

Morning Worship—March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent

*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 "March" from *Judas Maccabaeus* Handel/Taylor

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God, we have come here today to be in Your presence, in Your light.

People: We want out of the dark places; we want to be with You.

Leader: We want to see what only You can show us.

People: We crave that our spiritual blindness be healed and our vision restored.

Leader: We come today seeking the right path—the way leading to a deeper relationship with You.

People: We come seeking the fruit of life that only You provide.

Leader: We come, O Holy Sustainer, to worship You.

People: For You, O God, provide all that is good and all that brings life.

***HYMN OF WORSHIP 316** "Breathe On Me, Breath of God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God, we confess that we often wish to see signs of Your work, while at the same time turning a closed eye towards Your world. We confess that though we say we want to walk with you, too often You must recover us from the dark places where we end up, having wandered away from You. We say that we want the good food and the good water that You have provided, while we hoard what we have, not wanting to share it with the rest of the flock, failing to acknowledge it came from You. Forgive us, Healing God, Good Shepherd, and Anointing Spirit. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Leader: Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel:

People: if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation!

Leader: Everything old has passed away;

People: everything becomes new!

Leader: I declare to you that, through Christ, we have been reconciled with God.

People: Our sins are forgiven! Amen.

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: "How Great Thou Art" arr. Mark Hayes

Doxology 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

Kent Shelton

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 "My Tribute" arr. Ed Lojeski

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has come to us as the light of the world: illumine our paths and guide our way, that we may not walk in darkness but may follow the way of Jesus Christ and have the light of life.

LESSON (page 742/781) Luke 18:9-14

SERMON "Come Pray or Contrast" Rev. Allen Thompson

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Hymnal Pg. 14) 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 WORSHIP** Insert "I Am Thine, O Lord"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Lutkin

POSTLUDE "Toccata" Andrew Gant

Praise God for Last Sunday:	Sunday School Attendance	49
	Worship Attendance	89
	Tithes & Offerings	\$3,971
	Saturday Lunch Ministry	78

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— Lisa Argyrakis, Kevin Bailey, Martha Bell, Chuck Bolt, Alice & Randy Bradshaw, Beth Brown, Bill Brown, Claire Campbell, Nelson R. Clark, Judy Cox (Kristen Cox’s sister-in-law), Ruby Crowell, Maude Dalton, Rev. Cecil Eanes, Clarence Edmunds, Bill Erwin, Sarah Fisher (Sally Clark’s Mother), Betty Fitzgerald, Guy Fowlkes, 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, Larry Mann, Thelma Meadors, Carolyn Miles, Larry Miller, Alma Moran, A. B. Motley, Debbie Perrin Neal, Ella Ryan, Alice Saunders, Lynn Saunders, Alan Sweeney, Linda Terriberry

ON THE MEND--(Praise & Gratitude for improved condition) Martha Bell, James Cannon, Kelvin Gunn, Flo Hall, Libby Hodge, Grace Litzenberg, Thomas Peyton Mahaffey, Lee Norman, Mary Ann Shelton, Russell Vandiver, Jean White, Nancy Wilson

The **Scholarship Committee** is taking applications for this year’s scholarships. If you or someone you know will be applying, begin now gathering supporting documents:

- Academic transcript for the 2016-2017 year or high school transcript
 - Statement of Faith
 - Two Letters of Recommendation

Deadline: April 30. Please contact the church office for an application: office@fpcdanville.com



The flowers are placed in the sanctuary in praise and to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ted Argyrakis, on the sixth anniversary of his death, by Pat and their children.

If you would like to donate to the ministry of **Bradley Long**, former pastor from Martinsville who is now a missionary with Antioch Partners, please make checks payable to “**Long Fund**” and place in the offering plate or bring to the church office.



A class for people seeking to become **members of First Presbyterian** will be held during the Sunday School hour on **April 2 & 9**, beginning at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Holy Week services daily at noon in the Chapel. Check our website for more information at www.fpcdanville.com/holyweek.

Community Prayer Service April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Serving Today

Nursery/Sunday School	Harriet Beale
Children’s Sunday School	Rebecca Atkinson, Chris Moore
	Sara Weller, Jennifer Stowe
Elders at Front Door	Gary Wimer
Friendship Period	Mike Reynolds, Ray Beale
Deacon to Receive Offering	David Parris
Officers to Count Offering	Kile/Barrett
Church School Superintendent	Gail Davis
Liturgist	Nancy Schomer
Time for Young Disciples	Kent Shelton
Sound System	Dick Stoakley
Ushers	Team 4
Flower Ministry	Women’s Evening Circle
Weekend Custodian	Ron Tanner
Childcare Specialists	Lea Smith, Kelley Fochler
Saturday Lunch Ministry Apr. 1	Brenna Takata, Kent Shelton

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To know Christ and make Him known

**THIS WEEK AT
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**

<p><u>MONDAY, March 27</u></p> <p>9 a.m. Day School 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group 10 a.m. Staff Meeting 4:30 p.m. Christian Education 6:30 p.m. Membership Committee</p> <p><u>TUESDAY, March 28</u></p> <p>9 a.m. Day School 5:15 p.m. Handbells</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY, March 29</u></p> <p>9 a.m. Day School 12:15 p.m. Chapel. 6:00 p.m.. Youth</p> <p><u>THURSDAY, March 30</u></p> <p>9 a.m. Day School 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p><u>FRIDAY, March 31</u></p> <p>All Day Church Office Closed</p> <p><u>SATURDAY, April 1</u></p> <p>10:45 a.m. Lunch Min. Bible Study 11:15 a.m. Lunch Ministry</p> <p><u>SUNDAY, April 2—Day School Sunday</u></p> <p>9 a.m. Worship Committee 9:45 a.m. Sunday School: Mid & High School, Rm 112 Outlook Class, Rm 322 Seekers, Rm 109</p> <p>11 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary Mid-worship K-2/3-5 SS</p> <p>12 p.m. Day School in Overby Room</p>
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