

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by re-affirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Jackson Weller	Minister of Discipleship
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Sound	Eddie Blount
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Nancy Clayton
Greeter	Brenna Takata
Side door/Offering	Jackie Rochford

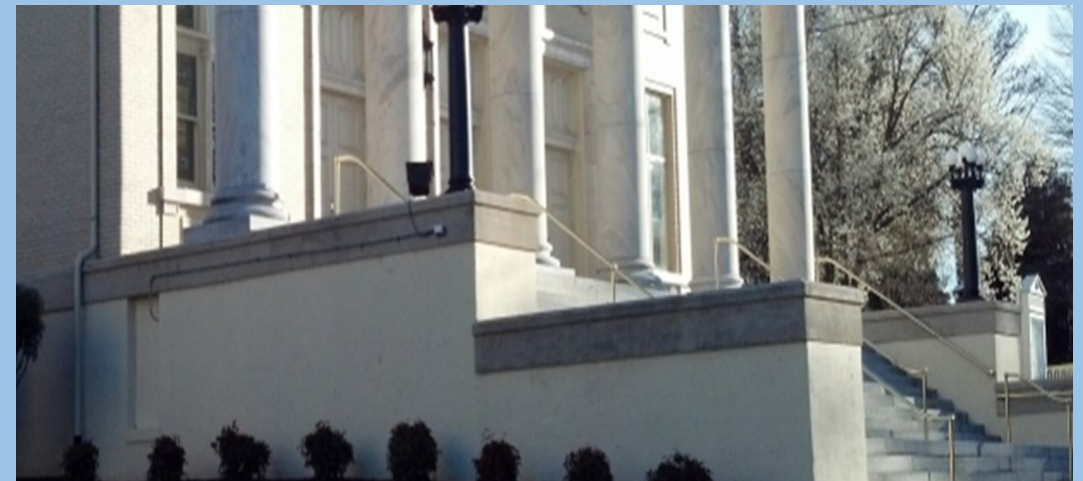
BUDGET UPDATE

	September 1 – 30	YTD
Contributions	\$34,824.15	\$270,588.37
Expenditures	\$60,930.79	\$393,289.19
Difference	(-\$26,106.64)	(-\$122,700.82)

First Presbyterian Church

October 20, 2024

11 a.m.



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRELUDE

"Hymn of Promise"

N. Sleeth,
arr. C. Dobrinski

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Our God comes; he does not keep silence. God calls and we respond to his love.

Leader: The heavens declare God's righteousness.

People: We tell out God's glories!

Leader: Offer up to God your thanksgiving.

People: And our God will hear us, save us, and stay with us forever.

INVOCATION

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. Amen.

HYMN #12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

October 22nd

Handbells 5:00pm
Ladies Dinner 6:00pm

October 23rd

Youth Group 6:00pm

October 24th

Bible Study 10:30am
Choir Practice 4:30pm

October 26th

Men's Breakfast 8:00am
Saturday Lunch Ministry 11:30am

The flowers this morning are given in appreciation for Jackson Weller, who is serving as our guiding light, by his church family.

There will be a congregational meeting Sunday November 3rd, immediately following church. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers for 2025. Your nominating committee has been working to find individual who have agreed to serve this church. We hope you will come and support this endeavor.

List of Session members

Class of 2024: Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata*, Barbara Wilkins*, David Swann

Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema*, Eddie Blount*, Jackie Rochford*

Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones*, Kim Wimer

*Denotes Steering Committee Members

“Praise the Lord on This Glorious Day!”

Lyricists: Don Besig and Nancy Price | Composer: Don Besig

Refrain: Come, rejoice, as our voices we raise
in songs of thanksgiving and jubilant praise!

Come and worship our Savior and King.

With all of God’s people together we sing!

Alleluia, alleluia, now resounds the joyful refrain.

Come, and join in the glad celebration,

and praise the Lord on this glorious day!

Gathered in this place, we are sisters and brothers;

Joy is in our hearts, and love grows here.

We will share our faith and serve one another.

The Lord will keep our purpose clear.

We are not alone, we are one in the Spirit,

Jesus calls us all to share God’s Word,

Bringing truth and hope to all who will hear it.

Serving gratefully, serving faithfully,

We will share God’s light with all the world.

Refrain repeats

Praise the Lord! Sing and praise the Lord on this glorious day!

About the Anthem:

This anthem was commissioned for the 200 th church anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of East Avon, New York. Their church motto, “Love grows here,” is included in the lyrics. Alongside their motto, I found another brief statement of faith on the church’s website, “We have faith that Christ is with us and that we can do all things through Him – even though we may have doubt.” The historical marker in the town of East Avon mentions their church, “East Avon began to develop all the elements of a thriving community known for the Wiard Plow, White Horse Tavern, First Presbyterian Church, and suspected Underground Railroad activities.”

This brought to mind the verse, “... do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you” (Matthew 6:3b-4, NASB95). I found East Avon’s enduring faith very inspiring. Let us love our neighbors extravagantly without proof or recognition. Let it be ‘suspected’ in decades that we shared God’s abundance and love. May we plant and water the seeds of God’s love in good soil here in Danville, Virginia.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves.

People: Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The truth about us is hard to receive,

People: but it is spoken with boundless love.

Leader: God’s judgement is just

People: but Christ has taken our place and died for our sins.

Leader: Friends, in Christ we are forgiven.

People: Mercy abounds!

All: Thanks be to God!

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet those around us with a handshake, hug, or reconciling words, sharing God’s blessings and then 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

God is the giver of all good things, the one who fashioned each of us with unique gifts that together make the Body of Christ whole. In gratitude for all we have received, we offer our lives back to God—we share our time, our skills, our money and in doing so we say “yes” to God’s invitation to join in the Kingdom work here on earth.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Bountiful God, All that we can offer you stems from your generosity. May the gifts that we return to you become a blessing for your whole community, enriching and empowering us for the work to which you call us. Amen.

OFFERTORY: "Just As I Am" Bradbury/D. Burton

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

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "Praise the Lord on This Glorious Day!" Price/Besig

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, let the words of your servant’s mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Through Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: (523/552) **Isaiah 53:4-12**
(848/892) **Hebrews 5:1-10**
(716/753) **Mark 10:35-45**

SERMON "Upside-down Kingdom" Jackson Weller

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.

HYMN #20 All Things Bright and Beautiful

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "We Will Walk with God" Swaziland melody, arr. John L Bell