

First Presbyterian Church
Morning Worship—Commitment Sunday

November 6, 2016—Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it to your neighbor.

*Please stand if able. It is our custom to sing, "Amen," after hymns.

PRELUDE "Fanfare" Jacques Lemmens

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends, God is our refuge and strength.

People: A present help in time of trouble.

Leader: God is our good Shepherd.

People: With us in the valleys of the shadow of death.

Leader: God is our sure foundation.

People: Against all the storms of life.

Leader: Let us joyfully worship God.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 425** "Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth: we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us after Your great goodness; according to the multitude of Your mercies, do away with our offenses; wash us thoroughly from our wickedness, and cleanse us from our sins; for Jesus Christ's sake. Hear our prayer as we continue in silence.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The truth about us is hard to receive,

People: but it is spoken with boundless love.

Leader: God's judgment is just,

People: but Christ has taken our place and died for our sins.

Leader: Friends, in Christ we are forgiven.

People: Mercy abounds!

All: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri 579** GREATOREX, 1851

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.

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offering in Music "Lord, Be Glorified" arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology (page 591) OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayer of Dedication

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Tom Gillespie

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PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. Sebastian Temple

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in You are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of Your word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of Your wisdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LESSON (page 859/901) 1 Peter 4:1-11

SERMON "Stewards of God's Grace" Rev. Thompson

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

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 OF PRAISE 434** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

BENEDICTION

***RESPONSE 554** "Let All Things Now Living"

POSTLUDE "Bachiana" Gordon Young

SERVING TODAY

Nursery/Sunday School Leigh Blount, Marissa Meadors
Children's Sunday School Whitney and Catie Clarke,
..... Lisa and Lia Argyrakis
Elders at Front Door..... Ina Ingram
Friendship Period..... Ava Barrett, David Parris
..... and C. B. Strange
Deacon to Receive Offering..... David Parris
Officers to Count Offering Kile/Barrett
Church School Superintendent..... Gail Davis
Liturgist..... Gail Gunn
Time for Young Disciples..... Tom Gillespie
Sound System Sam Meadema
Flower Ministry Evening Circle
Saturday Lunch Ministry Nov. 12..... Tom Barrett

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there is hatred let me bring your love,
Where there is injury your pardon Lord,
And where there's doubt true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace,
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.
O Master grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.
Make me a channel of your peace,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Praise God for Last Sunday	
Saturday Lunch Attendance -----	69
Sunday School Attendance -----	29
Worship Attendance -----	120
Tithes & Offerings -----	\$8378.01

The flowers today are placed to the glory of God
and in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jackson Barrett and
Mr. Harry Denton Ireson, Sr.
and in honor of Iris Martin Ireson
by Tom and Ava Barrett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We provide **nursery care** from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM and **Sunday School** for grades K-5 after Time for Young Disciples.

PASTORAL CONCERNS—Kevin Bailey, Anne Banks, Chuck Bolt, Pat Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Claire Campbell, Nelson R. Clark, Ruby Crowell, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, R. L. Clifton, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fisher (Sally Clark's Mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Anne Grier, Fred Gunn, Lois Hayes, Christina Hermetz (Kelsey Thompson's sister), Tim Hooker, Kathy Huggins, Kay Huggins (son-in-law of Thomas and Alice Saunders), Conner Jones, Jana Keen and family, Angela Langford, Ruth Lawton, Malcolm Mallery, Larry Mann, Carol Ingram McGee, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alex Mitchell, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Lee Norman, Greg Nunley, Ken Obye, Ella Ryan, Ethel Sakellaris, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Linda Terriberry, Jean White, Nultie Wiseman

Our condolences to Ina Ingram on the passing of her brother, Richard Russell; and to the family of Ken Meadors on his passing: Helen, Carter Meadors, and Whitney Meadors Morrison

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Ann Banks, Kelvin Gunn, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Mary Ann Shelton, Russell Vandiver

Today is Commitment Sunday. Please prayerfully consider your response and turn in your pledge card in the offering plate or mail to the church office. The address is

First Presbyterian Church

937 Main Street Danville VA 24541

If you know someone who was unable to be in worship today, let the church office know and we will mail them a pledge card. Contact Christy at christy@fpcdanville.com or call 434-792-7822.

Clothing Drive: The deacons will be giving away clothes at the Saturday Lunch Ministry on **December 10th**. Please bring your used clothes donation to the church and leave them in the fellowship hall at the stage.



THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

MONDAY, November 7

9:00 a.m. Day School
 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group
 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 12 noon PW Thank Offering Luncheon
 7:00 p.m. Evening Circle

TUESDAY, November 8 Election Day

..... No Day School
 6:15 p.m. Handbells

WEDNESDAY, November 9

9:00 a.m. Day School
 12:15 p.m. Mid-Week Chapel Service
 6:00 p.m. Youth

THURSDAY, November 10

9:00 a.m. Day School
 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, November 11 Veterans Day

All Day Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, November 12

10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study
 11:15 p.m. Lunch Ministry

SUNDAY, November 13

9:00 a.m. **Communion Sunday**
 9:45 a.m. Missions Committee
 Sunday School:
 Mid & High School, Rm 112
 Bible Fellowship, Library
 Outlook Class, Rm 322
 Seekers, Rm 109
 11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
 Mid-worship K-2/3-5 Sun. Sch.

**THE COLUMNS
 OF THE
 First Presbyterian Church**

937 Main Street, Danville, Virginia



Celebrating 185 Years of Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

THE SESSION

2016 Barry Cutright Ina Ingram Hampton Wilkins Thor Wright	2017 Tom Barrett Brenna Takata Gary Wimer David Zook	2018 Eddie Blount Gene Hayes Bob Newnam Joan Reynolds
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THE DIACONATE

2016 Marie-Louise Crane Susan Mathena John Parris	2017 David Parris Mike Reynolds Kent Shelton Becky Meadema	2018 Ava Barrett Harriet Beale Kathy Dolianitis David Swann
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Tomorrow, Nov. 7, the **Day Circle** will host the **Thank Offering Luncheon for Presbyterian Women** in Overby Hall at 12:00 noon. Guest speaker will be Stacie Wilson (Nancy's granddaughter).

There is no charge for the luncheon.

Please plan to attend.

Evening Circle will meet at 7 p.m. at the home of Gwen Baucom, 310 Sutherlin Pl. Please plan to attend.



The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3090 North Main Street, Danville, VA, Monday, November 21 at 7 PM.



Welcome
 To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting,
 We warmly welcome you to our service today and invite you to join us for refreshments after the service in Dunlinton-Roberts Hall.