



**THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF DANVILLE**

**Ascension Sunday**

**May 17, 2026  
10:00am**



*Ascension Day* Brian Whelan, 2012

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# GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Welcome and Announcements

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Celebrations and Prayer Requests

◆ Opening Sentences

All you peoples, clap your hands;  
shout joyfully to God with a joyful shout.

**For GOD WHO IS MAJESTY, the Most High is awesome,  
a great sovereign over all the earth.**

For God is the sovereign of all the earth;  
**sing praises with a psalm.**

God is sovereign over the nations;

**God sits on her throne.**

**With hearts lifted in praise, we come to worship.**

◆ Hymn No. 515

*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

you see us as we are and know our inmost thoughts.

**We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care.**

**We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns.**

**We have not always sought or done your will.**

**We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us.**

**Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us.**

Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole.

Set us free from our sin and restore to us the joy of your salvation

now and forever. Amen.

(time for silent prayer)

◆ Sung Response No. 581

*Glory Be to the Father*

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father,**

**and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be,**

**world without end. Amen, amen.**

The **Opening Sentences** are adapted from Psalm 47. To honor the Jewish tradition of not speaking the sacred name of God, it is translated into a title for God found in scripture, and written in SMALL CAPS.

The **Prayer of Confession** is from *The Book of Worship*, p.60.

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◆ Please rise in body or spirit.

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

## WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading

New Testament Reading

Sermon

Psalm 93

Acts 1:1-11

O. T., Pew Bible, p. 549

N. T., Pew Bible, p. 118

Sean Gladding

(a few moments for silent contemplation)

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Profession of Faith

◆ Affirmation of Faith

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

Presentation of New Members

Welcome of New Members

*The Apostles' Creed*

Hymnal, p. 35

## EUCCHARIST

◆ Hymn No. 488

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

*Ride On, King Jesus*

WATERLIFE

arr. Moses Hogan  
Sanctuary Choir

*Refrain*

*Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquering King.*

*Ride on, King Jesus, ride on. No man can hinder thee.*

*I was but young when I begun. But now my race is almost done.*

*King Jesus rides a milk white horse. The river of Jordan he did cross.*

*He's the King and the Lord of all. He's the first and the last.*

*He's the Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Prince of Peace.*

*Ride on, King Jesus!*

◆ Doxology No. 606

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)*

OLD HUNDRETH

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

To give electronically, text "PRESBYDAN" to 73256.

Please sign the Friendship Pad during the Musical Offering.

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.**

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**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.**

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

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

**O God, send us out from our Lord's table**

**to answer his summons into new life**

**and to follow him with joy and gladness.**

**Set our feet in his holy way,**

**that our lives may be signs of his life**

**and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.**

We will receive communion by intinction. Please take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup when they are brought to you. All the bread is gluten-free so that we may eat of the same loaf.

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

## SENDING

◆ Hymn No. 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

Closing Voluntary

*Toccata in G*

William Hieronymous Pachelbel

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Please join us in the Fellowship Hall to greet our new members.

### WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

**Leading worship:**

Preacher ..... Sean Gladding

Liturgists ..... Amy Wilson, Rev. Jim Erwin, Molly Boyd and Robin Voss

Musicians ..... Sanctuary Choir, Susan Shewmaker and Jeff Wilson

**Assisting with worship:**

Lead Ushers ..... Scott Scutchfield and Claire Johnson

Acolyte ..... Martin Davidson

Livestream ..... Jona Voss and Henry Boyd

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, 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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**LIVESTREAM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL:** If for any reason you need to step out from the Sanctuary during worship, the service is livestreamed on the TV in the Fellowship Hall.

**SUMMER POTLUCK:** Join us for a Summer Potluck this Wednesday at 5:30pm. Please bring a dish to share. All are welcome to join us!

**NAMETAGS:** A reminder that it is often helpful for visitors if we wear our nametags. If you would like a nametag, please fill out the form in either the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE HOPE SPRINGS YARD SALE:** Our church has helped with the Hope Springs yard sale for more than 22 years, raising funds for people in need. It is a joint venture of Centre College, our church, and other groups. This year the sale will happen in the popular 'Chowan' building at Centre (now the Seabury Tennis Center). Volunteers are needed May 20-29, especially for collecting donations on the Sunday and Monday of Memorial Day weekend, May 24-25. Pricing and sorting work days are May 26-27, with a series of sales set for Thursday and Friday, May 28-29. Online sign-up is available, or you can talk with Ann Young (ann.young@centre.edu) or Patsi Trollinger (pbtrullinger@gmail.com). Persons who volunteer at least 4 hours are invited to an early-bird pre-sale.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Registration is now open for VBS 2026: Camp Chaos! VBS will be June 15-18, 5:30-8:30pm. Register by Friday, May 24 to receive a free t-shirt! Registration forms are available in the Fellowship Hall for children and volunteers.

If you can donate any of the items listed on the VBS insert in your bulletin, please put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall by Sunday, June 7.

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# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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## Sunday, May 17

### Ascension Sunday

- 10:00am Service for the Lord's Day with Holy Communion
- 11:00am Fellowship and New Member Reception
- 3:00pm Casey Tibbles Recital

## Monday, May 18

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 4:00pm Monday Prayer Group

## Tuesday, May 19

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 10:00am Recovery Café
- 6:00pm Recovery Meeting
- 7:00pm Stated Session Meeting

## Wednesday, May 20

- 7:15am DYC HS Devo at Dry Stack
- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:30pm Worship Staff Meeting
- 1:30pm Grace Café Snack Bag Prep
- 3:30pm Beginners Dulcimer Class
- 5:30pm Summer Potluck
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, May 21

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 2:00pm Southwind Group
- 5:30pm Danville Dulcimers
- 7:00pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting

## Friday, May 22

- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:00pm Presbydan Mah Jongg

## Saturday, May 23

No Events Scheduled

## Sunday, May 24

### Day of Pentecost

- 9:00am Self-Development of People Presentation
- 10:00am Service for the Lord's Day
- 11:00am Fellowship and New Member Reception

## SESSION

Moderator: Matt Falco

Clerk: Spencer Young

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 M<sup>c</sup>Crosky

### 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

## COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### Budget & Finance

Randy Gilbert  
John Goggin  
Shane Wilson

### Facilities

Carrie Gilbert  
Candace Purdom  
Spencer Young

### Local Mission

Scott Scutchfield  
Gayle Waddell

### Membership

Paula Frisby  
Becky Gash  
Carrie Gilbert  
Claire Johnson

### Nominating

Nina Kirkland

### Personnel

Martha Boyd  
Scott Johnson

### Stewardship

Randy Gilbert  
Candace Purdom

### World Mission

Fran Halloran  
Scott Johnson  
Bo Smith

### Worship & Music

Scott Johnson  
Susan Shewmaker  
Tara Strauch