



**THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF DANVILLE**

**First Sunday of  
Advent**

December 1, 2024

10:00am



*The Song of Mary, Ben Wildflower 2019*

500 West Main Street † Danville, Kentucky 40422

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## GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

*Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"*

James Denton

Welcome and Announcements

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

Celebrations and Prayer Requests

The liturgy today  
was written by Rev.  
Teri McDowell Ott  
for the Presbyterian  
Outlook.

◆ Opening Sentences

Christ is coming!

**We see the signs!**

Christ is coming!

**We will be ready!**

Christ is coming! Raise your heads because your redemption is drawing near!

**Praise be to God!**

**We will worship and prepare.**

◆ Hymn No. 82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

◆ Lighting of the Advent Candle

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

◆ Call to Confession

◆ Prayer of Confession

Prince of Peace,  
the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence,  
our destructive and dehumanizing ways.  
We deserve your judgement and condemnation.  
Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace  
in the midst of our warring madness.  
Holy God, turn us from evil.  
Return us to Christ and his path of peace.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Amen.

(time for silent prayer)

◆ Declaration of Forgiveness

◆ Sung Response No. 583

*Glory to God*

GLORIA (Taizé)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

**Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

## WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading

Psalm 121

O. T., Pew Bible, p. 571

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46-55

N. T., Pew Bible, p. 57

Sermon

*Journey to an Advent*

Rev. Ray Mendenhall

## EUCCHARIST

◆ Hymn No. 104

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering

*Keep Your Lamps!*

arr. Andre Thomas

◆ Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **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.**

... Therefore with all creation we offer our praises:

**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.**

... Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

... all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

To give electronically,  
text "PRESBYDAN" to  
73256.

Please sign the  
Friendship Pad during  
the Musical Offering.

The Lord's Prayer (using "debts" and "debtors")

We will receive communion by intinction. Please come forward to one of two stations when you are directed by the ushers. All the bread is gluten-free so that we may eat of the same loaf.

Breaking of the Bread  
Communion of the People  
Prayer after Communion

**Gracious God, who called us from death to life,  
we give ourselves to you;  
and with the church through all ages  
we thank you for your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Please partake of the elements at the station before returning to the pews.***

### SENDING

- ◆ Hymn No. 100                                      *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*      STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN
- ◆ Charge and Benediction
- Closing Voluntary                                      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*                                      Lani Smith

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

**Leading worship:**

Preacher ..... Rev. Ray Mendenhall  
 Liturgists ..... Bill Garriott and Amy Wilson  
 Musicians ..... Susan Shewmaker and the Sanctuary Choir  
 Advent Candle Lighters ..... The Young Family

**Assisting with worship:**

Lead Ushers ..... Becky Gash and Rebecca Miles  
 Bible Bearer ..... Margaret Young  
 Livestream ..... John Erwin, Michael Wilson and Jona Voss  
 Sound ..... Beau Weston

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# WELCOME

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**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](http://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](mailto:church@presbydan.org). If you are interested in becoming a member of our congregation, please speak to Sean Gladding.

**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 a secure 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 [dwporter2@bellsouth.net](mailto:dwporter2@bellsouth.net) or (859) 324-5020.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** If you would 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 by the door if the office is closed.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT:** Join us for Christmas Craft Night this Wednesday, December 4 at 5:30pm. We'll have a taco dinner and a night of merry craft-making. If you would like to help at one of the craft tables or serve dinner, please contact Amy Wilson. Thanks!

**FINALS WEEK STUDY HALL:** On Sunday, December 15 we will provide a quiet space for Centre students to study for finals from 7:00-11:00pm. If you are willing to bake some cookies or provide snacks, please email Sean at [sean@presbydan.org](mailto:sean@presbydan.org)

**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!

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# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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## Sunday December 1

### First Sunday of Advent

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

## Monday, December 2

- 8:00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:00am Garden Club Wreathmaking
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 2:00pm Monday Prayer Group
- 6:30pm Streamland Pool Shareholders Meeting

## Tuesday, December 3

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 3:00pm Centre Tutoring Program
- 6:00pm Centre Francophone Circle Study Hall
- 7:00pm World Mission Meeting

## Wednesday, December 4

- 8:00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:00pm Worship Staff Meeting
- 1:30pm Grace Café Snack Bag Prep
- 4:00pm Caregiving Committee Meeting
- 5:30pm Christmas Craft Night
- 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, December 5

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:30am Vahlkamp Fellows Meeting
- 10:30am Bible Study with Jim Erwin
- 3:00pm Centre Tutoring Program
- 3:30pm Danville Dulcimers
- 5:30pm Danville Dulcimers
- 6:00pm Resonance and Sounding Joy Dress Rehearsal

## Friday, December 6

- 8:00am Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
- 10:00am Online Study with Sean Gladding
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 7:30pm Resonance and Sounding Joy Christmas Concert

## Saturday, December 7

- 12:30pm Frozen Jr Rehearsal

## Sunday, December 8

### Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00am Christian Formation for All Ages
- 10:00am Service for the Lord's Day
- 11:00am Fellowship
- 5:30pm DYC at First Christian Church
- 8:00pm Centre College Lessons and Carols

# SESSION

Moderator: Matt Falco

Clerk: Alice Davis

Clerk Emerita: Jean Harney

## BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Don Porter (2026), Randy Gilbert (2027)

## FACILITIES AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Bill Garriott (2025), Tressa Brown (2026)

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Martha Boyd (2026), Becky Gash (2027)

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Sara Egge (2025), Eric Smith (2025), Peggy Tudor (2025),  
Martha Boyd (2026), Scott Johnson (2027)

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

Bill Garriott (2025), John Erwin (2026), Tara Strauch (2027)

## DIACONATE

Moderators: Brad Fulfer and Shan Kihlman

Communicator: Kathy Howells

### CLASS of 2025

Rhonda Green, Kathy Howells, Lynn Peck and Jane Preston

### CLASS of 2026

John Davis, Rebecca Miles, Frank Russell and Gayle Waddell

### CLASS of 2027

Laura Eason, Brad Fulfer, Shan Kihlman and AnnYager McCrosky

