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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023 • 11:00 a.m.

The Presbyterian Church of Danville
Danville, Kentucky

◆ Please rise in body or spirit.
Join in reading or singing the parts of the service
printed in **bold**.
Please silence your cell phones.

GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Psalm 23 (Green Pastures)* Gordon Young

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

◆ Opening Sentences

Scripture is full of questions...

Where are you?

Am I my brother's keeper?

Whom shall I send?

Who do you say that I am?

Who sinned?

How many times shall I forgive?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Scripture is full of questions,

so just like those in our scriptures,

may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.

Let us ask and seek after our merciful God.

◆ Hymn No. 649 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* AMAZING GRACE

◆ Call to Confession

The **opening sentences** remind us that worship begins with God, who takes the initiative in calling us together. We respond by praising God.

Worshippers today cannot come into the presence of our holy God without realizing our own sinfulness. When we confess, we do so for ourselves and for the church as a whole.

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace. It is not an interruption of the service for social conversation but an integral part of the service where we greet one another as reconciled people.

◆ Prayer of Confession

Who here has sinned?

We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand.

We ignored people in need. We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God.

God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score.

When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives.

When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Have you sinned?

I have sinned. I put my head in the sand.

I ignore people in need. I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.

Good news! Our God is a merciful God.

God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score.

When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives.

When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

(time for silent prayer)

◆ Declaration of Forgiveness

◆ Sung Response No. 437

WAYFARING STRANGER

You are the Lord, giver of mercy! You are the Christ, giver of mercy!

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

◆ The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WORD

Time with Young Disciples

Amy Wilson

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 9:1-41

O.T. Pew Bible, p. 102

Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Virgil Thomson

*My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows; Thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.*

Sermon

Caroline Kelly

RESPONDING

◆ Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a merciful God,

a God who does not keep score,
a God who wants good for us.

We believe in a creative God,

a God who would heal with mud,
a God capable of seeing what we cannot.

We believe in a saving God,

a God who heals,
a God who greets our questions with patience,
a God who sends us out with hope in our step.

What wondrous love is this. Amen.

◆ Hymn No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

Celebrations and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the People (concluding with The Lord's Prayer)

Invitation to Offering

The **anthem** is one of the best-known choral pieces of 20th century American music, published in 1937 as part of a collection called *Hymns from the Old South* by Virgil Thomson (1896-1989), a Kansas City native, who honed his musical studies at Harvard and in France. Thomson won the Pulitzer Prize in music in 1949 for his film score to *Louisiana Story*.

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Please sign the **Friendship Pad** during the Musical Offering.

The **musical offering** is a choral adaptation of the 1948 country gospel hit by Hank Williams.

Drawn from Scripture, the **charge** gives marching orders for the people of God. It exhorts us to do certain things, with the attendant promise of God's support as we undertake to do them.

Musical Offering *I Saw The Light* Camp Kirkland

*I saw the light, I saw the light! No more in darkness, no more in night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord! I saw the light!*

*I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin. I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night. Praise the Lord! I saw the light!*

*Just like a blind man, I wandered along; worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then, like the blind man that God gave back his sight: Praise the Lord! I saw the light!*

*I was a fool to wander and stray; straight is the gate and narrow the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right. Praise the Lord! I saw the light!*

◆Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

◆Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

SENDING

◆Hymn No. 772 *Live Into Hope* TRURO

◆Charge and Blessing

Closing Voluntary *Prelude in b minor, BWV 544* J. S. Bach

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Leading worship:

Preacher..... Caroline Kelly
Liturgists..... Sean Gladding and Kathy Miles
MusiciansBryan Lohr and the Sanctuary Choir
Time with Young Disciples..... Amy Wilson

Assisting with worship:

Lead Ushers Preston Miles and Fran Halloran
Bible Bearer..... Alba Seidel
Acolyte..... Peter Russell
AV Engineers..... Jack and John Erwin

WELCOME

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to The Presbyterian Church of Danville. For information about opportunities to worship, learn, and serve with us, we encourage you to check out our website at presbydan.org and Facebook page at [presbydan](https://www.facebook.com/presbydan). If you would like to receive our weekly e-newsletter, please email church@presbydan.org. If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation, please speak to the pastor.

CHILDCARE for children through age 5 is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. Children's activity bags are located in the front and back of the Sanctuary, and we welcome children to participate in worship by processing the Bible, lighting the Christ candle, helping with the offering, and bringing communion elements forward.

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad (located at the end of the pew near the aisle) to your neighbors, both to register your attendance with us today and as a means of learning (or remembering) the names of those with whom you are worshipping.

HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT HYMNALS, AND BIBLES are available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary, and on the table in the connector. An usher will be glad to assist you.

PRAYER CARDS: The lavender-colored cards for prayer requests are in each pew rack. Please place your requests in the offering plate, and our prayer ministry team will offer prayers for your requests.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: We are a Stephen Ministry church. Stephen Ministers are trained members of the congregation who are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care needed to make it through difficult times. If you, or someone you know, needs a Stephen Minister, please contact Alice Davis, 859-583-5995, or the church office at 859-236-6692.

COVID-19 STATUS: While our county is currently in the CDC green zone, please wear a mask if you have symptoms, have been exposed to COVID, or have a positive test. Since we are singing during worship, you may also choose to wear a mask as an additional precaution for yourself or others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: Join us this Wednesday, March 22. Susan Shewmaker will provide baked spaghetti dinner at 5:15 pm. We ask that you bring a side or dessert to share and/or a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family. Please RSVP to Amy Wilson at amyw@presbydan.org if you will be dining with us. After dinner, the children will continue with the “Seeking” curriculum for Lent from A Sanctified Art. Adults will take a field trip to the Norton Center for the Arts to view the “We Were Here” exhibit. All ages are welcome!

“AT THE RIVER” MOVIE SCREENING: We are co-hosting with First Church, Lexington, a screening of the documentary, "At the River" at the Lyric Theatre (in Lexington) at **6:00 pm on Sunday, March 26th**. The film documents the efforts of white Southern pastors during the Civil Rights Era "who tried to do the right thing when the right thing was difficult and dangerous to do." Appetizers will be served before the documentary, and following the screening, there will be a conversation with the producers. The high school youth of NYC will be going together. Adults are invited to meet in the church parking lot at 4:45 pm to carpool.

EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH: The Deacons are hosting Easter Brunch on **Sunday, April 9**, and need your help. If you are able to contribute a breakfast casseroles or quiche, fresh fruit, pastries, or juice, please sign up on the sheets located on the table at the back of Fellowship Hall.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: If you'd like to provide flowers for worship, please sign up on the flower calendar in the Fellowship Hall, complete the form provided, and leave it in the church office (or the basket outside the office, if the office is closed).

THE LEGACY FUND: The Legacy Fund is an endowment fund, which has been set up to allow all members of the congregation to support The Presbyterian Church of Danville for generations to come. If you are interested in more information, contact Don Porter at dporter2@bellsouth.net or 859-324-5020.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sunday, March 19th

Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 AM Service for the Lord's Day with
Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Christian Formation for all ages
- 10:30 AM Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Service for the Lord's Day
- 5:30 PM DYC—First Christian Church

Monday, March 20th

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
- 10:00 AM AA Meeting
- 2:00 PM Monday Prayer Group
- 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry

Tuesday, March 21st

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
- 10:00 AM Worship Staff Meeting
- 6:30 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, March 22nd

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
- 10:00 AM AA Meeting
- 1:00 PM Church Staff Meeting
- 1:30 PM Grace Café Snack Prep
- 5:15 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship
- 6:00 PM “We Were Here” Exhibit
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 23rd

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
- 10:30 AM Bible Study with Jim Erwin
- 3:30 PM Danville Dulcimers
- 5:30 PM Danville Dulcimers
- 7:00 PM Worship and Music Committee

Friday, March 24th

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
- 10:00 AM AA Meeting
- 10:00 AM Online Bible Study with Sean
Gladding

Saturday, March 25th

No events scheduled

Sunday, March 26th

Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 AM Service for the Lord's Day with
Holy Communion—Melinda
Weathers Preaching
- 9:30 AM Christian Formation for all ages
- 10:30 AM Fellowship
- 11:00 AM Service for the Lord's Day—
Melinda Weathers Preaching
- 6:00 PM “At The River” - Lyric Theatre,
Lexington

SESSION

Moderator: The Rev. Caroline M. Kelly

Clerk: Alice Davis

Clerk Emeritus: Jean Harney

CLASS OF 2024

Kristen Fulfer, Carrie Gilbert, Preston Miles, and John Rodes

CLASS OF 2025

Sara Egge, Bill Garriott, Eric Smith, and Peggy Tudor

CLASS OF 2026

Martha Boyd, Tressa Brown, John Erwin, and Don Porter

DIACONATE

Moderator: Mary Trollinger

Communicator:

CLASS OF 2024

Brad Fulfer, Fran Halloran, Shan Kihlman, and Mary Trollinger

CLASS OF 2025

Rhonda Green, Kathy Howells, Lynn Peck, and Jane Preston

CLASS OF 2026

John Davis, Rebecca Miles, Frank Russell, and Gayle Waddell



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