

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	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
Sam Meadema	Sound
Becky Meadema	Liturgist
Kim Meadows	Security, Side Door, Offering
Barbara Wilkins	Greeter

First Presbyterian Church

November 19, 2023

**BREAKING THE
ANXIETY HABIT**
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

THIS IS LIVING!



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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.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION Adam Coleman

PRELUDE “Thanks be to God in Heaven” A.W. Leupold

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!

People: Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.

Leader: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

People: Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.

Leader: Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide.

Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.

All: We come to worship God who alone is excellent and worthy of praise!

INVOCATION

Gracious God, when the world's noise is turned up high, we come not to escape, but to seek wisdom, and to focus on things that are worthy. Dial down the distractions in our minds. Tune our senses to your word and our hearts to your praise.

In your holy name we pray. Amen.

HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” **GTG#643**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Adam Coleman, the regional Manager for OneAmerica Movement, as he shares the work being done in the area of Danville and Pittsylvania County

November 20 **Community Thanksgiving Service** at West Main Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

November 21 **Handbell Choir** at 5:00 p.m.
Ladies Dinner out at 6:00. Place TBA

November 22 **Church Office Closed**

Upcoming events

November 29 **Wednesday Night Dinner at 6 p.m.** followed by a presentation by leadership of the Presbytery of the Peaks to discuss the current condition of mainline churches and avenues of hope for the future.

*Today the flowers that enhance our worship are given
in loving memory of Diane Shelton
by her sister, Kim Clifton, and her husband, Kent Shelton*

Missionary Report
Paul and Reinhold Sydnor
International Association for Refugees
Lille, France

The Refugee Center, a work of five years and open for the past three, is in a church strategically located near the center of Lille. In 2022 France accepted 100,000 refugees. Two thousand arrived in Lille from Ukraine. Paul Sydnor writes, “God is always in control of the events that shape the world. Migration is one of the primary ways that God brings and builds his kingdom on earth.” The main aim of the Refugee Center is to build connections between people that reflect the dignity, respect and love of God. Paul’s ministry team facilitates French language courses, phone repairs, weekly prayer and Bible discussion, trauma healing groups, computer courses, intern/volunteer mentoring, community meals, transportation assistance and monthly emergency assistance for food, shelter and cooking gas. One refugee leader said, “It permits us to integrate and overcome isolation. You are a small group, but what you give us is more valuable than all the other organizations in Lille together.”

This year Paul informed his supporters the \$12,000 annual funding for the center is nearly depleted. First Presbyterian Church Trustees have approved a request for \$1,000 from the Freddie Lamb mission fund to be sent to International Association of Refugees for the support of the Refugee Center.

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Exodus 32: 1-14; Philippians 4: 1-9, Matthew 22: 1-14)

God pours blessings upon us, even as we choose to go our own way. God is present and seeks to bring healing and wholeness to all. Therefore, I invite you to confess all that would separate you from God or one another. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we have fashioned idols of our own desire or worshiped the temples of our own tradition,

Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice, or failed to extend the invitation to others,

Christ, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,

Lord, have mercy.

Time for personal reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven. God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Praise God!

from *Standing in the Gap*, written by Rev. Dr. Bob Gross

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”

BENEDICTION