

### Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Joe Northen	Interim Choir Director
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Guest Pianist
Sam Meadema	Sound
Joyce Perez	Time for Young Disciples
David Parris	Security, Side door & Offering
David Clark	Greeter
Kathy Dolianitis and Lorraine Willeford	Sunday School

### Announcements

**CE Committee** will meet Monday Sept. 27th at 4:30 pm

**Finance Committee** will meet Monday Sept. 27th at 5:30 pm

**Membership Committee** will meet Wednesday Sept. 29th at 5:30pm

**CROP Walk** is October 3rd. If you want to donate, make your check to FPC and place in offering plate or drop off at the office, put CROP Walk in memo line. If you want to walk, let the office or Jackie Rochford know or sign up on sheet in the hall at the Sutherlin entrance.

*The flowers placed in the sanctuary today  
are given in loving memory of her parents,  
Harry (Shine) and Iris Ireson  
by Ava Barrett.*

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](http://www.fpcdanville.com) or on Facebook.

Please call us at 434-792-7822

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

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Minute for Missions**

**Invocation**

Lord, into your most holy presence we now come. Calm our anxious spirits. Remove the distractions that would keep us from you here today. Break down the walls of separation that we have built to keep you from our hardened hearts. Lead us in joy and celebration of the only reality worth knowing, that you love us as we are. Free us for joyful obedience to your claim and call on our lives this day and every day. Amen.

**Prelude**                    *"Nearer my God to Thee...I Want to Know You"*  
Lowell Mason and Andy Park, arr. Tornquist

**Call to Worship**

We trust in God,  
**and so we hope in God.**  
We hope in our God,  
**and so we offer our hearts,**  
**so our God may fill them with grace.**  
Every time, we trust, we hope, we come to God,  
**God is waiting for us . . . every time.**

**\*Hymn**                    *"God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!"*                    **GTG#365**

**Call to Confession**

Leader: We want to serve God, but sometimes our will is weak, and sometimes our hearts are not big enough. Hear now our prayer of confession:

**Unison Prayer of Confession:**

Holy One, the Apostle Paul encouraged the Galatians not to grow weary, but to use every opportunity to work for the good of all. And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out. **Forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make and heal us of our exhaustion. Forgive us and heal us, O God as we pray our silent prayers of confession.**

*Silent Prayer*

**Assurance of Pardon**

There is no pain that God cannot heal.  
There is no wrong that God cannot forgive.  
Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness.  
Come and be restored. Let God make you whole.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ—**  
*Please stand, pass the peace with cupped hands and remain standing for the hymn.*

**\*Praise and Worship**            *"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*                    **GTG#353**

**Offering Prayer/Collection**

**Choral Anthem**            *"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"*                    arr. Thomas Jackson Weller, drum

**\*Doxology**

**A Time for Young Disciples**                    Joyce Perez  
(Children exit for Sunday School-for grades K-5)

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**                    (Debts/Debtors)

**Scripture:**                    Luke 12:35-48

**Sermon**                    "The Parables of Jesus: "Children, Don't Grow Weary"

**\*Hymn**                    *"Fight the Good Fight"*                    **GTG#846**  
(Children return from Sunday School)

**Postlude**                    *"Lord, You Have My Heart with Higher Ground"*  
Martin Smith and Charles H Gabriel, arr. Tornquist

**Benediction**

## God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!

God reigns! Let earth rejoice!  
Let oceans shout God's might!  
Borne up by truth and righteousness,  
God's throne is our delight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns!  
Let earth rejoice!

God's fire ignites the clouds  
with judgment swift and just;  
the evil find their deeds in vain;  
God's foes are brought to dust.

Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns!  
Let earth rejoice!

False idols rise to claim  
the weakness of our pride,  
but cannot touch the faithful ones,  
for God stands at our side.

Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns!  
Let earth rejoice!

The radiance of God's light  
beams joy into our days;  
now filled with God's own peace and love,  
our hearts resound with praise.

Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns!  
Let earth rejoice!

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## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.  
Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
Refrain

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
In Him, my righteousness, alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.  
Refrain

## Fight the Good Fight

Fight the good fight with all thy might; Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right:  
lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace, lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's  
face;  
life with its way before us lies, Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside; lean on thy Guide God's boundless mercy will provide;  
trust and thy trusting soul shall prove, Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, God's arms are near; God changeth not, and thou art dear;  
only believe, and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee.