



# First Presbyterian Church

October 17, 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**

**Stewardship Moment**

**Invocation**

Heavenly Father, we gather this morning with those who love You, that we might sing Your praises and share Your love with one another. You have shown Your faithfulness to us everyday in ways that we do not always recognize, so we gather today in order to thank You for Your constant watch-care over us. Help us to entrust our lives to You and Your purposes as we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray in the power of Your Spirit, **“Our Father. . .”**

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**Prelude** *“In Faith I Quiet Wait”* J.S. Bach

**Call to Worship**

Come and worship,  
all you who love and serve our God —  
who surrounds us with unfailing love,  
and answers us when we call;  
who cares for the humble and lowly,  
and never abandons those in need.  
**This is our God,  
worthy of our worship and praise!**

**\*Hymn** *“You Walk Along Our Shoreline”* **GTG#170**

**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:

**Prayer of Confession:**

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

**Through your Spirit we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.**

Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose.

**Through your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.**

Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.

**Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit.**

~ from *Prayers and Readings for Worship*, Volume 2, Peter Judd, ed. (Herald Publishing House, 1996, ISBN 9780830907199), 22. Posted on the **Community of Christ** website. <http://www.cofchrist.org/worship12-13/13-05-12.asp>

*Silent Prayer*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Lord you are the path of life, fullness of joy and pleasure forevermore, so we can be confident of the truth:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*Passing the Peace of Christ—**

*Please stand, pass the peace with cupped hands and remain standing for the hymn.*

**\*Praise and Worship** *“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”* **GTG#716**  
*(Children Come Forward During Last Stanza)*

**A Time for Young Disciples** Ray Hayes

**Offering Prayer/Collection**

Loving God, we present now what we have brought to you. Things that are both visible and invisible. The coins and paper represent our work, and express in a clear and visible way our love and thanks. But we also bring as an offering the fragile dreams and hopes that we have. These invisible gifts are what sustain our lives. Receive all that we have brought in love, O God. Amen

**The session of First Presbyterian Church – Danville has called a Special Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, Oct. 24.**

The action items are limited to the following:

- 1.Election of a 2021 Nominating Committee. A slate has been presented that includes Joyce Perez, session member and chair, Pastor Beth, ex officio, Brenna Takata, clerk, and the following four at large members: Leigh Blount, Gene Hayes, Barbara Wilkins, and Dickie Green.
- 2.To approve the following resolution:

**First Presbyterian Church of Danville, Inc.**

**Resolution for Congregational Meeting**

WHEREAS: The By-Laws of the First Presbyterian Church of Danville, Inc. provide for the election of three trustees, and

WHEREAS: From the period July 10, 2021 until August 10, 2021, a need arose for Thomas E. Gillespie to be elected as a trustee, and

WHEREAS: Three trustees had already been elected by the congregation, it is therefore:

RESOLVED: That Thomas E. Gillespie be elected as a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of Danville, Inc. for the period July 10, 2021 until August 10, 2021 and that the congregation accepts the temporary resignation of Raymond Beale, Jr. for this specified period. It is further:

RESOLVED: That the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Danville, Inc. affirms the election of Raymond Beale, Jr. and reinstates him as a trustee from August 11, 2021 until the expiration of his term on December 31, 2023.

**Announcements:**

**Admin** meeting Sunday October 17th at 9 am

**CE Committee** will meet Monday October 25th at 4:40 pm

**Congregational Meeting** Sunday October 24th immediately following worship.

The **Membership Committee** is happy to announce our upcoming annual Low Country Boil. It will be held at the church on Sunday Oct 24th at 4:00pm. We'll have our typical fare of the Low Country Boil (shrimp, potatoes and sausage), cornbread muffins, slaw and desert. We'll position the tables so we can achieve social distancing and keep everyone safe. If you would like to attend, please let the office know as soon as possible. The cost will be \$8 per person, as it was in 2019. The 24th is just around the corner!

**Missions Announcement:**

Rev. Paul Sydnor, our sponsored missionary in France, will be here to speak November 21. He works with refugees from many parts of the Mediterranean world in need of everything, food, clothing, medical aid, and compassion from the Christian community. Mark the calendar for his visit with us.