

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart

Ashley Stanley-Robey

Patricia Taylor

Eddie Blount

Maggie Weller

Sam Meadema

Eddie Blount

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Music Director

Organist

Sound

Liturgist

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Greeter

First Presbyterian Church

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon

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.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *"We are God's People"* J. Brahms

CALL TO WORSHIP

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,

"The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

INVOCATION

Most Holy and Most Gracious God, who turnest the shadow of night into morning,
satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all the day. Lift the
light of thy countenance upon us; calm every troubled thought; and guide our feet
into the way of peace. Perfect Your strength in our weakness, and help us to wor-
ship You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN *"Come, Worship God"* **GTG #386**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 15 **Ladies dinner** out at 5:30 p.m. with place to be announced.

Dayschool Open House

August 16 **Youth Activities** from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

August 17 **Choir rehearsal** at 4:30 p.m.

August 20 **Missions Committee** 9 a.m. in Westminster

September 10 **One Great Hour of Sharing** Offering to be collected.

October 1 **Crop Walk** to support the reduction of hunger.

The link for the Diane Shelton funeral is available upon request. Please call the of-
fice or email admin@fpcdanville.com

*The flowers today are given to the Glory of God ,
and in memory of those who have passed away
by Sally and David Clark*

“When the Lord Redeems the Very Least”

Lyricist: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993) | Composer: Albert E. Brumley (1905-1977)

Arranger : Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (b. 1953)

When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.

When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.

Refrain: We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice.

All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.

When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice. Refrain

When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.

When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice. Refrain

About this Hymn:

This hymn was written by Canadian minister, prison chaplain, and worship journal editor, Sylvia Dunstan. She wrote many hymns during her short life, resulting in two published hymnals (one released posthumously). Unfortunately, Sylvia succumbed to liver cancer at the age of thirty-eight. She left behind a legacy of compassion for those in need and an overwhelming love for liturgy. The lyrics of this hymn were inspired by the line in the Lord's prayer, "Thy kingdom come," and the 126th Psalm.

This arrangement was done by an imminently talented living American composer ,Evelyn Simpson-Curenton. Simpson is a native of Philadelphia and an alumna of Temple University.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us offer our confessions to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, give us hearts of great expectation as we wait for the glorious return of our Savior, Jesus, the Son of God. We confess far too many daily moments of apathy, indifference, and distraction. Forgive us, Lord, for these patterns of passionless discipleship. Instead, plant in us a sense of adventure, a growing excitement over Christ's coming. May we be full of joy even now as we anticipate the day of His arrival. And may we be found faithful in that moment. All this we pray in the merciful name of Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete. And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God's blessings and remain standing for the "Gloria Patri".

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God — we share our time, our skills, our money and in so doing, we say “yes” to God’s invitation to join in Your Kingdom building work here on earth. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

“Give Thanks”

by Henry Smith

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least" Dunston/Brumley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 126:2-3

SERMON

“Happy Church: Getting Serious About Joy”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body
And the Life everlasting.
Amen.

HYMN

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

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CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE

“Solfeggiato”

C.P.E. Bach

BENEDICTION