

First Presbyterian Church

October 31, 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

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 *"Our Savior, Our Shepherd: A Meditation"* arr. Sikes

Call to Worship

Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and save the lost!
Let us worship the God who came to seek and save each of us!
Let us welcome God into our homes and our hearts.
Let us give of ourselves in this worship time that we may know God.
Let us joyfully and with gratitude worship God!

~ posted on *Waiting for Water*:

***Hymn** *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* **GTG#275**

Call to Confession

Acknowledging that in our sin we have neglected and rejected gifts that have been provided by God, let us confess our sins together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

(inspired by Luke 19: 1-10)

O God, sometimes we cannot see you.
We search for you and have to strain to hear your voice.
And yet you come to us where we are, in our sinful lives.
You forgive us and change our hearts
through the grace of your son, Jesus and his liberating love.
Forgive us again, as we thank you for your presence in our lives.
~ posted on *Waiting for Water: Liturgy for The Easter Journey 2013*

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** *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"* **GTG#761**
(Children Come Forward During Last Stanza)

A Time for Young Disciples

Kent Shelton

Offering Prayer/Collection (inspired by Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 and Luke 19: 1-10)

Like Habakkuk, the prophet of old,
we search for the ways of God in the world.
We bring these offerings as symbols of our commitment
to continue the search for peace with justice
in our local and global communities.
We offer these gifts because we know that change is possible.
Like Zacchaeus, we know that God's love can work through us
transforming and enabling us to live in God's way.
We offer these gifts for the transformation of ourselves
and our world for the good of all. Amen.

~ written by Jennifer Watts. Posted in *United for Peace*, on the **United Church of Canada** website.

Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Kathy And Joe Northen	Interim Choir Director & Organist
David Clark	Sound
Kent Shelton	Time for Young Disciples
Ray Beale	Liturgist
Barry Cutright	Security, Side door & Offering
C. B. Strange	Greeter
Kathy Dolianitis & Lorraine Willeford	Sunday School

Announcements

Day Circle meets Monday November 1st at 12:30 pm at the church in Westminster room.

Evening Circle meets Monday Nov. 1st at 7 pm at the church in Dunglinson-Roberts.

Property Committee meets Tuesday Nov. 2nd at 7 pm.

Session meets Tuesday Nov. 9th at 7 pm.

Missions Announcement:

Rev. Paul Sydnor, our sponsored missionary in France, will be here to speak November 21. Mark the calendar for his visit with us.

*Today, the flowers are given in precious memory of
my mother and father, sister, Bobbie,
and in dear honor of my brother, Bill, and son Matthew
by Kathy Dolianitis.*

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