

About the Anthem:
This arrangement by the late American composer Mark Schweizer combines the well-known Gaelic hymn tune, ST. COLUMBA, with J.S. Bach’s equally famous *Prelude in C Major*. It is an intriguing gentle combination of an Irish tune and the German Baroque composer’s first prelude for piano in his collection, *The Well-Tempered Clavier*.

This set of lyrics for the twenty-third Psalm was written by Sir Henry Williams Baker, a Vicar and hymnwriter in the Church of England. He was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and took Holy Orders just after his college graduation. He is known for using simple language and smooth lyrical rhythms. Baker completed John Mason Neale’s English translation for, “Of the Father’s Love Begotten.” This paraphrase of Psalm 23 is his most popular work; it has three additional verses that are not included in this arrangement. Henry Baker’s last words were the third verse of this Psalm setting,
“Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing, brought me.”

“*The King of Love, My Shepherd Is*”
Text: Psalm 23 | Lyricist: Sir Henry W. Baker (1821-1877)
Composer: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Hymn tune: ST. COLUMBA |
Arranger: Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never,
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Tuesday May 13th	Handbells 5:00pm Ladies Dinner 6:00pm Session 6:30pm
Wednesday May 14th	Low Country Boil 6:00pm
Thursday May 15th	Bible Study 10:30am Choir 4:30pm
Saturday May 17th	Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

Our Low Country Boil is Wednesday May 14th at 6:00pm. Please use the bulletin insert to sign up or call the office. There will be no tickets. Team 1 is in charge. Price for the meal is \$8 per person. Last day to sign up is May 12th.

We will collect the Sunnyside offering this morning and next Sunday. This offering goes to the Sunnyside Communities Fellowship Fund. This fund provides assistance to those who have outlived their life’s savings. Thank you for your support to our seniors in need. Please make your check out to FPC and mark your check Sunnyside in the memo or use the envelopes in the window sill.

SERVING TODAY	
Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	Sam Meadema
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Brenna Takata
Greeter	Kent Shelton
Side door/Offering	Pat Pinckney

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		
	April 1-30	FY 2025
Contributions	\$17,800.70	\$157,861.33
Expenditures	\$28,343.01	\$134,818.53
Difference	(-\$10,542.31)	\$ 23,042.80

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 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter



Welcome

This church opens wide it’s doors and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **“Bayou Home”** William Grant Still
arr. Alexa Still | Greg Robey, trombone

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 53:5-6)

Leader: He was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punish-
ment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are
healed.

People: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

INVOCATION

God our helper, we come together to remember who we are and whose we are. Open our hearts to the nudging of your Spirit that moves among us, empowering us to listen, to nurture, and to care for all creation. Give us eyes to see when you break into our lives through all you have made and wash us once again in your life-giving waters. Amen.

***HYMN# 826** **"Lift High the Cross"**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ's righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are an Easter people, forgiven and freed, ready to sing
God's glory and testify to God's grace. Amen.

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

As Christ's disciples, let us offer our gifts to his ministry.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the vulnerable. Amen.

OFFERTORY **“O Thou, in Whose Presence”**
Wyeth/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 **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**
H. Baker/J.S. Bach, arr. Mark Schweizer

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, guide us into and through your Word,
that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us
today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: (392/410) Psalm 23
(778/818) Acts 9:36-43
(760/799) John 10:22-30

SERMON “The Shepherd” Jackson Weller

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN# 81 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”**

***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.

CHORAL BENEDICTION *“Go with Us, Lord”*
Mary Jackson Cathey/Thomas Tallis

*** Please stand if able.**