

Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Kathy & Joe Northen	Interim Choir Director & Organist
David Parris	Sound
Kathy Dolianitis	Time for Young Disciples
Liturgist	Bernadine Hayes
Kim Meadows	Security, Side Door & Offering
Susan Mathena, Bernadine Hayes	Communion
David Clark	Greeter

Praying the parable of the sower

Read the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:1-9.

Prayer of the Week:

Jesus the sower
whatever I am today, whatever the mix
of path, rock, thorns or soil
help me to become good ground
for you, for your word and for your presence.

Announcements

Church Office will be closed for Labor Day Monday Sept. 6th.

Property Committee meets Tuesday Sept. 7th at 7:00 p.m.

Session meets Tuesday Sept. 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Women Day Circle will meet at the church Sept. 13th at 12:30.

The Evening Circle will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Bernadine Hayes.

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.

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September 5, 2021

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

Invocation

Jesus, you sow yourself as The Word of Truth, generously and The Word of Life, graciously. Defend us from the Evil One who seeks to snatch us away. Fortify us for hard times and costly discipleship that we may endure. Deliver us from distraction from worldly desires and all that would lure us and choke us with false promises. Till us. Turn us. Enrich us with every blessing of your Spirit that we may be good, good soil—forever faithful and fruitful for you.

Prelude *"In This Moment of Remembrance"* by Wood
(Luke 22:19)

Call to Worship

L: God has abundantly cast God's seeds of love and hope upon us.

P: May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of hope and peace.

L: Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.

P: Let us sing songs of joy to God.

L: Hallelujah!

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***Hymn** *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"* GTG#610

(The children should come forward on the last verse of the hymn)

A Time for Young Disciples Kathy Dolianitis

(Children exit for Sunday School for grades K-5)

Offering Prayer/Collection

Choral Anthem *"A Sower Came from Ancient Hills"* by Horman

***Doxology**

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

Scripture—A reader's circle

Sermon "The Parables of Jesus: A Foolish Planter"

***Hymn** *"Seek Ye First"* GTG#175
(Children return from Sunday School)

Communion of the People See Insert

Sending

Benediction

God has placed the seed of love and forgiveness in your heart.

Go into God's world with joy, telling of the good news of God's abundant, lavish love for all creation.

Go to be a witness to all the miraculous possibilities for hope and peace. AMEN.

Postlude *"Hymn of Promise"* arr. Carter

*The flowers today are given in loving memory of
Pat Bolt on her birthday,
by Lisa Bolt and Chuck Bolt.*

Prayer of Confession:

ONE:

As we gather on your good earth,
before the bounty of your Word and Table,
and the majesty of your holy presence,
We remember and repent

**Lord Jesus Christ, we remember with gratitude those people
who generously sowed the seeds of faith in our lives.**

Pause for a time of reflection

**Above all, we recognize how you have blessed our lives with the gift of the
Holy Spirit so that our faith has miraculously and mysteriously grown.**

**We confess the times we fail to involve ourselves in planting any seeds of
faith in the lives of others; the times when our personal agendas become
more important than yours; the times when we have denied others the oppor-
tunity to expand their faith through our lack of interest or involvement;
the times when our lives become so entangled with the values of the world
that we forget what you have said and done and promised.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we know that when we become disconnected from you,
our lives becomes parched and unfruitful and our faith becomes stunted and
dry. Bless and renew our lives, we pray, so that we remain connected to you
at all times and in all places, strengthening our faith to expand and, growing
strongly and vigorously,
to bear the fruit of your mercy, your love, your undying life.**

Amen.

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on *Liturgies Online*.
<http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>

ONE: Psalm 103:8-14 CEB

Hear the good news-

The LORD is compassionate and merciful, very patient, and full of faithful love.
God won't always play the judge; he won't be angry forever. He doesn't deal with us
according to our sin or repay us according to our wrongdoing, because as high as
heaven is above the earth, that's how large God's faithful love is for those who hon-
or him. As far as east is from west— that's how far God has removed our sin from
us. Like a parent feels compassion for their children— that's how the LORD feels
compassion for those who honor him. Because God knows how we're made, God
remembers we're just dust.

ALL:

**We remember and rejoice.
Glory to God! Amen!**

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

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Go forth as God's people.

We will sow seeds of love and joy in the world.

Go forth as Christ's true friends.

We will sow seeds of justice and hope in oppression-strewn paths.

Go forth as the Spirit's love.

We will sow seeds of peace and reconciliation in every corner of creation.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

The name of Jesus that charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
The mournful waken to rejoice the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find.

Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

You shall not live by bread alone,

But by every word That proceeds out from the mouth of God.

Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!