



**THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF DANVILLE**

**16th Sunday after
Pentecost**

**September 13, 2026
10:00am**



500 West Main Street † Danville, Kentucky 40422
(859) 236-6692 † www.presbydan.org

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.

The **Opening Sentences** are from *Bread for the Journey*, Ruth C. Duck.

◆ Opening Sentences

Come, let us gather in the awareness of God's love.

God's love has brought us to this place; it has made of us a church.

We can live with confidence and hope, in the assurance that we are forgiven and accepted by a power greater than ourselves.

Because we are forgiven, we too can forgive.

Let us praise this God of endless grace, and offer our heart's true worship.

Amen.

◆ Hymn No. 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Assurance of Pardon

The **Prayer of Confession** is from the *Call to Worship* journal, Volume 60.1.

Prayer of Confession

God, our gracious Judge,
we admit we have double standards.

We seek forgiveness for ourselves,
but have failed to forgive others.

We seek relief for ourselves,
but have failed to seek relief for others.

We seek leniency for ourselves,
but have failed to show that mercy to others.

Forgive us, God,
and help us to forgive,
showing others the same grace and mercy
that you have generously shown to us.

Amen.

(time for silent prayer)

◆ Please rise in body or spirit.

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

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

◆ The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WORD

Time with Young Disciples	Cents-Ability Offering	Amy Wilson
Prayer for Illumination		
Psalter Reading	Psalms 103:8-13	O. T., Pew Bible, p. 554
Gospel Reading	Matthew 18:21-35	N. T., Pew Bible, p. 20
Sermon		Sean Gladding

(a few moments for silent contemplation)

RESPONDING

- 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

2 How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease.
Then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace.

We will sing the
text for hymn
#444 to the tune
AMAZING GRACE.

- Celebrations and Prayer Requests
- Prayers of the People
- The Lord’s Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”)

To give electronically, text "PRESBYDAN" to 73256. Please sign the Friendship Pad during the Musical Offering.

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering

Prayer to Jehovah

Molly Ijames
(Sanctuary Choir)

*Guide me O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak but Thou art mighty, hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of Heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me 'til I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream o'er flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be my strength and shield.*

*When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.*

◆ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)

DUKE STREET

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

◆ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

SENDING

◆ Hymn No. 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

◆ Charge and Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Jesus Shall Reign - DUKE STREET (Variation 1)

arr. David Cherwien

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Leading worship:

PreacherSean Gladding
Liturgists Scott Scutchfield and Kathy Miles
Musicians Sanctuary Choir, Susan Shewmaker and Jeff Wilson
Time with Young Disciples Amy Wilson

Assisting with worship:

Lead Ushers Becky Gash and Carrie Gilbert
Livestream Henry Boyd and Jona Voss
Sound Beau Weston

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 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 dwwporter2@bellsouth.net or (859) 324-5020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Dale and Shan Kihlman in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary.

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. Available dates are September 20, 27 and October 4.

THE WHOLE BIBLE IN 12 WEEKS: Find the Bible intimidating at times? Got questions? Join us in the Chapel for *The Story of God, the Story of Us*, a 12-week overview of the narrative arc of the Bible, taught through storytelling. Wednesdays at 6:00pm and Sundays at 9:00am.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: Join us for Wednesday Night Fellowship this Wednesday at 5:15pm. We will continue having true potlucks this fall, so bring your favorite dish to share. Children will go upstairs for Children's Choir rehearsal and a Bible lesson, and adults will continue *The Story of God, the Story of Us* with Sean.

GUESS THE MEMBER-CHILDREN'S CHOIR EDITION: Were you once in the Cherub Choir? The Music Makers? The Joy Singers? Did you wear a robe or a giant bow? WE WANT PROOF! As we celebrate starting a children's choir during our Wednesday night programming, we want to see those pictures of our older members in their children's choir days. Bring in a picture in an envelope or with a sticky note that identifies you, and we will use it to make a guessing game in the fellowship hall! Bring pictures to Cara in the office or to Tara Strauch.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: With our congregation growing, we need two volunteers to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings, from 9:45-11:15am, and one volunteer on Wednesday nights to help Amy with the children from 6-7pm. We invite you to prayerfully consider serving in one of these important roles, which will begin in September. Talk to Amy Wilson if you have questions and/or are interested in volunteering.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, September 13

16th Sunday after Pentecost

- 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

Monday, September 14

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 4:00pm Monday Prayer Group
- 6:30pm Facilities Committee Meeting
- 6:30pm Deacon's Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

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

Wednesday, September 16

- 7:00am DYC Wake Up Wednesdays
- 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
- 5:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship
- 6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal and Bible Lesson
- 6:00pm Adult and Youth Studies
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 17

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 10:30am Bible Study with Jim Erwin
- 3:00pm Center ASP Tutoring – Parent Registration
- 5:30pm Danville Dulcimers
- 7:00pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Friday, September 18

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

Saturday, September 19

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, September 20

17th Sunday after Pentecost

- 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

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°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	Facilities	Local Mission	Membership	Nominating
Julia Gerwe-Nicholson	Carrie Gilbert	Scott Scutchfield	Paula Frisby	Nina Kirkland
Randy Gilbert	Candace Purdom	Gayle Waddell	Becky Gash	
John Goggin	Spencer Young		Carrie Gilbert	
Shane Wilson			Claire Johnson	
Personnel	Stewardship	World Mission	Worship & Music	
John Goggin	Julia Gerwe-Nicholson	Fran Halloran	Scott Johnson	
Scott Johnson	Candace Purdom	Scott Johnson	Susan Shewmaker	
		Bo Smith	Tara Strauch	