

Sending Prayer

Postlude

“Fantasia”

J. Pachelbel

Benediction

Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart
Ashley Stanley-Robey
Patricia Howell
Sam Meadema
Jackson Weller
Virginia Jones
Ray Beale
Mike Reynolds
Joyce Perez & David Clark
Rebecca & Chris Moore

Minister of Word and Sacrament
Interim Music Director
Interim Organist
Sound
Time for Young Disciples
Liturgist
Security, Side door & offering
Greeter
Communion
Sunday School

Announcements

Worship Committee Sunday Nov. 7th at 9 am.

Session meets Tuesday Nov. 9th at 7 pm.

Missions Announcement:

The combined Sunday school classes will meet together in Overby Hall on November 21st at 10:00 a.m. for a presentation by our long time Mission Co-Worker, Rev. Paul Sydnor. Paul works through the International Association for Refugees and is based in Lille, France. He will fill the pulpit on this same date.

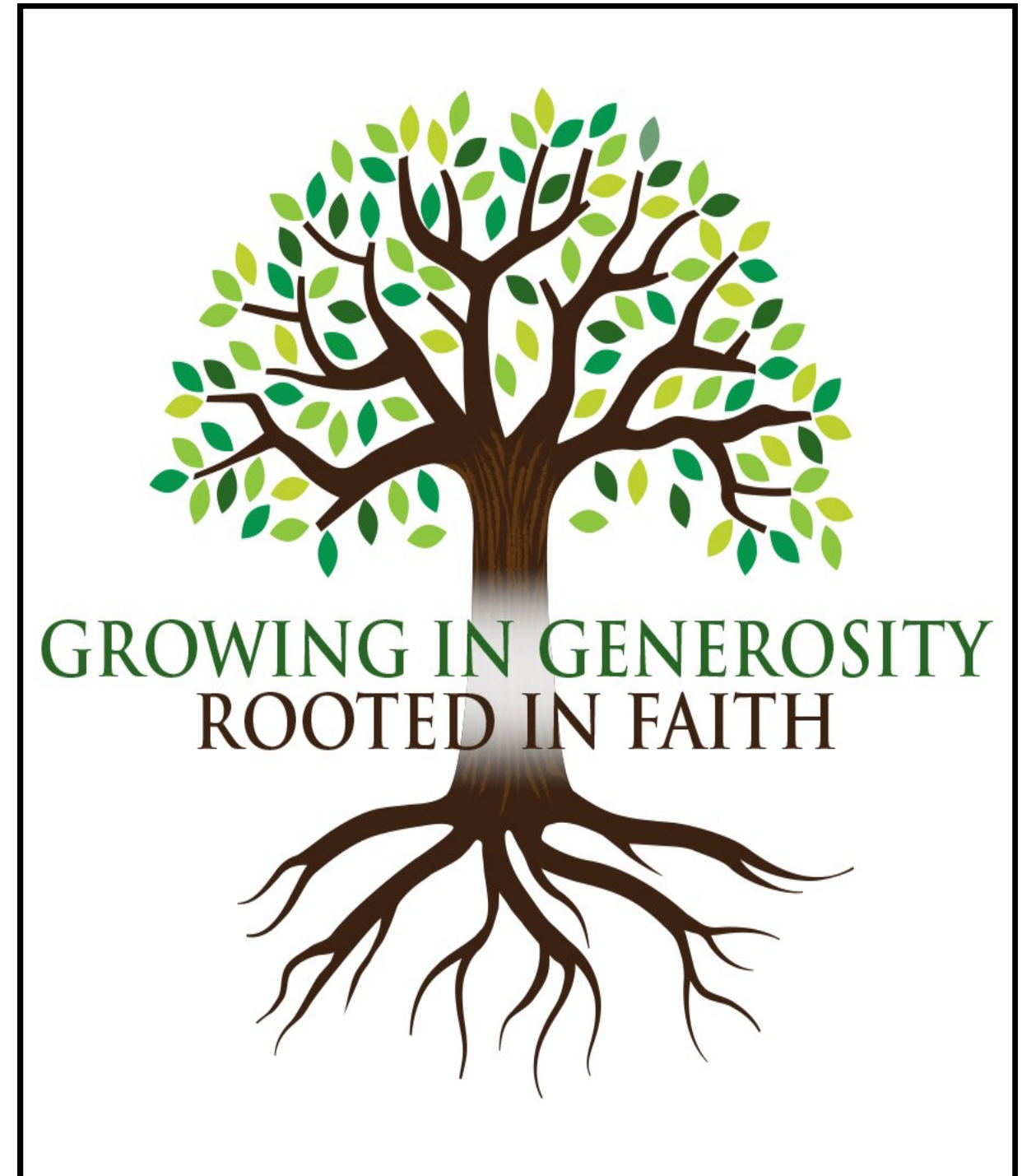
*The flowers are given in loving memory of Tom Barrett
by Ava Barrett.*

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 or on Facebook.

Please call us at 434-792-7822



First Presbyterian Church

November 7, 2021

Pathways to Generosity Sunday

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart

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

O Redeemer God, as we gather in worship we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to fall afresh on us. We pray for your Spirit to awaken new hope in us. Grant us the vision to see the coming of your kingdom. Help us to celebrate the glimpses of grace that you have given to each of us. Knit our hearts together in worship and communion so that we know we do not struggle alone in working for your peace and justice. We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Rev. Emily McGinley and Richard Pak

Prelude *"O God of Earth and Altar"* J. Mansfield

Greeting

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

Prayers of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people, a people set apart for your divine purpose. We live more in apathy born of fatalism than in passion born of hope. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. We try to speak in your name without relinquishing our glories, without nourishing our souls, without relying wholly on your grace. Help us to make room in our hearts and lives for you.

Silent Prayers of Confession

By your Holy Spirit, forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in your image Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body, with God. To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation. So, live as people reconciled.

***Hymn** *"Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayer"* **GTG#407**

A Time for Young Disciples Jackson Weller

Scripture II Sam 24:18-24 and Mark 12:41-44

Sermon "The Fire of Commitment"

***Hymn** *"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"* **GTG#223**

Stewardship Litany Insert/Screen

Offering Prayer/Collection of Estimate of Giving Cards

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our work in the world, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The commitments which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are dedicated in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place. May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. Amen.

Music Reflection *"I'd Rather Have Jesus"* Mack Williams

***Doxology**

Communion of the People See Insert

Stewardship Creed

We as stewards affirm the goodness of life. We rejoice in accepting the abundance with which God has endowed the earth. We commit ourselves to participate in God's redemptive intention for the world: that all people should be able to live in peace and to enjoy the days of their lives free from hunger, disease, hopelessness, and oppression.

As stewards, we commit ourselves to love and justice among persons and nations in the equitable distribution of income and wealth. We affirm the ownership of property as a trust from God. We acknowledge the responsibility to share the abundance of creation. We regard the conditions created by poverty to be demeaning to the human spirit.

As stewards, we insist on the efficient management of human and natural resources in the production of the goods and services needed by the human community. We insist on conserving resources in order to sustain permanently the fruitfulness of the earth.

As stewards, we are committed to give generously of our time, money and service through the church to the world. We affirm the tradition of tithing as a disciplined practice of giving.

We believe that Christian stewardship is a joyful response to God's gifts: it is a spiritual understanding of the practical and economic aspects of all of life. Our stewardship affirms the redemptive power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and our confidence in God's final victory in the world.

Communion Liturgy

May the God of generosity be with you!

And also with you!

People of God, open your hearts to the One who has blessed you beyond imagination.

We open our very being to the God who always surprises us with blessings.

Children of the abundant God, join your voices in glad songs of praise.

Hearts and voices resound with the glory of God.

So, with those who have received your blessings in every age and place, with those who seek to be stewards here and now, we join our voices in praise to you:

Holy, holy, holy, God of extravagant love.

All creation is filled to overflowing with your gifts.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes bearing your blessings to us.

Hosanna in the highest!

As we remember the Gift we will celebrate once again, as we celebrate the wonder of redemption which is ours, we would cling to that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, the blessing which destroyed sin;

Christ arose, the gift which conquered death;

Christ will come again, the treasure of your kingdom held in his arms to give to us.