

Sending

We go now, as people of God.

**To take the word of love to those
from whom it has been far away.**

We go now, as followers of Jesus.

**To be the word of justice to all
from whom it has been taken away.**

We go now, as companions of the Spirit.

**To the word of peace in all the places
from which it has disappeared.**

Postlude

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Kirkland

Please remain seated

Benediction

Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

Minister of Word and Sacrament

Kathy Northen

Interim Pianist

Joyce Perez

Message for Young Disciples

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Liturgist

David Parris

Security & Side Door

Bernadine Hayes

Greeter

Mike Reynolds & Barry Cutright

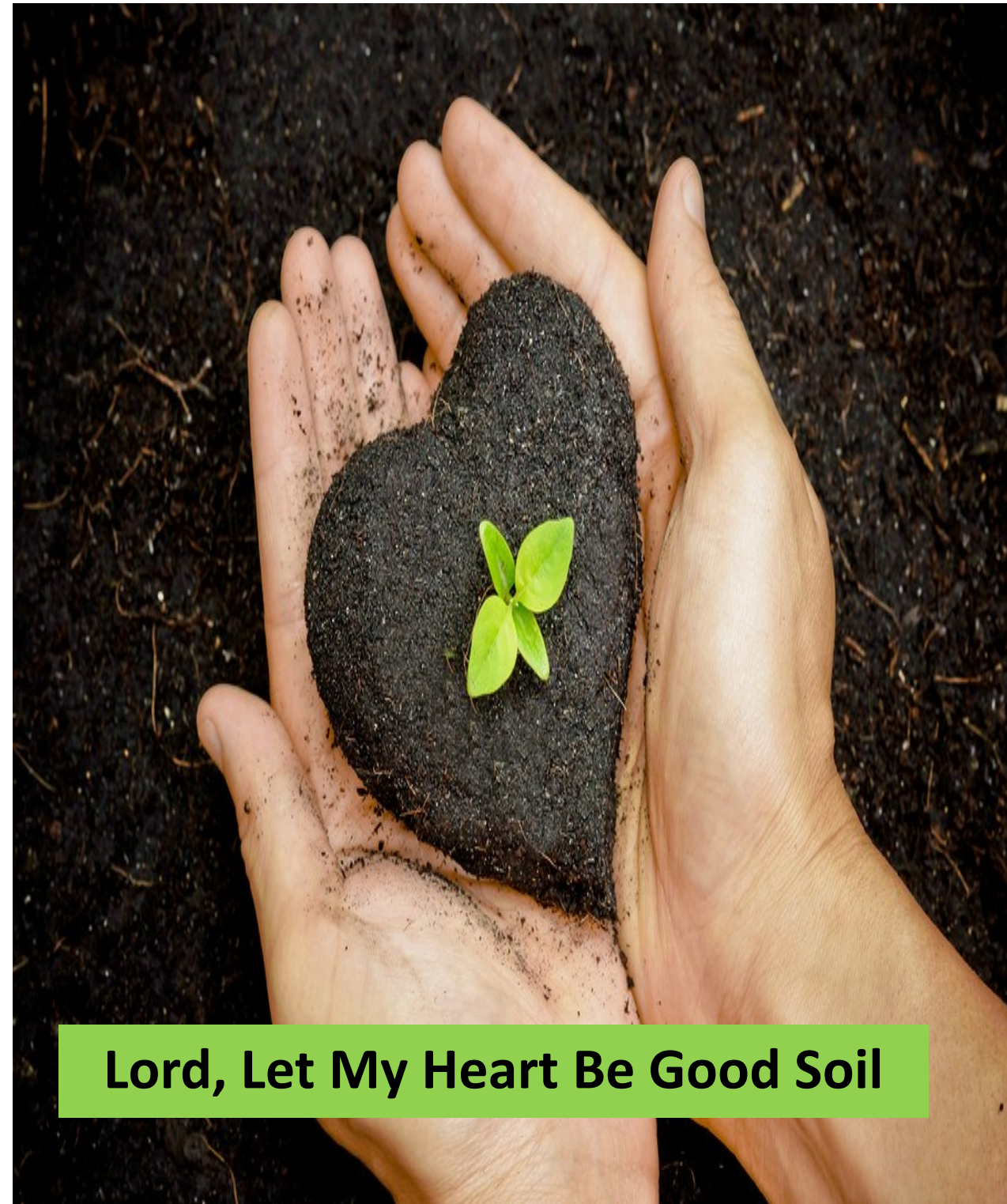
Communion

We welcome you to First Presbyterian Church.

Our office hours are Monday—Thursday 8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

We can be found on the web at www.fpcdanville.com or on Facebook.

Please call us at 434-792-7822



Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

First Presbyterian Church

July 4, 2021

As the chimes ring in the worship hour, we invite you to enter a time of personal reflection and congregational worship.

Pre-Service Music

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude Meditation on “*Materna*” by Kirkland

*Call to Worship

We come, bringing our souls to God.

God delights in us, just as God has found wonder in every generation.

We come, bringing our hands to Jesus.

Jesus challenges us to see each person as the neighbor we are to serve.

We come, bringing our hearts to the Spirit.

The Spirit teaches all we need to know so that we may be faithful in our lives.

***Hymn** “*Blessed Jesus, At Your Word*” **GTG#395**

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Holy God, called to walk with the vulnerable, we run to catch up with the powerful. Asked to pray constantly for others, we are too busy bragging about ourselves. Challenged to notice and to care for those tossed aside by the world, we rush by with our to-do list in our hands.

Have mercy on us, God who loves us completely. May we be the grace that a lonely person needs this week; may we be the hope the forgotten are looking for; may we be the peace that the broken long for in every moment, even as Jesus, our Lord and Savior, has been our peace, our hope, our grace, and so much more in our lives. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Today, in this moment, the word is very near to us. The word of forgiveness, the word of hope, the word of our God for all of us.

God's heart is open to us, pouring mercy, wonder, and peace into our lives. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ

***Hymn** “*God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*” **GTG#24**

A Time for Young Disciples

Joyce Perez

Offering Prayer

We could hold onto our abundance, Generous God, or we could offer them who have been pushed aside, those who need food and shelter, those who long for healing. May the gifts we offer in these moments, in the name of Jesus, be used for our neighbors. Amen.

Offering Anthem “*There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy*” *arr. Schweizer*
(with handbells and drum)

*Doxology

Prayers of the People (debts/debtors)

Scripture 2 Thessalonians. 3:12 and Luke 10:25-37

Prayer of Illumination “Good Soil”

Sermon “50/50: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”

Communion of God’s People **See Insert**

We offer an open communion. All those seeking to know Christ are welcome to participate. If new to the faith, we encourage you to ask questions and to consider baptism and membership in the congregation.

***Hymn** “*The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*” **GTG#747**

Communion Liturgy

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God who loves completely be with you.

May the God of steadfast love be with you.

Open your hearts to the One who does not pass us by.

Our hearts will be filled with God's grace.

Let us lift our voices in glad songs to God.

Joyfully, lovingly, we offer our praise to our God.

(Pastor Continues)

With those who are faithful mentors,
with those who long for healing,
we bring our songs of joy to you:

Gloria Patri

(Pastor Continues)

As we remember the stories Jesus told,
as we seek to see ourselves in these tales,
we speak of that mystery we call faith:

Jesus died, trusting in God completely;

Jesus was raised, to offer God's love to all;

Jesus will come, to carry us into God's heart.

Liturgy written by Thom Shuman

Words of Institution

Partaking of the Communion Elements