

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Interim Organist
TBD	Sound
Becky Meadema	Liturgist
Kim Meadows	Security, side door and offering
David Clark	Greeter
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Bernadine Hayes and Barbara Wilkins	Communion

First Presbyterian Church

September 4, 2022

11 a.m.



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Office Hours: Tuesday—Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshippers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Crop Walk

Invocation

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Benedict of Nursia, Attributed.

Prelude "All Glory be to God on High" A.W.Leupold

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 104:1-5)

Praise God, O my soul!

We stand in awe at Your greatness, O God.

You are indeed great,
robed in honour and majesty.

For covering, you choose light—

Your clothes, sunset and moonrise.

For a tent, You stretch out the heavens;
for Your roof, You pitch the sky.

**You make Your messengers like the winds;
the breeze whispers Your words.**

You placed the earth on its foundations—
it will never be shaken.

How great are Your works, O God!

We stand in awe at all that You have done.

*Hymn

"O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday—Labor Day

Tuesday—Handbell Choir 5 p.m., Property Committee 7 p.m.

Wednesday—No Youth Activities

Thursday—Choir Rehearsal 5 p.m.

Second Sunday is September 11, 2022. Please join us at Frank's Italian Restaurant for a time of food and fellowship after worship. The address is 1959 Memorial Drive.

Presbyterian Women will resume on September 12. If you have changed your address, phone number or email please call the church office 792-7888, option 1, or email changes to admin @fpcdanville.com so your information will be correct in the hand book. This is a perfect time to join circle.

Anthem

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

African-American Spiritual | Arr. George Lynn

I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim's journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me.

When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me.

When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

*The flowers that enhance our worship are given
in loving memory of Pat Bolt on her birthday,
by Lisa Bolt and Chuck and Bolt.*

COMMUNION LITURGY

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. *The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised.*

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Pastor Continues)

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(Pastor Continues)

The People Are Served

Please come forward by the center aisle and with cupped hands receive the bread from the first server and the partake of the cup from the second server. As you return to your seat by the side aisle, there is a receptacle for your used cup.

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Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Dear Lord, You are gracious, long-suffering and compassionate. You are the Rock. Your work is perfect, for all Your ways are just. You are a God of truth and without iniquity. How just and upright are You! Your love is wonderful.

Lord I lift up my eyes to you. Give me understanding of the times and seasons of my life.

Bless me with the wisdom to know what I ought to do in each season. For unto You belong wisdom and counsel, as it is written that the Holy Spirit is a Spirit of wisdom and counsel.

Lord, I pray that You help me to stay aligned with You. Help me to feed my spirit with Your Word continually until Christ is formed in me. Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

The Peace of Christ:

The Lord Be With You

And also with you.

Leader: Let us, the children of God, greet each other with signs of peace, peace of Christ to you!

Response

“Gloria Patri”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen.

Time for Young Disciples

(Children through 4th Grade should leave for Sunday School. Their teachers will wait for them at the side door at the left of the sanctuary)

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offering Prayer

It would be too easy to hoard all the blessings which are ours, God of this holy season. Yet, you call us to simply give a portion back to you, so that others might be fed by your hope, children might be sheltered in warm homes, and the broken might be made whole. Receive our gifts, as well as our hearts, we pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Offertory *“Where He Leads Me”* J.S. Norris, arr. C.Berry

Doxology

Prayers of the People

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem *“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”* Spiritual, arr. G. Lynn

Scripture Genesis 8:22, Ecclesiastes 3:1-18, Psalm 104

Sermon *“Bless to Me: Journeying Through the Seasons of Life”*

The Apostles’ Creed

An Affirmation of Faith may use a creed of the church, scripture, or statements of the Reformed heritage in the Book of Confession. The faith being affirmed is the faith of the whole ecumenical church—a faith that is catholic and orthodox as well as Reformed. An affirmation of faith is said in response to the Word proclaimed.

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

***Communion Hymn** *“Hear, O Our Lord, We See You”* **GTG#517**

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Elements are Served

“There Is A Fountain” Traditional arr. Cindy Berry

“Be Still, My Soul” J. Sibelius, arr. Berr

Prayer After Communion

GO IN GOD’S NAME

The Sending brings our worship full circle. We have been gathered and shaped into a community, one body in Christ. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ’s body in the world. We are sent, always to gather again around the means of grace—God’s Word and sacraments.

Benediction

May the everlasting God shield you,
east and west and wherever you go.
And the blessing of God be upon us,
The blessing of the God of life.
The blessing of Christ be upon us,
the blessing of the Christ of love.
The blessing of the Spirit be upon us,
the blessing of the Spirit of grace.
The blessing of the Trinity be upon us,
Now and forevermore. Amen.

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Recessional Music *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* arr.D.Bish

(You are free to go while the recessional music is playing)