Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart Minister of Word and Sacrament

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Kathy Dolianitis Liturgist

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Brenna Takata and Joan Reynolds Sunday School

Team 1 Serving on 11/16

First Presbyterian Church

November 13, 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 worshipers 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 and Announcements

Invocation

Genesis 1-2, Psalm 100, 1 Corinthians 11]

O LORD our God, our Creator, Provider, Helper, and Redeemer, God and Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ: Great are you and wonderful, pouring out upon us blessing and bounty, giving us life and each other. You are good; your steadfast love endures forever, and your faithfulness to all generations. Be with us this day, we pray, and at this hour, that we may worship you faithfully and gladly, offering to you our praise and our prayers, our lives and our obedience. Glory be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Call to Worship

One: How good it is to gather, to hear the Spirit's call,

urging us with challenge and change and blessing us with hope;

Many: Calling us to come home to space that is more than mine and love beyond things.

One: The Spirit whispers, "Blessing and Grace" come leave your long-lists behind, draw the water of life to parched lips and be refreshed;

Many: Calling us beyond old expectations and ego driven rules.

One: The Spirit proclaims, "Blessing" come be the change and the hope made flesh, come not to be served but to serve;

Many: We gather, celebrating the Spirit's brave call, we gather side-by-side to celebrate life gifted with grace.

*Hymn

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY (11/13)	Consecration Sunday.
	Second Sunday Lunch at Mayflower.
MONDAY (11/14)	Day Circle at 12:30.
TUESDAY(11/15)	Bell Choir at 5 p.m., Session at 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (11/16)	Wednesday Night Dinner 6 p.m. (Team 1)
	Youth Activities at 6 p.m.
THURSDAY(11/17)	Bible Study continues at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
	Choir rehearsal at 5 p.m.
	Presbytery meeting.
SATURDAY(11/19)	Men's breakfast at 8 a.m., Special Thanksgiving Lunch for the feeding program.
MONDAY(11/21)	Community Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m.

The flowers that enhance our worship are given in memory of Lib and Charles Cuttle, Catherine Cuttle and Bob Cuttle by Frances, Parks, and John Newby

Poinsettia Order

It is time to **order poinsettias** in honor of or in memory of a loved one this Christmas season. Prices are \$8.25 for the 4.5 inch wrapped plants and \$16 for the 6.5 inch wrapped plants.

All orders should be in the church office by Sunday November 27th.

Please call Elizabeth Walden at 203.7778 f	or more information.
I desire to have poinsettias dedicated as follows: (Che Memory of	ck)In Honor ofIn
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by:	
(Name as you wish it to appear in the Bulletin)	
Please enclose a check made payable to First Presbyteria	n Church
and return it to	A
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937 Main St., Danville, VA 24541	

Call to Confession

Together we confess that a generous spirit does not always accompany our acts of giving.

Prayer of Confession

God, forgive us. Our efforts to love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength often fall short. Our lack of trust in you hinders our ability to give ourselves completely to you. We stubbornly deny that you know what is best for us. Our mindset of meagerness keeps us from loving our neighbors, and ourselves. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: God's love—shown to us through Jesus—is greater than our shortcomings. The blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purifies our conscience from dead works to worship the living God.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

The Peace of Christ:

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Leader: Let us, the children of God, greet each other with signs of peace, extending cupped hands to one another.

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)

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Stewardship Prayer and Consecration of Commitment Cards

One: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

All: You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent, energy, money—and asked us to use them to build your kingdom.

With thanks and praise we respond to your call.

One: We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

All: We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours.

We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.

One: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

All: Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

Offertory "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Wm. Runyan, arr. Dobrinski

Doxology

Prayers of the People

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture II Corinthians 9:6-11

Sermon "The Why Matters More than the What"

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in Jesus Christ, who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom, who commanded us to care for those in need, who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth, and who gave us the example of self-giving love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts, in whom we live and move and have our being, by whom all things are possible.

We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously, in a spirit of love and joy. We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's, caretakers of God's home. We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship, a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly. We believe that God has great things in store for us, for it is in giving that we receive.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

We are sent, always to gather again around the means of grace—God's Word and sacraments.

Closing Hymn "For the Life That You Have Given" GTG#717

Charge to the Congregation

Postlude "Go Forth in Faith" F. Ritter

(Please Remain Seated)

Benediction

REFLECTION:

Why do you come to worship on Sundays? Why do you sing? Why do you give? Why do you read? Why do you pray? What do you speak? What motivates your living? What motivates your godliness? What motivates you to give? The "why" of our Christianity is the foundation for the "what"! What you do, so often reveals only a partial picture. Why you do something matters to God just as much as the what.