

About the Anthem:

Richard Proulx began studying piano at the age of six; he started composition lessons during middle school. He grew up attending Saint Patrick’s Parochial School in Saint Paul, Minnesota where he had two music classes a day. He went on to attend Mac-Phail College and then graduate school at the University of Minnesota. Proulx also studied Gregorian Chant at St. John’s University. He served as an organist and music director in several Catholic churches throughout the country, as well as a Reform Jewish synagogue – Temple de Hirsch Sinai in Seattle, Washington. Richard served on editorial boards and published works in the hymnals of many denominations, including Episcopal, Mennonite, Methodist, and Presbyterian.

All told, Richard Proulx published over three hundred musical works, including congregational hymns, sacred and secular choral pieces, two operas, instrumental pieces, and organ music. In the commercial music industry, Proulx composed many jingles, including for Union Pacific Railroad (1971). Richard founded ‘The Cathedral Singers’ in 1991; the group recorded many choral works and performed throughout the country. Two of their recordings debuted on the hit television series, “ER.” He also wrote secular pieces, including an orchestral score for a documentary film *The Golden Door* and an organ arrangement for the 1997 film *The Devil’s Own*. Dr. Proulx is said to have been uniquely talented in many areas (composition, conducting, editing, and organ performance). He is remembered as someone who was willing to work across denominational lines, embracing the challenges of writing and directing liturgical music in the twentieth century. His eulogies include the following quotation: “He remained committed to the enriching and balancing role of the arts in people of all ages.”

“Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Children” (Psalm 113)
Composer and Paraphraser: Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise ye the Lord, ye children; Praise ye the name of the Lord.
Bless ye the name of the Lord, our God, now and forever more.

Praise ye the Lord, ye children; Praise him from east to west.
Bless ye the name of the Lord, our God;
Praise him from north to south.

Praise ye the Lord, ye children; Praise ye the Father and Son,
Bless ye the name of the Lord, our God; Praise ye the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad
Tuesday June 24th Ladies Dinner 5:30pm
Wednesday June 25th Youth 6:00pm
Thursday June 26th NO Choir
Saturday June 28th Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

SERVING TODAY

Pastor Rev. David Baker
Music Director Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound Sam Meadema
Video Alex Walthall
Liturgist Kathy Dolianitis
Greeter Sam Meadema
Side door/Offering David Clark

We will collect the Sunnyside offering this morning. 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.

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

	May 1-31	FY 2025
Contributions	\$17,060.26	\$174,921.59
Expenditures	\$35,967.35	\$170,785.88
Difference	(-\$18,907.09)	\$ 4,135.71

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
June 22, 2025
2nd Sunday after Pentecost



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

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and Making Him Known

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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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE **“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”**
African American Spiritual, arr. Tom Fettke

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 42)
Leader: As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for you, O God.
People: Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.
Leader: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
People: Hope in God, for we shall again praise the Lord, our help and our God.

INVOCATION
Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***HYMN# 824** **“There Is a Place of Quiet Rest (Near to the Heart of God)”**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of gospel freedom, we find it difficult to imagine that we could indeed be your children through faith. We cannot believe that we could belong to Christ and be heirs of the promise made to Abraham and his offspring. Help our unbelief; rekindle our imagination. Tame our rebellion. Bring us back to ourselves and to you.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Galatians 3)
In Christ Jesus, we are all children of God through faith; we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. We are heirs according to the promise and made free in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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
After being healed of his affliction, Jesus told the man possessed by demons to return home and declare how much God has done for him. As a grateful testimony of what God has done for us, let us return a portion of our treasures.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Generous God, may these gifts empower our witness to your work in the world. Amen.

OFFERTORY **“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”**
C.H.H. Parry/Setting by C. 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 **“Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Children”**
by Richard Proulx\Charlotte Garrett, handbells

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

GOSPEL SCRIPTURE: (789/750) **John 1:29-42**
NEW TESTAMENT: (860/818) **2 Corinthians 5:14-6:1**

SERMON **“Experiencing Christ”** **Rev. David Baker**

***HYMN# 69 “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)”**

***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 **“Give Me Jesus”**
Traditional American Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

BENEDICTION

***Please stand if able.**