

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

Morning Worship—November 22, 2020

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

We invite you to enter a time of personal reflection to prepare your hearts for worship. \*\*\*Please note: There will be no congregational singing at this time.\*\*\*

**Worship Participants:** Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart, Heather Perryman, C. B. Strange, Joyce Perez and Gary Wimer

### **WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Beth

Today we offer our thanksgiving and gratitude to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts.

**The Lord be praised.**

### **PRELUDE**

*“I Will Enter His Gates with This Is the Day”*

arr. Mark Hayes

### **INVOCATION**

(based on Psalm 65:1-13)

What mighty praise belongs to You, O God, for Your acts of love and faithfulness toward us!

In Your mercy You hear our prayers, You forgive our sins, You provide for our needs. From one end of the earth to the other, You inspire worship and praise! Even nature celebrates Your goodness.

We, too, would offer our praise and thanksgiving for Your mercy and Your faithful love toward us.

Receive our adoration, our confession, our thanksgiving. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit make Your presence known among us that we may hear Your Word and know Your will.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

~ Christine Longhurst

### **A TIME OF REFLECTION AND ASSURANCE**

**One:** In the midst of our thanksgiving, let us pause in silence to recall how we so often lose sight of the gifts of each day and of their Giver.

*(a moment of silence)*

Let us pray. O God, we know that we forget about you, we forget to love you, we forget to help our neighbors, we forget to thank you.

**All: Forgive us.**

*(a moment of silence for private confession)*

**Grant us clear minds to know you, new hearts to love you, strong hands to serve you. Help us live this day, this week, and always so that our whole life is a thanksgiving to you. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**One:** God did not send Christ into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior. We can trust God’s word. We are a forgiven people.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

— from Thanksgiving Sunday: A Joyful Service of Hymn and Witness, by Kevin Little.

### **COMMUNITY LIFE – NEW MEMBER RECEPTION**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **MUSIC MEDITATION**

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

Handbell Choir

### **MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Joyce Perez

### **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 READING**

II Corinthians 4:15

### **SERMON**

*"Gratitude for God's Grace"*

Rev. Dr. Broschart

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

### **BENEDICTION**

Colossians 3:15-17

### **POSTLUDE**

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

*by Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given in remembrance of her parents,  
R. Vincent and Eva Stack Nostrandt, by Jeanne Nostrandt.*

## **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.