



**THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF DANVILLE**

**First Sunday in  
Lent**

**February 22, 2026  
10:00am**



*The Mind of Christ* Frank Wesley (1923 - 2002)

# GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

*Wondrous Love*

arr. Donald Hustad

Welcome and Announcements

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

Choral Introit

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

arr. Robert Farrell  
Sanctuary Choir

*O Lord, hear me, hear my prayer.*

*When I call, you answer me,  
come and listen to me.*

**The Opening Sentences** are inspired by Psalm 32.

◆ Opening Sentences

The steadfast love of the LORD surrounds us, always – even in the wilderness!  
**So be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous,  
shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

◆ Hymn No. 226

*There In God's Garden*

THE TREE OF LIFE

Verse 1 – All

Verse 2 – Sopranos & Altos

Verse 3 – Tenors & Basses

Verse 4 – Choir

Verse 5 – All

Verse 6 – All

The liturgy for extinguishing the candle comes from the Godly Play story, *The Mystery of Easter.*

Extinguishing of the Lenten candle

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,  
every week we pray, as Jesus taught us,  
“Lead us not into temptation...”.  
But, if we’re honest, we might continue that prayer,  
“...I can find my own way there.”

For there is so much by which to be tempted,  
and so often we freely yield to that temptation.  
When confronted about our actions,  
so often we respond as the first Adam did,  
by finding something – or someone – else to blame.

Forgive us, we pray,  
and make us more like the second Adam.  
Empower us to reject the voice of temptation to deny our identity,  
and instead, like Jesus, embrace our belovedness. Amen.

(time for silent prayer)

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◆ Please rise in body or spirit.

Join in reading or singing the parts of the service printed in **bold**.

◆ Sung Response No. 471	O Lord, Hear My Prayer	HEAR MY PRAYER	Choir Sings First Time / Congregation Sings Second Time.
	O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.		
◆ The Peace	The Peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>		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.
		WORD	
Time with Young Disciples		Amy Wilson	
Prayer for Illumination			
Hebrew Bible Reading	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	O. T., Pew Bible, p. 2	
Gospel Reading	Matthew 4:1-11	N. T., Pew Bible, p. 3	
Sermon	<i>Lead us not into temptation...</i>	Sean Gladding	
	RESPONDING		
◆ Hymn No. 729	<i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>	I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN	
Celebrations and Prayer Requests			
Prayers of the People			
The Lord's Prayer			
	<b>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</b>		
Invitation to Offering			To give electronically, text "PRESBYDAN" to 73256.
Musical Offering	O Love	Elaine Hagenberg Sanctuary Choir	Please sign the Friendship Pad during the Musical Offering.
	O Love that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.		
	O Joy that seeks me through the pain, O Joy, I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.		
	O Love that will not let me go, O Love, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be. That morn shall tearless be. O Love that will not let me go.		

Sing together twice. ♦ Doxology No. 544

Bless the Lord

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

♦ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

## SENDING

♦ Hymn No. 167

*Forty Days and Forty Nights*

AUS DER TIEFE RUFFE ICH

Charge and Sung Benediction

*Sending Song*

Bryan Moyer Suderman  
Sean Gladding, Leader

(D Major: Capo 3:)

As you go out from here, may the Lord go with you, the  
face of God shine on you ev-ry day. We are sent by God wher-  
ever we are liv - ing: salt and light as peo-ple of the Way.

Closing Voluntary

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

arr. Michael Larkin

## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

### Leading worship:

Preacher.....Sean Gladding  
Liturgist.....Kari Young  
Lenten Candle .....The Johnson Family  
Musicians .....Sanctuary Choir and Jeff Wilson  
Time with Young Disciples.....Amy Wilson

### Assisting with worship:

Lead Ushers .....Spencer Young and Ann Yager McCrosky  
Acolyte.....Brooks Johnson  
Bible Bearer.....Josie Johnson  
Livestream .....Jona Voss and Henry Boyd  
Sound .....Shane Wilson

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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, Stephen Ministry care referral coordinator - (859) 583-5995, or
- Sean Gladding, Pastor - (859) 806-7763

**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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**CONQUERING THE WINTER BLUES:** Immediately after worship today the Mental Health Ministry Committee is leading a brief time of support and sharing *Conquering the Winter Blues: Sharing Loving Ideas*. All ages are invited.

**COMMUNITY LENTEN CONCERT SERIES:** This Lent, Danville churches are collaborating to provide a Community Concert Series featuring outstanding regional musical artists. Performances will take place the five Sundays of Lent at 3:00pm. The first concert will be at First Christian Church on Sunday, February 22 with guest organist Owen Sammons from Louisville. PresbyDan will host two concerts: organist Schuyler Robinson (UK Professor Emeritus) on March 8 and organ/flute duo Lisa Hall (Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington) and Jana Flygstad (award-winning Central Kentucky artist) on March 15. No Admission will be charged for these events, but offerings to help defray costs will be accepted. I hope that you will take part in these special community Lenten gatherings. Feel free to contact Jeff Wilson at [jeff@presbydan.org](mailto:jeff@presbydan.org) or (618) 541-1943 for further information.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP:** Join us for Wednesday Night Fellowship this Wednesday at 5:15pm. The Boyd family will provide dinner. Please bring a side or dessert to share. If you would like to provide the main dish, please contact Amy Wilson. All are welcome to join us!

**FIFTH GRADE CLASS FAITH AND FAMILY:** The Fifth Grade Faith and Family class led by Charlie Boyd and Claire Johnson begins this Wednesday, February 25. Using the metaphor of building a pizza, they will explore over six weeks what scripture teaches us about what it means to have a faith family. The class will be from 6:00-7:00pm after dinner on Wednesday nights. This is a great opportunity to invite friends.

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# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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**Sunday, February 22****First Sunday in Lent**

- 10:00am Service for the Lord's Day
- 11:00am Fellowship
- 11:15am Mental Health Ministry - *Conquering the Winter Blues*
- 3:00pm Community Lenten Recital Series at First Christian Church
- 5:30pm DYC at Trinity Episcopal Church

**Monday, February 23**

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 4:00pm Monday Prayer Group

**Tuesday, February 24**

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Mental Health Ministry Meeting
- 10:00am Recovery Café
- 3:00pm Centre ASP Tutoring
- 6:00pm Recovery Meeting

**Wednesday, February 25**

- 7:15am DYC HS Devo at Dry Stack
- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 10:30am Staff Meeting
- 1:00pm Garden Club Board of Directors Meeting
- 1:30pm Worship Staff Meeting
- 1:30pm Grace Café Snack Bag Prep
- 5:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship
- 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 26**

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:30am Bible Study with Jim Erwin
- 2:00pm Danville Dulcimers
- 3:00pm Centre ASP Tutoring
- 5:00pm Centre Food Recovery Network
- 5:30pm Danville Dulcimers

**Friday, February 27**

- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:00pm Presbydan Mah Jongg

**Saturday, February 28**

No Events Scheduled

**Sunday, March 1****Second Sunday in Lent**

- 9:00am Confirmation Class
- 10:00am Service for the Lord's Day with Holy Communion
- 11:00am Fellowship
- 3:00pm Community Lenten Concert Series - Zach Klobnach, organist, at Trinity Episcopal Church
- 5:30pm DYC at Trinity Episcopal Church

## **SESSION**

Moderator: Matt Falco

Clerk: Alice Davis

Clerk Emerita: Jean Harney

### **CLASS OF 2027**

Becky Gash, Randy Gilbert, Scott Johnson and Tara Strauch

### **CLASS OF 2028**

Candace Purdom, Scott Scutchfield, Shane Wilson and Spencer Young

### **CLASS OF 2029**

John Goggin, Fran Halloran, Nina Kirkland and Susan Shewmaker

## **DIACONATE**

Moderators: Brad Fulfer and Shan Kihlman

Communicator: Claire Johnson

### **CLASS of 2027**

Brad Fulfer, Carrie Gilbert, Shan Kihlman and AnnYager McCrosky

### **CLASS of 2028**

Jim Boyd, Paula Frisby, Claire Johnson and Bo Smith

### **CLASS of 2029**

Miranda Bullock-Davidson, Elspeth Cobb, Julia Gerwe-Nicholson and Mark Tibbles