



**THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF DANVILLE**

25th Sunday After Pentecost
November 19, 2023
10:00 a.m.



GATHERING

Opening Voluntary *Nimrod from Enigma Variations* Edward Elgar

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Introit *Chorale* Eugene Butler

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

◆ Opening Sentences

Gather us in, O God,
your people are here to worship!
Hold us in faith, O God,
we are here to serve.
Send us in hope, O God,
we are here to follow.

◆ Hymn No. 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

The ritual of **confession** and assurance of God's forgiveness is not a time of judgment; it is a time of grace. It is not a time to fear God; it is a time to experience God's unending love through Jesus. It is a time to take a load off our shoulders so that we might more freely live.

◆ Call to Confession

◆ Prayer of Confession

Lord of the Way,
you said that where you are, your servants will be.
We confess that we would prefer you to come with us,
rather than for us to go with you.
Too often you are found in places we would rather avoid,
with people we are afraid of, doing things we wish you wouldn't.
Forgive our inward vision, and call us to your side once again.
Give us courage to follow where you lead,
to bring others along on the journey,
and to live as people filled with your grace, your hope, your truth, your life.
We pray in the name of the One who was obedient even to the cross,
and beyond to the empty tomb, Jesus the Christ....

(time for silent prayer)

◆ Declaration of Forgiveness

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

◆ Sung Response No. 587 *Alleluia* CELTIC ALLELUIA

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 146* O. T., Pew Bible, p. 581

Anthem *Set Me As A Seal* René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 25:14-30* N. T., Pew Bible, p. 28

Sermon Caroline Kelly

The **prayer for illumination** is a hallmark of our Reformed tradition, in which we ask the Holy Spirit to change the ordinary words of scripture and preaching into the Living Word, which has the power to open hearts and minds and to transform our lives.

RESPONDING

◆ Hymn No. 320 *The Church of Christ in Every Age* WAREHAM

Celebrations and Prayer Requests

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

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering *Laudation* Brenda Austin

◆ Doxology No. 606 *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

To give electronically, text "PRESBYDAN" to 73256.

Please sign the Friendship Pad during the Musical Offering.

SENDING

Caroline began her ministry here on February 1, 2019. We mark the conclusion of her ministry with this service of blessing and sending.

The Rev. Philip Lotspeich is representing the Presbytery and Peggy Tudor is representing the Personnel Committee.

Service of Blessing and Sending

Let us pray.

In this congregation, **be present, Lord.**

In this community, **be present, Lord.**

In this presbytery and throughout the church, **be present, Lord.**

We pray for closure with all that has been left undone.

For work begun yet not completed, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For wounds not healed and promises not kept, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For gifts of sorrow and pain, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We give thanks to God for all the blessings of this journey together.

For friendships made, joys celebrated, times of nurture and growth, **thanks be to God.**

For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given and promises kept, **thanks be to God.**

For our fellowship in Jesus Christ, that binds us together from Danville to Tuscaloosa, **thanks be to God.**

The Sending

Do you, the members of The Presbyterian Church of Danville release Caroline from service as your pastor?

We do, with thanks to God.

Do you, Caroline, recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with this congregation?

I do, with thanks to God.

Prayer

◆ Hymn No. 643

Now Thank We All Our God

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Congregational Meeting

◆ Charge and Blessing

Closing Voluntary

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Leading worship:

PreacherCaroline Kelly
Liturgists Amy Wilson and Philip Lotspeich
Musicians Bryan Lohr and the Bell and Sanctuary Choirs

Assisting with worship:

Lead UshersCarrie Gilbert and Shan Kihlman
Acolyte August Davidson
Bible Bearer Marcus Strauch
Livestream..... John Erwin
Sound..... Beau Weston

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.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: We welcome your children in 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 at (859) 583-5995, or the church office at (859) 236-6692.

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 dwpporter2@bellsouth.net or (859) 324-5020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY: Next Sunday, we will welcome the Rev. Tim Noel as our guest preacher at both the 8:30am and 11:00am services. Tim served on the pastoral staff here during Jim Stewart's tenure. He is recently retired from the pastorate and now sings in our sanctuary choir. This is also the last Sunday we will hold two services before beginning a new Sunday morning schedule.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: We will NOT have Wednesday Night Fellowship this Wednesday, November 22. Happy Thanksgiving!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT: Join us for Christmas Craft Night on Wednesday, November 29, at 5:30pm. We will have dinner followed by a fun evening of craft-making! Please contact Amy Wilson if you would like to help at a craft table or serve dinner.

THE SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING: Please consider signing up in Fellowship Hall to ring bells for The Salvation Army. Our church has two days of one-hour slots to fill on November 29 and 30. We will be ringing outside at Kroger. Your willingness to help with this traditional Christmas service project is much appreciated in our community. If you have questions, contact Kathy Miles at (859) 516-5384.

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGINS DECEMBER 3: With the beginning of a new Christian year, we will begin a new Sunday morning schedule. Plan to join us for 9:00am Christian Formation Classes and 10:00am Worship, followed by a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by the congregation in honor of Caroline Kelly, with love and appreciation.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT MARKET: The Annual Christmas Gift Market is now available in the Fellowship Hall for alternative gift giving. Please stop in and select ministries supported by this congregation for "giving" to friends and families this year. These contributions are a significant source of revenue with which we support these charitable organizations. You can also access information and order forms in our weekly newsletter. Thanks for your support!

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 19

25th Sunday after Pentecost

- 10:00am Service for the Lord's Day
- 11:00am Called Congregational Meeting
- 11:30am Farewell Reception for Caroline and Jim
- 2:30pm DYC Hike
- 4:00pm Wonderings

Monday, November 20

- 8:00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 2:00pm Monday Prayer Group

Tuesday, November 21

- 10:00am Worship Staff Meeting

Wednesday, November 22

- 8:00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
- 10:00am AA Meeting

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving - Church Office Closed

Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

- 8:00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
- 10:00am AA Meeting

Saturday, November 25

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, November 26

Christ the King Sunday

Rev. Tim Noel Preaching

- 8:30am Service for the Lord's Day with Holy Communion
- 9:30am Christian Formation for All Ages
- 10:30am Fellowship
- 11:00am Service for the Lord's Day
- 4:00pm Wonderings
- 5:30pm DYC

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: Kathy Howells

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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