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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 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

Lenten Prelude

B. Luard Selby

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Celebrations and Prayer Concerns

◆ Opening Sentences

What is it like to begin again?

It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.

It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.

It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.

It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.

May we find God in our seeking.

May we learn as we go.

May we be brave enough to begin again.

Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

“Lent” comes from an old English word for springtime. In the Christian tradition, Lent is a season of 40 days that begins with Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Sundays in Lent are not counted among the 40 days, as every Lord’s Day is a celebration of Christ’s resurrection.

◆ Hymn No. 315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NEW DIMENSIONS

We lead the **declaration of forgiveness** from the baptismal font, since it is in baptism that we first receive the promises of forgiveness and rebirth.

The **anthem** is the centerpiece of John Stainer's Passiontide cantata, *The Crucifixion*. Stainer served as choirmaster of St. Paul's Cathedral in London from 1872 – 1888.

◆ Call to Confession

◆ Prayer of Confession

God of new life, you call us into unknown places, and we bury our heads in the sand. You promise all the stars in the sky, and we doubt it can be true. You speak of new life in the Spirit, and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance. Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you. Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes. Give us the courage to begin again with you.

(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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Genesis 12:1-4a O.T. Pew Bible, p. 10

Psalter Psalm 121 O.T. Pew Bible, p. 571

Anthem *God So Loved The World* John Stainer

*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son,
that whoso believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world, through him, might be saved.*

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

N.T. Pew Bible, p. 93

Sermon

Caroline Kelly

RESPONDING

◆ Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a God who meets us in the shadows, who welcomes our questions, who invites us to begin again. We believe that Jesus showed us a new way, a deeper faith, a more compassionate existence. We believe that all of our beginnings should return us to this foundation, and that no matter how many times we lose our way, God always welcomes us home. Amen.

◆ Hymn No. 684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

LUX PRIMA

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering

Psalm 121

Heather Lyn Sorensen

I lift my eyes unto the hills, the hills from where my help is come.

My help, it cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved, neither will he sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper, the Lord is thy shade.

The sun shall not smite thee by day; the moon shall not smite thee by night.

The Lord shall protect thee from every evil.

He shall preserve thy soul forever.

◆ 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.

EUCCHARIST

Invitation to the Lord's Table

To give electronically,
text "PRESBYDAN" to
73256.

Please sign the
Friendship Pad during
the Musical Offering.

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 for Wednesday Night Fellowship this **Wednesday, March 8**. We'll have dinner at 5:15 p.m. 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 assemble boxes for Soups On Us. All ages are welcome! Children's Formation is in need of plastic eggs and Easter candy to fill the eggs. If you would like to contribute, please drop your items in the box in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, March 26. Thank you!

BUDGET CONVERSATION III: The last Budget Conversation will be held on **Friday, March 10th**, 10:00 am to 11:30 am, in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us even if you have not RSVP'd to the church office.

MUSIC ON MAIN: Internationally acclaimed harpist Grace Cloutier will be in concert in the sanctuary today, **Sunday, March 5 at 3:00 pm**. Trained at the Juilliard School and Yale University, Ms. Cloutier made her solo debut at Carnegie Hall in 2006 and has performed with some of the world's great orchestras and ensembles. The concert is free and open to the public, with free-will donations accepted at the doors. Volunteers are still needed to help with the post-performance reception with Grace. For more information, contact Bryan Lohr at bryan@presbydan.org

SOUPS ON US: Soups On Us is this **Saturday, March 11th**, beginning at 9:00am. We are in need of volunteers to help make sandwiches and fill boxes. There are jobs for all ages! We need help this Friday at 9:00 am to prep items in the kitchen.

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).

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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

Sunday, March 5th

Second 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
3:00 PM Music on Main
5:30 PM NYC – First Trinity Church
8:00 PM Wonderings—Basement Classroom

Monday, March 6th

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

Tuesday, March 7th

8:00 AM Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
10:00 AM Worship Staff Meeting
3:00 PM Centre College After School
Program
7:00 PM World Mission Meeting

Wednesday, March 8th

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

Wednesday, March 8th, continued

5:15 PM Wednesday Night Fellowship
6:00 PM Bell Choir
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 9th

8:00 AM Morning Prayer on Facebook Live
10:30 AM Bible Study with Jim Erwin
3:00 PM Centre College After School
Program
3:30 PM Danville Dulcimers
5:30 PM Danville Dulcimers

Friday, March 10th

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

Saturday, March 11th

9:00 AM Soups On Us

Sunday, March 12th

Third 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
3:00 PM McDowell Place Worship Service
5:30 PM NYC
8:00 PM Wonderings—Basement Classroom

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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