

First Presbyterian Church

February 27, 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

Words of Welcome

Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" G.F. Kaufman

Invocation (Unison)

Eternal God, whose signature we see, if we dare to look, in the creation of the universe, help us this hour to look and to listen for Your handwriting and Your voice in this place, among these people. Connect our contemporary praise to Your timeless rhythms, Your ageless melodies, Your everlasting joyful noise.

Guide us now to focus upon You, knowing that in You, our distractions become new possibilities for action. Breathe life into our singing, our praying, our speaking, our listening, our touching, that all these activities might become more than they are. In our worship we reach out to You, O God, knowing that You have already enfolded us in Your arms. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.

~ posted on My Redeemer Lives website. <http://www.myredeemerlives.com/prayers.html>

Call to Worship

(based on Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God

May our worship reflect God's glory.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

**We commune with Christians around the world,
with Christians throughout time.**

With Christians across geography and across time,

Let us worship!

—from *Jesus Sets the Table*, resources by the United Church of Christ, posted on their [Worship Ways](#) website.

*Hymn

"How Great Thou Art"

GTG#625

Prayer of Confession

(inspired by Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10)

**We confess to you, Gracious God,
that too often we look on your law as a burden, not a gift;
an inconvenience, not a blessing.
Rather than seeing your love revealed,
we feel our own guilt magnified.
Instead of rejoicing in your good news,
we focus on our own shortcomings.
Turn us around, Redeemer,
and do not let our fears have dominion over us.
Enlighten us, so that our words and deeds may be acceptable to you.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God is slow to anger and quick to forgive.

We are forgiven, loved, and accepted.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen

*Response

"Gloria Patri"

GTG#581

A Time for Young Disciples

Kent Shelton

Offering Prayer/Collection

Gracious and loving God, the giver of all things, we thank you that we are able to come to you in joy and celebration. We offer ourselves and all that we have to you knowing that all of what we have comes from you. Bless these offerings that they may be used to enlarge your kingdom. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem

*Doxology

Prayers of the People

Eternal God, you are the maker of us all, and we are your creation, people formed in your image, as individuals, as community; formed and fed and furnished with understanding of who you are and of who and whose we are. We worship you today in recognition of your calling, of your communicating,

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Serving Today

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

Announcements

Admin Committee will meet today at 9:00 a.m.

CE Committee will meet Monday February 28th at 4:30 p.m. in Westminster.

Property Committee will meet Tuesday March 1st at 7 p.m.

Our first Lenten meal will be Wednesday March 2nd at 6:00 p.m., please use the bulletin insert to sign up. Team 1 will be in charge.

Session will meet Tuesday March 8th at 7 p.m.

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given in honor of
Judy Small, my loving sister,
by Jackie Rochford.*

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