

 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH DUNCANVILLE



September 13, 2026
10:30 AM

543 E Freeman Street, Duncanville

Order of Worship

WELCOME

Dub Guthrie

CALL TO WORSHIP

Youth

SONGS OF PRAISE

*Jesus Be a Fence
Give Me a Clean Heart*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Youth

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dub Guthrie

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Linda Simons

SONG

I Am Thine, Oh Lord

OFFERING

ANTHEM

Worth Fighting For

SCRIPTURE

Youth

Ezra 8:21-23

MESSAGE

"Embarrassed for God"
Rev. Dan Titus

**COMMUNITY PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SONG OF RESPONSE

*If Anybody Asks You
(Who I Am)*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dan Titus

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "There by the Ahava Canal," Ezra proclaimed a fast, that we might humble ourselves before our God. We come today to seek from His hand a safe journey, not just for ourselves, but for our children and all that we carry.

People: We do not lean on the strength of horses, nor do we put our trust in the armor of men. For we have declared to the watching world: "The good hand of our God is upon all who seek Him."

Leader: Let us lay aside our pride and our self-reliance. Let us quiet the noise of our rushing lives and bow our hearts in reverence and need.

JESUS BE A FENCE

**Jesus be a fence all around me everyday
Jesus, I want You to protect me
As I travel along the way
I know You can (yes, Lord)
I know You will (yes, Lord)
Fight my battle (yes, Lord)
If I keep still (yes, Lord)
Lord, be a fence all around me everyday
(REPEAT)**

This is my prayer, Lord
That I pray each and every day
That You would guide my footsteps
Lest I stumble and stray

Lord, I need You to direct me
All the way long
Oh, Lord, be a fence all around me everyday

CHORUS

Sometimes the way get so rough y'all
And the nights are so long
In my hour of weakness
That old enemy tries to steal my soul
But when he comes like a flood to surround me
My God will step in and a standard he'll raise
Oh, Lord, be a fence all around me everyday
Oh, Jesus

CHORUS

Jesus be a fence, Jesus be a fence (repeat)

Jesus be a fence right now
Jesus be a fence right now (repeat)

Protection, protection
Protection, along the way (repeat)

Along the way, along the way
Along the way, along the way (repeat)

Jesus be a fence, Jesus be a fence (repeat)

I know You can (yes, Lord)
I know You will (yes, Lord)
Fight my battle (yes, Lord)
If I keep still (yes, Lord)
Lord, be a fence all around me everyday

GIVE ME A CLEAN HEART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we come before You with bowed heads and honest hearts, humbling ourselves in Your presence just as Ezra and the exiles did by the Ahava Canal.

Lord, we confess that we are often quick to boast of our faith and speak grandly of Your protection, yet we are just as quick to lean on human strength, worldly security, and our own devices when the journey becomes hard.

Forgive us for the times we have professed trust in Your gracious hand but secretly placed our ultimate confidence in the arm of flesh, in status, or in the resources of this world.

We confess our pride—the times we were too proud or "ashamed" to truly depend on You in weakness, preferring the applause or safety nets of men over the quiet, terrifying, beautiful reality of walking closely with You. We confess our lack of prayerfulness, our hurried steps, and our failure to seek Your face before we launch into our own plans and travels.

Lord, have mercy on us. Strip away our self-sufficiency. Teach us how to fast, to pray, and to lay down our burdens, our children, and our possessions at Your feet. Lead us in the right way. We now confess our personal sins in silence.

I AM THINE, O LORD

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice
And it told Thy love to me
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee

**Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord
To the cross where Thou hast died
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord
To Thy precious bleeding side**

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord
By the pow'r of grace divine
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope
And my will be lost in Thine

(CHORUS)

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee, my God
I commune as friend with friend

(CHORUS)

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee

(CHORUS)

SCRIPTURE: EZRA 8:21-23

IF ANYBODY ASKS YOU (WHO I AM)

Announcements

*This week's speaker: **Rev. Dan Titus***

*Next week's speaker: **Mark Bransom***

*Elder of the Month: **Jocelyn Bolles***

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN - Sign up in the narthex to help!

SARAH CIRCLE - Sarah Circle will continue meeting on the second Thursday of the month. We are studying *I Know His Name* by Wendy Blight. If you're interested in joining, contact Sharon Ingram.

PARKING LOT MINISTRY - If the triple digit heat temperatures continue, the Parking Lot Ministry may be postponed from Sept. 17 to Sept. 24. If there is a postponement, Nancy will send out a message no later than Tuesday, Sept. 15. Please connect with Nancy Bergman or Sharon Ingram if you can help with this outreach.

MEMBER CARE TEAM - The Member Care Team will meet Monday, September 21st at 5pm. Please note the meeting start time has changed!

Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We want to get to know you! If it's your first time here, please fill out a visitor card from the seat back in front of you and place it in an offering plate, located throughout the sanctuary.

Sunday School and Children

in the Education Building. During the service, nursery is provided for ages 0-4 in the Education Building. Children are welcome to stay with you during the service, and are invited to come forward during the Children's Moment. If your child needs something to keep them busy, kids' activity boxes are available in the entry hall!



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*Connecting with God and sharing the Good News of
Jesus Christ with the community*