THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DANVILLE

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026
10:00am



The Windstorm Antonio Parreiras, 1888

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GATHERING

Choral Introit *Call to Advent* J. Jerome Williams (Sanctuary Choir)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

O Come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

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

Minute for Mission Alternative Gift Market Scott Johnson

The **Opening Sentences** will be sung by the congregation during Advent.

♦ Opening Sentences No. 92 While We Are Waiting, Come WAITING (Cason)

♦ Lighting of the Advent Candle

Advent begins in the dark, and it begins with a desperate plea:
"O, that you would tear the heavens and come down!"

We light this candle as a sign of hope.

The first candle is lit.

The advent candle liturgy was adapted from *Progressive Church Media*.

Hope is not the same as optimism. Optimism expects things to improve.
Hope keeps watch where there is no evidence of improvement yet,
refusing to drift off into slumber.

We want to hope, God. We want to believe where we have not seen.

Keep awake, Jesus said,
because you do not know when the owner of the house will come.

Come, O God. We are waiting. We are awake.

Prayer

♦ Hymn No. 88 *O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL
Vs. 1, 5, 6 & 7

Assurance of Pardon

Prayer of Confession

The **Prayer of Confession** is adapted from the *Book of Common Worship*, p.166.

God of the future,
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.
We confess that we have not anticipated the coming of your kingdom in its promised fullness,
for we live casual lives, rarely thinking of that coming judgment.
How often we accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbors,
abuse the earth,
and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,
and to seek things that will endure
when Christ does indeed come to judge the world. Amen.

(time for silent prayer)

♦ Sung Response No. 695 *Change Our Hearts, O God* CHANGE MY HEART

Change our hearts, O God; make them ever true.
Change our hearts, O God; may we be like you.
You are the Potter; we are the clay.
Mold us and make us; this is what we pray.
Change our hearts, O God; make them ever true.
Change our hearts, O God; may we be like you.

♦ The Peace

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

WORD

Time with Young Disciples		Amy Wilson
Prayer for Illumination		
Hebrew Bible Reading	Isaiah 64:1-9	O. T., Pew Bible, p. 694
Gospel Reading	Mark 13:24-37	N. T., Pew Bible, p. 50
Sermon	*The Word of Hope*	Sean Gladding

(a few moments for silent contemplation)

RESPONDING

♦ Hymn No. 772 *Live into Hope* TRURO

Minute for Mission — Maggie Gladding, Videographer

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.

To give electronically, text "PRESBYDAN" to 73256.

Please sign the Friendship Pad during the Musical Offering.

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering — *How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them (from MESSIAH)* — George Frideric Handel

♦ Doxology — *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Doxology)* — VENI EMMANUEL

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

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

♦ Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

SENDING

This hymn will be sung antiphonally. The first and third lines of each verse portray the 'Watchman' and will be sung by people on the 'piano side' of the sanctuary. The second and fourth lines portray the 'Traveler' and will be sung by those on the 'baptismal font' side.

♦ Hymn No. 97 — *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night* — ABERYSTWYTH

♦ Charge and Benediction

♦ Closing Voluntary — *O, Come, Emmanuel* — arr. Wilbur Held

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Leading worship:

Preacher ..... Sean Gladding
Liturgist ..... Joanie Lukins
Musicians ..... Sanctuary Choir and Jeff Wilson
Advent Candle Lighters ..... Melissa Caudill and Rose Hoebelheinrich
Time with Young Disciples ..... Amy Wilson

Assisting with worship:

Lead Ushers ..... Paula Frisby and John Goggin
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. 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 Sara Egge at sara.egge@centre.edu/(701) 388-7855 or Mark Hoebelheinrich at mrhoebel@hotmail.com/ (859) 209-0858

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Fellowship Snacks: Today's fellowship snacks are courtesy of John and Susan Goggin.

If you would like to provide snacks for fellowship, there is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact AnnYager McCrosky at (859) 583-3141.

Christmas Craft Night: Join us this Wednesday for Christmas Craft Night, 5:15-7:00pm! Volunteers are needed to help prepare and/or clean up dinner, provide Christmas cookies or work at a craft table. Please contact Amy Wilson.

GED Graduation Celebration: The GED Program hosted by our church is celebrating recent graduates on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 2:00pm. This is a milestone event, likely to be joyful and a bit busy, as families who may never have celebrated a graduation (or entered a church) gather in our Fellowship Hall. Please call or text Beth Leahey at (859) 583-4430 if you'd like to help welcome these families (some speak Spanish), or bring a plate of cookies, or mingle and smile and be on hand to snap a few photos with students' phones. All are welcome!

The Salvation Army Angels: As in years past, we have 50 Angels in the Fellowship Hall with needs and wishes of area children. The Christmas Angels are arranged by gender and age on a table in the Main Street corner of the room. As the tag explains, the Angel Tree families will choose toys from the Salvation Army's Toy Shop. Because of this, please fill the angel's clothing and needs requests. All toys purchased will go into the SA Toy Shop. Please return all gifts by December 10, 2026 to the Salvation Army 519 South 4th Street.

Nursery Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are still needed for the nursery on Sunday mornings. If you are willing to help, please contact Amy Wilson or scan the QR code in the Fellowship Hall and choose a date to serve.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday of Advent
9:00am Christian Formation for All Ages
10:00am Service for the Lord's Day
11:00am Fellowship
2:00pm Sis Guerrant Memorial Service
3:00pm Visitation with Family
5:30pm DYC at First Christian Church

Monday, November 30
8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
9:00am Adult Ed/GED
10:00am AA Meeting
4:00pm Monday Prayer Group

Tuesday, December 1
8:00am 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
700pm World Mission Meeting

Wednesday, December 2
7:00am DYC Wakeup Wednesday
8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
9:00am Adult Ed/GED
10:00am AA Meeting
10:30am Staff Meeting
1:30pm Worship Staff Meeting
1:30pm Grace Café Snack Bag Prep
5:15pm Christmas Craft Night
6:00pm Adult and Youth Studies
6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 3
8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
9:00am Adult Ed/GED
10:30am Bible Study with Jim Erwin
11:30am Bible Study Lunch
5:00pm Danville Dulcimers
6:00pm Sounding Joy and Resonance Rehearsal

Friday, December 4
9:00am Adult Ed/GED
10:00am AA Meeting
1:00pm Presbydan Mah Jongg
7:00pm Centre Lessons and Carols

Saturday, December 5
9:00am Sounding Joy and Resonance Rehearsal
12:00pm Adult Ed Graduation Ceremony

Sunday, December 6
9:00am Christian Formation for All Ages
10:00am Service for the Lord's Day with Holy Communion
11:00am Fellowship
11:00am Zoe Empowers Graduation Cake Reception
5:30pm DYC at The Presbyterian 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 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

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Budget & Finance	Facilities	Local Mission	Membership	Nominating
Julia Gerwe-Nicholson	Carrie Gilbert	Paula Frisby	Paula Frisby	Nina Kirkland
Randy Gilbert	Candace Purdom	Scott Scutchfield	Becky Gash	
John Goggin	Spencer Young	Mark Tibbles	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