



**THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF DANVILLE**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost**

**September 27, 2026  
10:00am**



Gustave Doré, 1857 (Illustration for Dante's Inferno, Plate LXV: Canto XXXI)

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# GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

*Simple Gifts*

setting Wilbur Held

Welcome and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission

World Communion Offering

Mark Tibbles

The **Opening Sentences** are from Psalm 125.

## ◆ Opening Sentences

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

**O God, in you we trust.**

Make us to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach us your paths.

**Lead us in your truth and teach us,  
for you are the one God of our salvation;  
for you we wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have borne out over time.

**Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember us  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore God instructs sinners in the way.

**The Lord leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble the way.**

## ◆ Hymn No. 65

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

Prayer of Confession

O God, our refuge and strength, our present help, every time,  
we are emboldened to admit our shortcomings by your steadfast love.

We sometimes want credit for our good intentions,  
when we do not follow through.

We sometimes blame our predecessors or our colleagues or our superiors  
when we could have made a difference.

We have sometimes been paralyzed by the divisions in our nation and among Christians,  
and postponed taking a stand in hopes that others will run the risk.

We sometimes avoid the responsibilities of community membership  
and limit our sacrifices to the easy choices.

We sometimes overlook the face of the Christ in the look of the other.

We sometimes sympathize at a distance  
instead of walking together with those who are suffering.

Forgive us, we pray, our individual and corporate failings;  
and enable us by your Spirit to mend our ways  
and grow in your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(time for silent prayer)

## Assurance of Pardon

God's presence is the soil for our growth:  
Gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of love.  
**In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

◆ Sung Response No. 582      *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*      GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

**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      Amy Wilson

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon      "To be sane in a mad time is bad for the brain, worse for the heart." Rev. Dr. Eric Mount  
From *The Mad Farmer Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front*, Wendell Berry

Hebrew Scripture Reading      Ezekiel 4:1-15      O. T., Pew Bible, p. 772

Gospel Reading      Mark 3:20-27      N. T., Pew Bible, p. 37

(a few moments for silent contemplation)

## RESPONDING

◆ Hymn No. 157      *I Danced in the Morning*      LORD OF THE DANCE

Celebrations and Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Lead Ushers..... Becky Gash and Carrie Gilbert  
 Livestream.....  
 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 [dwpporter2@bellsouth.net](mailto:dwpporter2@bellsouth.net) or (859) 324-5020.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**FELLOWSHIP SNACKS:** Today's Fellowship Snacks are courtesy of Paula and Mitch Frisby. If you would like to provide snacks for fellowship, there is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Available dates are October 11, 25 November 1 and 8. For questions regarding fellowship snacks, contact AnnYager McCrosky at (859) 583-3141.

**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.

**LEARN TO PLAY THE MOUNTAIN DULCIMER!:** Have you always wanted to play a musical instrument, but haven't had the time, you don't read music, or you don't own an instrument? The Danville Dulcimers are offering FREE beginning dulcimer classes, beginning Wednesday, September 23, 4:00-5:00pm, in the Chapel. You do not need a musical background, and loaner instruments will be available. Need more information, or wish to reserve a loaner dulcimer? Call or text Peggy Tudor at (859) 608-0681.

**CPR/AED/FIRST AID CLASS:** A Heartsaver Basic class which includes CPR, AED, and first aid will be offered on October 3 at 9:00am at 20 Gentry Lane, Danville. It will be taught by Helen Overstreet, RN. It is free and open to church goers and members of the community and is appropriate for ages 12 and up. For more information contact John Lacy at (859) 239-8118. To register contact Cara at (859) 236-6692.

**TRANSYLVANIA PRESBYTERY 240TH ANNIVERSARY:** Saturday, October 10 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary. Join church members from across the Presbytery for a worship service to celebrate all that God has done among and through the people called Presbyterian across Central Kentucky and beyond for the past 240 years! Followed by a reception, with historical displays.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Halloween Social Chili Cook-off and Scary Dessert Contest will be held Wednesday, October 28 at 5:15pm! It's time to pull out those famous chili recipes and dream up your scariest desserts.

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# THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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## Sunday, September 27

### 18<sup>th</sup> 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 28

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

## Tuesday, September 29

- 8:00pm Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 9:00am Mental Health Ministry Meeting
- 10:00am Recovery Café
- 11:00am Southwind Group
- 3:00pm Centre ASP Tutoring
- 6:00pm Girl Scouts Troop 7 Brownie Scouts Roundtable Discussion
- 6:00pm Recovery Meeting
- 7:00pm Nominating Committee Meeting

## Wednesday, September 30

- 7:00am DYC Wake Up Wednesdays
- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:00am Garden Club Board of Directors Meeting
- 1:30pm Worship Staff Meeting
- 1:30pm Grace Café Snack Bag Prep
- 4:00pm Beginner Dulcimer Class
- 5:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship
- 6:00pm Adult and Youth Studies
- 6:00pm Children's Choir Rehearsal and Bible Lesson
- 6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## Thursday, October 1

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 10:00am Southwind Group
- 10:30am Bible Study with Jim Erwin
- 12:00pm Danville Dulcimers Mini Retreat
- 3:00pm Center ASP Tutoring
- 5:00pm Centre Food Recovery Network

## Friday, October 2

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

## Saturday, October 3

- 4:00pm PAM Mid-South Regional Choral Festival at FPC Lexington

## Sunday, October 4

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00am Christian Formation for all Ages
- 10:00am Service for the Lord's Day with Holy Communion
- 11:00am Fellowship

## 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    |               |