

About the Anthem:

John Horman is a prolific composer of anthems, hymn tunes, and children’s songs. His music was published in the Silver Burdett & Ginn and MacMillan curricula in1988. Horman has published over 150 anthems with at least ten publishers, as well as over one hundred hymn tunes. Mr. Horman served as Organist and Director of Music at Warner Presbyterian Church for forty-three years. For twenty-six of those years, he also taught music in Montgomery County, Maryland. Upon his retirement, he spent another eight years as a church music director. Most recently, John Horman has focused on composing, piano lessons, and adult singing classes.

I love the celebratory and playful feeling of this anthem. It brings to mind the image of young children waving palm branches and skipping ahead of Jesus riding the donkey into Jerusalem. Mr. Horman used dynamics to create the feeling of watching a parade or procession wherein a group will gradually get louder when they are nearby and then become softer as they move further away. He also foreshadowed the celebration that awaits all Christians in heaven when we will all sing together, “the song that has no end.” During this Holy Week, let us remember that the coming of our Lord is at hand. Soon we will celebrate Christ’s resurrection and eternal life together.

“Lo, He Comes”
by John D. Horman (b. 1946)
Refrain: Lo, he comes! Sing we “Hosanna!”
Lo, he comes, let us sing to the Lord!

Enter his gates with shouts of thanksgiving,
into his courts with songs of praise,
Come, let us march in glad procession.
Loud hosannas now we raise.
Refrain repeats
Open your heart and welcome the Savior.
Join with the song that has no end.
This is the day for which we have waited;
The coming of our Lord is surely at hand.
Refrain repeats

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
Monday April 14th		Holy Week service noon
Tuesday April 15th		Holy Week service noon
		Handbells 5:00pm
		Ladies Dinner 6:00pm
Wednesday April 16th		Holy Week service noon
Thursday April 17th		Holy Week service noon
		No Bible Study
		Choir 4:30pm
		Handbells 5:15pm
Friday April 18th		Holy Week service noon
Saturday April 12th		Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

If you are applying or reapplying to college-it’s time to get your scholarship application from FPC. Call the church office for more info. We will email or mail you an application today! Deadline is April 30th!
~ Scholarship Committee

Please join us for our Holy Week services this year April 14th–18th, in the sanctuary we will have guest speakers each day. Services will start at noon followed by a light lunch.

It’s time to spring clean your closet and bring your casual wear clothes you don’t wear anymore to church. We have scheduled a free clothes give away for our Saturday lunch program guests for May 3rd. Bags of clothes can be left in the church parlor.

SERVING TODAY	
Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	C. B. Strange
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Ray Beale
Greeter	Eddie Blount
Side door/Offering	Barbara Wilkins

List of Session members
Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema, Eddie Blount, Jackie Rochford
Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer, Ava Barrett
Class of 2027: Barbara Wilkins, Joan Reynolds, Pat Pinckney, Kent Shelton
Trustees: Bob Newnam(27), Ray Beale(26), Gary Wimer(25)

	BUDGET UPDATE	
	March ’25	FY 2025
Contributions	\$57,701.30	\$140,060.63
Expenditures	\$36,063.82	\$106,475.52
Difference	\$21,637.48	\$ 33,585.11

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.

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First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday



Welcome

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting,
we warmly welcome you to our service today.

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and Making Him Known*

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