



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DANVILLE

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS
August 19, 2026



Friends,

The word, "liturgy," means "the work of the people." While we all do the joyful work of worship every Sunday as we sing, pray and read the printed words together, we always have one or two assigned liturgists to lead us in worship. Some Sundays, however, we have a whole host of people leading us in worship, and this past Sunday was no exception. One of our young disciples and his piano teacher played the Opening Voluntary. The "summer choir" sang the offertory, and included members in just about every decade of life! And a college student played music during communion. I'm grateful for Jeff Wilson's expansive invitation for people to share their gift of music over the summer months, and for all those who have accepted that invitation. We'll hear the musical gift of a high school student this coming Sunday, and then have a 'hymn sing' on the 30th (which is also our "kickoff Sunday," when we'll share a potluck meal together following worship - more details below.)

As we prepare to begin a new season of the Sanctuary and Bell Choirs' leadership in worship, if you're interested in participating for the first time (or for the first time in a long time), a warm welcome awaits you at first rehearsal on September 2!

The best is yet to come,

Sean

FALL KICKOFF

Sunday, August 30



Join us on Sunday, August 30 for our Fall Kickoff celebration, as we return to our normal schedule after the summer break. We will enjoy lunch together following the service. The main dish will be Lee's chicken (and a gluten-free option of some kind). We ask that families whose last names begin with A-L bring a dessert and M-Z bring a side or salad. Invite a friend!

STEWARDSHIP

Preparing for the season



Randy Gilbert has steered the ship of stewardship admirably for several years, but is understandably taking a break for a while. The committee will begin meeting again soon, and Sean is looking for some new people to join the work. Creativity and enthusiasm will be most welcome!

The basic responsibilities are planning the focus of the season, communicating with the congregation via email and during worship, and organizing the meal on Consecration Sunday, all of which will have staff support as well. We'll meet 3 or 4 times before October, and once after the season is concluded.

This is important and short-term work, so if you've been thinking about participating in committee work, this would be a good opportunity to experience this form of leadership of the congregation. Please talk to or email [Sean](#) if you're interested.

LEARN

BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Bible Study will reconvene on August 27 at 10:30am. The Gospel of Luke will be the subject of this fall's study. All are welcome.



SERVE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



With our church continuing to grow, we need some volunteers to work with our children. There are two volunteer opportunities available. Both of these opportunities require the volunteer to complete a simple background check.

We would like to reopen our church nursery on Sunday mornings. This means that we need two volunteers each Sunday, 9:45-11:15am. Youth are welcome to volunteer, but we need at least one adult each Sunday. There will be a sign-in sheet for parents to leave their phone numbers in case they are needed during worship. Also, there is a TV in the nursery now, so volunteers will be able to watch the service. If you would like to help, please click the link to the [Sign-Up Genius](#) and select a date. Our youngest disciples will thank you!

We also need one volunteer on Wednesday evenings to help Amy with the children's class from 6-7pm. After dinner on Wednesdays, the children go upstairs to the Godly Play room and have a Bible lePreviewsson and activity. Amy needs a helper for this class. If you would like to help, please click the link to the [Sign-Up Genius](#) and select a date. Thanks so much!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GODLY PLAY



The Godly Play program is in need of a few storytellers and doorpersons for the upcoming program year. If you like working with children, this is the job for you! If you are interested in volunteering, contact [Amy Wilson](#) for more information, or you can talk to any of our current or former storytellers (Jean Smith, Kari Young, Susan Shewmaker, Tara Strauch, Kathy Howells, or Frank Russell) or doorpersons (Eric Smith, Brad and Kristen Fulfer, Louis Seidel, Katie Banks, or Spencer Young). Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to help guide our children.

WORLD MISSION



Friends, as mentioned in church as a prayer request, Milad and Manar, the directors of the school House of Hope in Palestine have had to seek asylum in Spain. It had gotten dangerous for them and their three children. They are currently in Granada, Spain. The school is in good hands with the leadership in place. Here is a link to a longer [letter](#) explaining why the move and what is next.

NEWS AND NOTES



The venerable elm tree on the corner of College and Walnut was removed yesterday. We lament the (necessary) loss of a tree whose shade was enjoyed by generations of Danville High School and Centre College students, and the Facilities Committee is working on what to replace it with.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DANVILLE SINGING FOR DEMOCRACY

FREE CONCERT!

Aug 21st 2026
6:30 - 8:00pm
Networking begins at 5:30pm

Danville High School
(Gravelly Hall)
203 E. Lexington Avenue
Danville, KY

**ONE VOICE.
ONE VOTE.
ONE SOUND.
ONE DEMOCRACY.**

**Sponsored by: Kentuckians For The Commonwealth,
Kentucky Poor Peoples Campaign & partners...**

Featuring: Reverend Dr. William Barber II

Welcoming by: Mayor James J.H. Atkins

KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

Kentuckians For The Commonwealth and the Kentucky Poor People's Campaign invite you to a free concert at Danville High School on Friday, August 21, with special guests including Danville Mayor James Adkins and the Reverend Dr. William Barber, II.

There'll be a great selection of choirs and singing groups who will lift their voices for democracy. In addition to the musical selections, we'll also hear from Kentuckians who are fighting for the right to restore their vote. Reverend Dr. William Barber II, founder of Repairers of the Breach and the Poor People's Campaign will address the gathering.

The event is free - to reserve your spot, click [here](#).

CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 19

- 7:00am DYC High School Wake Up Wednesdays
- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:30pm Worship Staff Meeting
- 5:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship

Thursday, August 20

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

Friday, August 21

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

Saturday, August 22

- 9:00am Delve into Danville

Sunday, August 23

- 10:00am Service for the Lord's Day
- 11:00am Fellowship
- 11:30am Godly Play Lunch & Planning Meeting
- 5:30pm DYC at The Presbyterian Church

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 9:00am Mental Health Ministry Meeting
- 10:00am Recovery Café
- 11:00am Southwind Group
- 6:00pm Recovery Meeting