

Serving Today

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Interim Music Director
Patricia Howell	Interim Organist
Sam Meadema	Sound
Becky Meadema	Liturgist
Ray Hayes	Time for Young Disciples
David Clark	Security, side door & offering
David Parris	Greeter
Karan Johnson & Ava Barrett	Sunday School

Announcements

CE Committee will meet January 24th at 4:30 pm

Membership Committee will meet January 26th at 5:30 pm

From Membership: Are you one of the many who have admired the angel artwork of Ina Dodson and Gail Davis which has graced the sanctuary this Christmas season? If so, you now have the opportunity to paint your own! Jan 30, 2:00 pm until done, supplies, support and guidance will be in the Fellowship Hall. With social distancing and pre-planning necessary, space is limited to 14. Cost is \$12 for an 8x10, \$15 for an 11x14. Please reserve your spot by contacting the church office. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, 26. Bring your own refreshments.

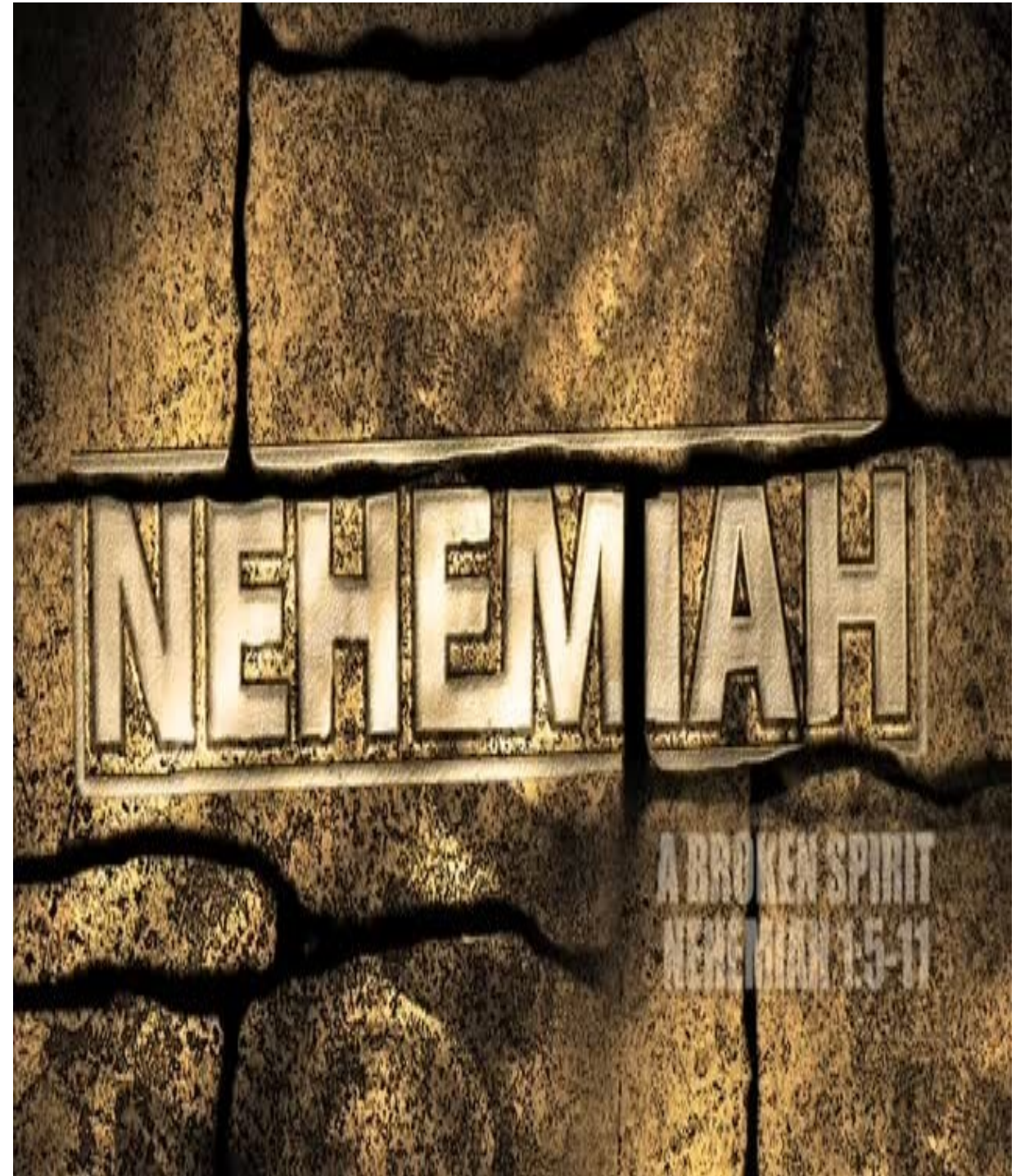
PRE-PAYMENT is required by deadline. Susan Mathena is leading this group, but adds disclaimer that she is not an art instructor!

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

January 23, 2022

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

Prelude *"Meditation on St. George's Windsor"* June Nixon

Call to Worship

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart, enlightening the eyes.

The ordinances of the Lord are to be more desired than gold.

They are sweeter than honey, the drippings of the honeycomb. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of all of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

*Hymn *"God of Grace and God of Courage"* **GTG#307**

Call to Reconciliation

Our lives, our words, our foolishness show how hard it is for us to be confident to rest in God's ways and hopes for us, and not become so scared when the winds begin to blow. Let us confess our lack of faith to the One who knows this is the right time to receive forgiveness and hope. Join me, as we pray together, saying, together:

We are at our wits' end, O God, as we try to live each day. We could confront the angry voices around us with peace and grace, but our courage melts away. We could see you at work in those who care for the vulnerable, but we let our fears of those who we don't understand wash our faith away. We see your grace drawing close to us and cry out, 'no further!'

Because of such lives, it is tempting to blame you, Holy One, and think you are asleep at your post. But you are the God who tells the storms of temptation to 'shush!' You are the God whose love is not just now and then, but offered to us in every moment. You are the God who, in Jesus Christ, comes to us in order to comfort us, to encourage us, and to cradle us in your peace.

Assurance of Pardon

While we may believe God does not always have the time for us, there is not a moment that God is not listening, not forgiving, and not restoring us to grace-filled lives.

This is indeed the acceptable time, to recognize, to accept, and to live out the reality that we are redeemed by our God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Passing the Peace of Christ—

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

*Response *"Gloria Patri"* **GTG#581**

A Time for Young Disciples Ray Hayes

Offering Prayer/Collection

Use the gifts which we offer to you, Holy God, to restore joy to the despairing, to give food to the hungry, and willing spirits to us, that we might be servants to all your people. Amen.

Anthem *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

*Doxology

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (debt/debtor)

Scripture: Nehemiah 2:1-3

Sermon "Nehemiah: Courageous Faith"

Hymn *"Restore in Us, O God"* **GTG#434**

Postlude *"Sinfonietta"* G.F. Handel

Benediction