

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Sound	Sam Meadema
Liturgist	Jackie Rochford
Greeter	David Clark
Side door/Offering/Saturday Lunch	Gail Jones

BUDGET UPDATE

	August 1 - 31	YTD
Contributions	\$16,316.38	\$235,764.22
Expenditures	\$36,523.77	\$332,358.40
Difference	(-\$20,207.39)	(-\$96,594.18)

First Presbyterian Church

September 8, 2024



2024 CROP Walk – October 6, 2024

It's CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk time again. The walk is October 6, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. In September, you will have the opportunity to donate to the CROP Walk and to join the First Presbyterian CROP Hunger Walk Team. Look for information. For those who do not know, the CROP Hunger Walk is sponsored by Church World Service. Annually, in communities throughout the United States and beyond, neighbors of all ages, faiths, and cultures walk together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Approximately 75% of the funds raised locally go to Church World Services projects designed to combat hunger in the poorest areas in the world. The other 25% stays in Danville and is given to our local food pantry, God's Storehouse.

Since the Danville Area began the CROP Walk in 2008 (with help of our own Marie Louise Crane!), the area has raised \$272,120.34 to combat hunger, including almost \$80,000 to God's Storehouse. This year, we hope to take the CROP Walk to the next level: more walkers and more funds to help combat hunger and poverty here in Danville and around the world.

Your help is needed! The 2024 walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 6, starting in Ballou Park. Walkers can walk one mile or 3 miles – or whatever distance you want. In September, information will be announced at First Presbyterian Church. You can help in the following ways:

Join the First Presbyterian Church Team – we want lots of walkers. **IMPORTANT: We want all walkers to get a CROP Walk T-Shirt. We will need to know if you are going to walk AND your T-shirt size by Sunday, September 8.** Whether you walk or not, we need your donation. You can write your check to First Presbyterian Church, indicating it is for the CROP Walk. We will collect all funds and write one check to the CROP Walk after the event. If you would rather, you can donate on-line by going to <https://crophungerwalk.org/danvilleva> - click donate and find the First Presbyterian Church Team.

The CROP Hunger Walk is an important mission activity of our church – and it can be lots of fun. Hope you can participate. If you have questions, see Jackie Rochford.

HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

GTG#839

CALL TO CONFESSION

God knows us completely. God knows our hearts and discerns our thoughts. Let us then confess what we carry within us that does not honor God or God's path of righteousness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Help us amend our ways. Help us embrace the inclusive love you graciously offer us and expect us to offer others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Book of Common Worship)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal peace.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God's blessings and remain standing for the “Gloria Patri”.

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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

James 2:8 states, "If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well." Let us do well in sharing and giving of our resources, gifts, and time within and beyond this faith community for the glory and love of God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sovereign God, receive our offerings for the nurture and expansion of your kingdom. May they be magnified and the spirit of generosity among your people amplified so that all may do well. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

C. Callahan

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

"Draw Me Nearer, Blessed Lord"

F. Crosby/D. Mengel

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; and the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water.

SERMON

"God Comes With Healing"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

HYMN

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE

"Plenty Good Room" African-American Spiritual, arr. Lloyd Larson

BENEDICTION

Go into the world as agents of healing

Appreciating the wonder of creation

In all forms, expressions, and ways

Boldly embracing the fullness of humanity

Welcoming the stranger