

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing” (The Feast Is Ready)
By Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

The trumpets sound; the angels sing; the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heaven are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain: Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven’s love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things; O taste the peace and joy he brings.
He’ll fill you up with love divine; he’ll turn your water into wine.
Refrain repeats.

The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heaven and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the
Lord.
Refrain repeats.

About the Anthem:

Graham Kendrick is a well-known British singer, songwriter and worship leader. He is the son of a Baptist pastor, M.D. Kendrick and grew up in Laindon, Essex. Graham now lives in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, England and is a member of Christ Church, also in Tunbridge Wells. He began his musical career in the late 1960s as a member of the Christian beat group Whispers of Truth (formerly known as the “Forerunners”). Mr. Kendrick went on to a solo career in the singer-songwriter tradition. He has collaborated with famous musicians such as guitarist Gordon Giltrap.

Graham’s most famous song is “Shine, Jesus, Shine,” written in 1987; while it is popular here in America, it may be even more so in the United Kingdom where it was voted the tenth most popular hymn in 2005. His song “Amazing Love” is a close second in popularity. Graham Kendrick received a Dove Award in 1995 for his international work in the music and worship scene. He was also awarded an honorary Doctorate in Divinity (D.D.) in 2000 by the London School of Theology at Brunel University. In 2008 Graham was awarded a second honorary D.D. from Wycliffe College in Toronto, Canada. Graham Kendrick describes his own vocation as follows, “[writing] songs that help the church to sing.”

Today’s anthem is included in our hymnal, *Glory to God*, at #505. It was published shortly after Graham Kendrick’s greatest hits in 1989. It has taken longer to catch on, becoming more popular in the last fifteen years than when it was first released. While Hymnary classifies it as a gathering or opening song, our hymnal describes it primarily as a song about the Lord’s Supper. It contains at least twenty-three Scripture references, including Psalm 23:1-6. I love Graham’s use of syncopated and triplet rhythms, as well as the repeated invitation to the table. Welcome to the Heavenly Banquet – the feast is ready to begin!

Music during Communion -

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" and "Deep River"
African American spirituals, arr. Tom Fettke
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Lowell Mason, arr. Cindy Berry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad

Tuesday May 5 Handbells 5pm
Tuesday May 5 Ladies Dinner 6pm
Wednesday May 6 Youth 6pm
Thursday May 7 Thursday Bible Study 10:30am
Choir 4:30pm
Saturday May 9 Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

Please join us immediately following the worship service for a reception honoring Ron Tanner’s 30 years of service.

The Presbyterian Women Circle will meet on May 4 at 12:30pm in the Westminster room. We will continue our series on First Peter “Sojourners and Exiles” by Sinclair B. Ferguson. All are welcome. The Evening Circle will meet at the home of Karan Johnson, May 4 at 7pm. All women are invited to attend for the bible study with Joyce Perez and fellowship with other members. For more information call Ava Barrett, 434.250.5599, while Bernadine recovers.

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship Jackson Weller
Music Director Ashley Stanley-Robey
Video/Sound Alex Walthall
Liturgist Kathy Dolianitis
Greeter Kent Shelton
Side door/Offering Eddie Blount
Counters Reynolds
Communion Jackie Rochford
Alex Walthall

List of Session members

Class of 2026: Ava Barrett, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer
Class of 2027: Harriet Beale, Pat Pinckney, Joan Reynolds, Kent Shelton
Class of 2028: Eddie Blount, Jr., Sam Meadema, Jackie Rockford,
Alex Walthall

Trustees: Bob Newnam, Ray Beale, Gary Wimer

2026 Budget Update

	March 2026	FY 2026
Revenue	\$64,772.75	\$123,495.68
Expenditure	\$43,117.30	\$121,646.15
Difference	\$21,655.45	\$ 1,849.53

If you enter the hospital, your church will have no way of knowing unless you notify us. Please let us know of your hospital stay so that we may respond with pastoral care.

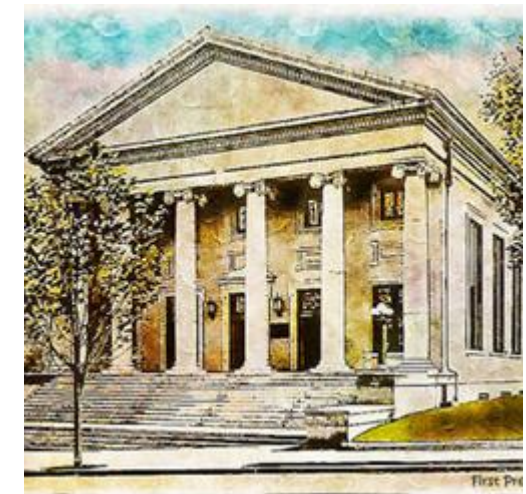
A Warm Welcome

We would love to have you join our church family. If you are moved to do so by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.

THE COLUMNS OF THE First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

May 3, 2026 5th Sunday of Easter Day



Welcome

**This church opens wide its doors and offers welcome in
the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad to them.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" Giovanni da Palestrina,
arr. Cindy Berry

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 31:1–5, 14–15)

Leader: Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

People: **Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

Leader: Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

People: **Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

Leader: Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

People: **Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

Leader: We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

People: **Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!**

*HYMN#299 **"Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"**

INVOCATION

Ever-gracious God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You have not fed us a diet of shame or shrinking, but with the milk of your truth, you have made us strong and faithful servants of Christ. You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. Meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing and that your Spirit will fill us with courage. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often, however, we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus promised his followers there are many rooms in a world filled with God's justice. When we speak truth to our own power, we make room for God's just world. This is the good news: God raised Jesus and made room for us, calling us to live out of God's forgiveness by making sure there is room for all. Alleluia, Amen!

SIGNS OF RECONCILIATION

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us the children of God, having confessed our sins and been reconciled to God, having been assured of God's graciousness and mercy, stand and offer that same peace and reconciliation to our brothers and sisters in Christ, forgiving each other and offering grace and peace. *Please remain standing for the "Gloria Patri."*

*RESPONSE *"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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

The psalmist calls God a source of refuge. In hope that the church can be a refuge for us and others, let us give our tithes and offerings to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, who faithfully fortifies the world you created, bless our gifts and use them to protect all creation and allow us all to flourish in Your justice and love. Amen.

OFFERTORY **Improvisation on "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**
by Charles Callahan

*DOXOLOGY
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM **"The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" (The Feast Is Ready)**
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Your Word, O God, is a source of refuge and guidance. Lead us, and inspire our hearts and souls as we engage holy Scripture with our minds and spirits. Amen.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES:
(410/392) Psalm 23
(901/858) 1 Peter 2:19-25
(798/759) John 10:1-10

SERMON **"The Voice, The Shepherd, The Gate"**
Jackson Weller

*HYMN#542 **"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH **The Apostles' Creed**
I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

POSTLUDE **"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" with "Good News, Chariot's Comin"**
African American spirituals, arr. Tom Fettke

*BENEDICTION
*Please stand if able.

**Hymn lyrics projected on the screen can be found in the "Glory to God" hymnal in the pew.*

Sermon Notes:

