

**About the Anthem:**

This piece is a modern adaptation of Psalm 8 by Mary Ann Butler, the wife of famous sacred composer Eugene Butler. Mary Ann was a social worker and therapist for over forty years. After college at the University of Oklahoma, she earned her master’s degree in social work at Columbia University. She then returned to her native Oklahoma where she avidly supported her husband’s career as a music professor, director, and composer. Mrs. Butler loved traveling, particularly to opera performances and museums. Mary Ann was a singer at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church in Mission, Kansas; she loved needlework, sewing, and painting in addition to her creative writing endeavors. Composer Eugene Butler was also a native of Oklahoma, attending the University of Oklahoma before heading to New York for the Master of Sacred Music degree at Columbia. He went on to complete a Doctor of Musical Arts in composition at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He published over a thousand pieces of music with forty-six different publishing houses. Dr. Butler’s music has been performed worldwide and translated into many languages. He was a very dedicated college professor for twenty-five years, concurrent with thirty-eight years as a church music and community chorus director. During his retirement, Eugene joined his wife in the choir at St. Michael & All Angels. Both Mary Ann and Eugene were only children. The college sweethearts were married for sixty-nine years (1955-2024) and passed away just nineteen days apart. They shared an immense passion for sacred choral music as well as visual art. They collaborated often, with very inventive and artistic results. I really enjoy the neo-Romantic elements of Dr. Butler’s composition alongside Mrs. Butler’s creative lyrics. Their works also have a very fresh, twentieth-century perspective. They fit in well with my ‘familiar yet fresh’ church music philosophy.

“When I Think About the Heavens”  
Text: Psalm 8 | Lyricist: Mary Ann Butler (1935-2024)  
Composer: Eugene Butler (1935-2024)  
*Refrain:* When I think about the heavens,  
the vast expanses of the sky,  
I understand why God protects us, there’s a reason, here is why.  
There are so many different faces in the starry firmament we view,  
What unending mystery places far in space that seem so new!  
So, the marvel of the universe if proof of God’s mercy,  
The sun, moon and stars all tell us of the tiny part planned for me.  
*(Refrain Repeats)*  
Think of the sky’s many colors from dawn until the sun goes down,  
Of all the wide formations of cloudy shapes around.  
These are the skies that I think about,  
too vast for one to understand,  
How marvelously God planned the heavens,  
and still found a plan for me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Today	Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad
Tuesday June 17th	Ladies Dinner 5:30pm
Wednesday June 18th	Youth 6:00pm
Thursday June 19th	Choir 4:30pm
Saturday June 21st	Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

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

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.

**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.

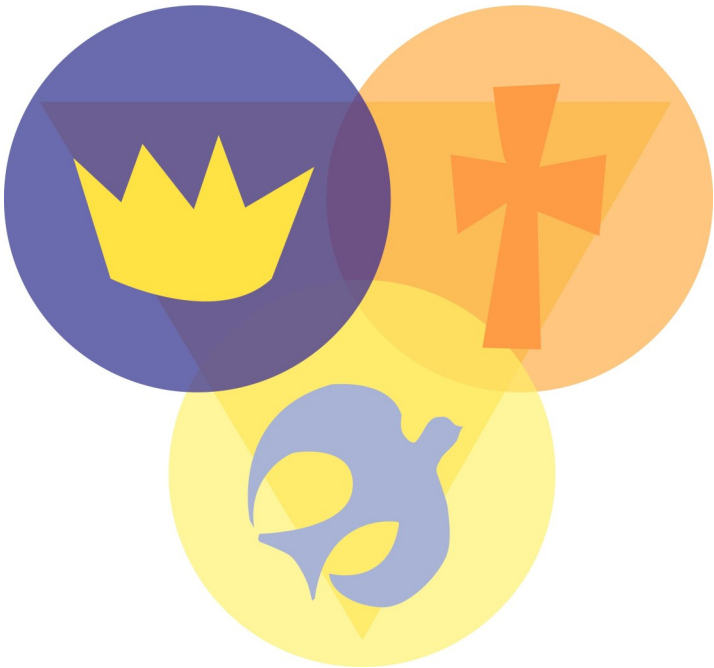
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# First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

## June 15, 2025

## Trinity Sunday



## Welcome

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

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