (K-5) have Sunday School during morning worship. Following the *Gloria Patri*, they should meet their teachers at the side door on the left side of the sanctuary. We have opted to give their teachers a little more time to complete their lesson plans.

Sunday **Worship Committee 9 a.m.**
Administrative Committee after service

Tuesday **Youth Activities 7p.m.**

Wednesday **Membership Committee 5:30 p.m.**

Thursday **Choir Rehearsal 4:30 p.m.**

Presbyterian Women will resume on September 12. If you have changed your address, phone number or email please call the church office 792-7888, option 1, or email changes to admin@fpcdanville.com so your information will be correct in the handbook.

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Based on Psalm 103 | By Joel Raney

Bless the Lord, O my soul; let all that is within me bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and remember God's great mercy.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul;
let earth and sky and heaven bless God's holy name.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and sing God's praise forever.

**Bless the Lord, whose almighty pow'r
renews our strength when hope is gone.**

**Bless the Lord, whose abounding love can take an empty heart
and fill it with a song!**

(Lyrics from first two stanzas repeat.)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

and sing God's praise forever and ever.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Call to Confession

The path of faithfulness is the path of humility. Let us bow before the God who created us and confess the sins that betray us and our faith

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

God of mercy and forgiveness: You have placed us in a wonderful and beautiful world. Yet, we have spoilt it through our greed, through our neglect and carelessness, and we have put its life in danger. Forgive us. Help us to see the world and all your creation anew. Take our broken souls and remake us, worthy of the name "children of God." Hear our silent prayers of confession:

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

"Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine."

Thanks be to God; we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

The Peace of Christ:

The Lord Be With You

And also with you.

Leader: Let us, the children of God, extend the peace of Christ with cupped hands while remaining in place.

Response

"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 Young Disciples

(Children through 4th Grade should leave for Sunday School. Their teachers will wait for them at the side door at the left of the sanctuary)

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering Prayer

Take our hearts, our hands, our gifts, Holy God. Mold us; shape us; send us so that we might be your body in the world you so love. Amen.

Offertory & Doxology “God Will Take Care of You” Walter Martin arr. Berry

Prayers of the People

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

*Anthem “Bless The Lord O My Soul” J Ramey

Scripture Genesis 12:1-4a, NRSV

Sermon “A Blessing for the World”

Responsive Hymn: “O God Show Mercy To Us” GTG#341

Affirmation of Faith

An Affirmation of Faith may use a creed of the church, scripture, or statements of the Reformed heritage in the Book of Confession. The faith being affirmed is the faith of the whole ecumenical church—a faith that is catholic and orthodox as well as Reformed. An affirmation of faith is said in response to the Word proclaimed.

What do you believe about the Church of Christ? **We believe and confess one single catholic or universal church—a holy congregation and gathering of true Christian believers.**

What binds them all together? **They await their entire salvation in Jesus Christ, are washed by his blood, and sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit.**

How big is this church? **This holy church is not confined, bound, or limited to a certain place or certain persons. But it is spread and dispersed throughout the entire world, though still joined and united in heart and will in one and the same Spirit, by the power of faith.**

(from The Belgic Confession, art. 27, © 1987

GO IN GOD’S NAME

The Sending brings our worship full circle. We have been gathered and shaped into a community, one body in Christ. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ’s body in the world. We are sent, always to gather again around the means of grace—God’s Word and sacraments.

Choral Benediction “A Benediction of Peace” H. Sorenson

Words of Dismissal

May our living heavenly Father guide and keep you in his care.
May the blessings of his Holy Spirit all be yours to share.
May God’s wisdom be the light that leads your footsteps every day,
And his presence be your companion as you walk along life’s way

Recessional Music “Psalm of Glory” L. Smith

(You are free to go while the recessional music is playing)

“Choose to Bless the World,”
a poem by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Parker:

Your gifts whatever you discover them to be
can be used to bless or curse the world.

The mind’s power, The strength of the hands, The reaches of the heart,
The gifts of speaking, listening, imagining, seeing, waiting,
Any of these can serve to feed the hungry, bind up wounds, welcome the stranger,
praise what is sacred, do the work of justice, or offer love.
Any of these can draw down the prison door, abandon the door,
obscure what is holy, comply with injustice, or withhold love.

You must answer the question:

What will you do with your gifts?

Choose to bless the world.