

# ***First Presbyterian Church, Danville, VA***

**Morning Worship—November 1, 2020**

## **DRAWN IN TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S GRACE**

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite people to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship. \*\*\*Please note: There will be no congregational singing at this time.\*\*\*

**Worship Participants:** Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart, Heather Perryman, David Clark, Tom Gillespie, Maggie Weller, and Eddie Blount

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Kim Meadows

#### **PRELUDE**

*“Prelude in F Major”*

by J. S. Bach

#### **INVOCATION:**

God of grace:  
We have come for a glimpse of your kingdom of kindness,  
a world where love rules over all,  
a world where enemies embrace,  
a world where the distinctions between friend and foe  
evaporate in the light of your love.  
Knowing you have the power to transform us,  
we give our lives over to you,  
body, soul, mind, spirit.  
In Jesus’ name, Amen

#### **HYMN**

*“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

## **DRAWN TOGETHER TO EMBODY GOD’S GRACE**

#### **LITANY OF PRAYER FROM THE 224<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

See Attachment

#### **MUSIC MEDITATION**

#### **MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

I Chron. 7:14, Ps 33:12, 1Tim 2:1-2, Prov. 29:2, Dan 2:21, Ps 33:11,  
Eph 6:12, 2 Cor 10:4, Ps. 112:7, Phil. 4:6-7, Is. 54:17, Ps. 125:1-2, Hab. 1:5 and 3:2, Ps 62:5

#### **SERMON:**

*“Embodying God’s Grace in an Election Year”*

Rev. Dr. Broschart

#### **HYMN OF RESPONSE:**

*“They’ll Know We Are Christians”*

## COMMUNION LITURGY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Pastor Continues ...**

With all of creation And all the saints and angels, We offer you back our breath As we join the universe in praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Pastor Continues ...**

With thanksgiving for your providence in Christ, we keep these mysteries, proclaiming the faith in all we do as our sacrifice of praise: **Dying you destroyed our death Rising you restored our life Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION/THE LORD'S PRAYER

## DRAWN FORTH TO EXTEND GOD'S GRACE

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

"Our Lord, Master of All"

by Rex Koury

**Please remain seated for the final offering of worship**

*The flowers are given in loving memory of our parents, Jack and Dot Barrett, and "Shine" and Iris Ireson,  
by Tom and Ava Barrett.*

## AIDS TO WORSHIP

### 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.

### 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.

## Prayers of the People

This litany is based on the resolution adopted by the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly: On Responding to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The resolution calls the church to commit to continuous discernment of how to meet the social justice, economic, and spiritual challenges of the pandemic.

*L: Why have you forgotten us completely? Why have you forsaken us these many days?*

**P: *Restore us to yourself, O Lord, that we may be restored, renew our days as of old.***  
**(Lamentations 5:20-21)**

**L:** Creator God, from sanctuaries, family rooms, parking lots, and shelters, from north, south, east and west, we gather as your church to embody the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who is the Word made flesh.

**P: As we raise our prayers in this global crisis, raise us to lives bearing witness in word and work, heart and hand, prayer and practice for the healing of the world You so love.**

**L:** Hear our cries as we mourn the staggering loss of precious lives, more than one million worldwide. Hear the helpless outrage of the most deeply marginalized, many of whom are at the mercy of systems and structures which oppress. Hear the deepest sighs of those cut off from contact or who have no one to care.

**P: We pray for immigrant communities,**  
**for impoverished and working poor persons,**  
**for people whose jobs and businesses are in jeopardy,**  
**for homeless persons and those for whom home offers no health or safety,**  
**for those who are challenged in body, mind or spirit,**  
**for older persons, for nursing home residents**  
**and the hospitalized, for those in prisons,**  
**for those from high-risk communities who have little choice about their jobs,**  
**for all who have no access to adequate, affordable health care, and**  
**for nations already struggling with poverty, inequality and exploitation of their resources.**

**L:** As we consider how to be and do church in the midst of uncertainty and conflicting opinions, guide us so that our choices honor You far above our own desires for normalcy, whatever that may mean.

**P: Inspire the same creativity you gave us when you made this world. Focus our decisions on how to fulfill the Great Ends of the Church, how to care for one another, and how to utilize the best evidence of science for the well-being of the world.**

**L:** God of all the nations, we pray for leaders in every land, including ours, to respond with wisdom and grace to this medical and economic cataclysm.

**P: May all seek your peace and justice for their people and for the world.**

**L:** Grant hope, courage and wisdom on behalf of children and youth who must now move forward into a future where dreams and stability have been radically altered.

**P: We commit to dismantling disparities in education and in access to nutrition, technology and necessary resources. We pray for parents and guardians to have the ability to swallow their own fears as they comfort children and tackle new math.**

**L:** With gratitude, we support and advocate for the safety of those who put themselves at risk, such as hospital and health care staff, public safety employees, educators and staff, public transportation providers, child care workers, volunteers at food banks and other outreach programs, and the many others whose lives and well-being are just as essential as their jobs.

**P:** **Show each of us the special gifts you have given so we may nurture the hero within to bring your love, your light and your hope to the world in the way we live as we follow Jesus Christ. Make us your new humans.**

**L:** On this day when we remember our rich heritage of faith, we join the great cloud of witnesses who trust you to lead us through the wilderness of this pandemic into a land overflowing with justice and peace for all.

**ALL:** **For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give a future with HOPE.**

**(Jeremiah 29:11)**

**\*There will be a congregational meeting Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> to approve the 2021 by-laws, and terms of call.**

### **The King of Love my Shepherd Is**

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.  
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.  
Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.  
In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.  
Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight, from thy pure chalice floweth!  
And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise, within thy house for ever.

### **They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored, And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
They will know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land, And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
They will know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side, We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity & save each one's pride, And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
They will know we are Christians by our love

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, whom makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
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