



**THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF DANVILLE**

**First Sunday of
Christmas**

December 28, 2025

10:00am



500 West Main Street † Danville, Kentucky 40422

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GATHERING

Opening Voluntary

Noel in G

Louis-Claude Daquin
arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

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

◆ Opening Sentences

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing!

For the Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

◆ Hymn No. 111

From Heaven Above

VON HIMMEL HOCH

◆ Assurance of Pardon

◆ Prayer of Confession

God of Christmas, we would never have thought to find your Savior in an innocent baby.
We confess we would have expected a warrior with a great army.
We would not have thought to find your kingdom to be one of service, obedience, and humility.
We confess we would have expected, maybe even wanted,
a kingdom that reflected our own values and self-interests.

Lord, forgive us when we quickly leave Christmas behind and neglect to live lives worthy of our calling as followers of our Lord, the Prince of Peace.

By your Holy Spirit, help us turn to you and live according to the values of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. 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 ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

◆ Please rise in body or spirit.

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

THE NINE LESSONS

First Lesson		Genesis 3:8-19
	<i>God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.</i>	
No. 129	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i>	ES IST EIN' ROS'
Second Lesson		Genesis 22:15-19
	<i>God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.</i>	
No. 144	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	CRANHAM
Third Lesson		Isaiah 9:6-7
	<i>Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.</i>	
No. 82	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	HYFRYDOL
Fourth Lesson		Isaiah 11:1-9
	<i>The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.</i>	
No. 123	<i>It Came Upon the Midnight Clear</i>	CAROL
Fifth Lesson		Luke 1:26-38
	<i>The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	
No. 143	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	REGENT SQUARE
Sixth Lesson		Luke 2:1-7
	<i>Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.</i>	
No. 121	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	ST. LOUIS
Seventh Lesson		Luke 2:8-20
	<i>The shepherds go to the manger</i>	
No. 118	<i>While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks</i>	CHRISTMAS
Eighth Lesson		Matthew 2:1-12
	<i>The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.</i>	
No. 151	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>	KINGS OF ORIENT
Ninth Lesson		John 1:1-14
	<i>John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.</i>	
No. 132	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	IN DULCI JUBILO

RESPONDING

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Friendship Pad during
the Musical Offering.

Invitation to Offering

Musical Offering

Pastorale Symphony

G. F. Handel
arr. Lani Smith

◆ Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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. 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

◆ Charge

◆ Benediction

**The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord be kind and gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Alleluia! Amen.**

Closing Voluntary

Ce Jour de L'an

Thomas Chesterton

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Leading worship:

Liturgist Gayle Waddell and Amy Wilson
Musician Susan Shewmaker
Readers Harold McKinney, Scott Johnson, Kari Young, Mary Trollinger, Tara Strauch,
Jean Smith, Eric Smith, Gayle Waddell and Mark Tibbles

Assisting with worship:

Lead Ushers Kathy Howells and Bo Smith
Bible Bearer Mary Rives M^cCrosky
Livestream, Sound Middle School Youth