

About the Music Today:

Today’s selections were chosen to celebrate the festival of Pentecost. We give thanks to God for the gift and indwell-ing of the Holy Spirit in each of us!

Though little information is available about Alice Pullen, it is obvious she was a prolific writer. She published at least twenty hymns and several scholarly articles. Alice was mentioned as one of two leading women hymnists in the October 1937 issue of Baptist Quarterly. Contemporary composer Allan Mahnke is a Lutheran pastor and organist; he previously spent twenty years as Director of Music and Worship Publishing at Augsburg Fortress. Mr. Mahnke is professor emeritus at Concordia University, St. Paul. Since retiring eighteen years ago, Mahnke performs solo and 4-hand organ/piano recitals with his wife, Dr. Kathryn Schenk. He is also the organist at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. This song celebrates the presence of God in nature, and the Spirit’s constant guidance is illustrated through echoes and dynamic variation.

Today’s offertory, “For Everyone Born” (Shirley Erena Murray, 1931-2020 and Brian Mann, b. 1950) was the theme song for Ecumenical Women when I attended the 69th Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in March. Lyrics for this song can be found at hymn #769 in our new hymnals, Glory to God. The Holy Spirit is the Guide that moves us to care for one another in the body of Christ. Verse three speaks to our responsibility to learn and walk alongside the very young and very old in the family of God. Shirley Murray was an eminent hymnwriter from New Zealand, and Brian Mann is a world class film composer in Santa Barbara, California (as well as an organist and composer of church music).

The anthem “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness” (#291 in our hymnals) celebrates the unending presence of God through the Holy Spirit. I love Jim Manley’s (b. 1940) lyrics about the presence of the Holy Spirit at creation, in the words of the prophets, at Christ’s birth and crucifixion, on the day of Pentecost, and into the future of the church. The Spirit inspires restlessness within us – to sing new songs and dream new dreams. The postlude, “Hanover,” illustrates the eternal, omnipresent Creator of the Universe (ref. Psalm 104:24-34).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad
Tuesday June 10th	200th Committee 5:00pm Ladies Dinner 5:30pm Session 6:30pm
Wednesday June 11th	Choir 4:30pm Youth 6:00pm
Saturday June 14th	Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	David Clark
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Nancy Clayton
Greeter	Sam Meadema
Side door/Offering	Eddie Blount

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.

“We Praise You for the Sun”
Composer: Allan Mahnke (b. 1944) | Lyricist: Alice Muriel Pullen (1889-?)

We praise you for the sun, the golden shining sun,
that gives us healing strength and joy; we praise you for the sun.

We praise you for the rain, the softly falling rain,
that gives us healing strength and joy; we praise you for the rain.

We praise you for your love, our friend and Father God,
Who gives us healing strength and joy; we praise you for your love.

THE COLUMNS
OF THE

First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

June 8, 2025
Day of 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

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT “We Praise You for the Sun”
Alice Pullen/Allan Mahnke

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Acts 2:1-4)
Leader: All together in one place;
People: they heard the rush of a violent wind;
Leader: it filled the entire house.
People: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;
Leader: they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

INVOCATION
May we feel your presence this day, Holy Spirit, like the people gathered on that Day of Pentecost. May you rush into our hearts and inebriate our souls. May we be empowered by your Spirit to live a life more faithful to God. Amen.

*HYMN#20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Spirit of God, we build walls and barriers. We assume and stereotype. We devalue diversity and stick with what is comfortable and familiar. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to cross borders and boundaries of difference. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that gathers us together and calls us to build beloved community. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Acts 2:21)
“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. 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
God’s Spirit is among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Most Generous God, you have blessed us with gifts to serve and share. May the offerings we present today be used to further your Kingdom and build your beloved community. Amen.

OFFERTORY “For Everyone Born”
Shirley Murray/Brian Mann

*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 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”
by James K. Manley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen

SCRIPTURE: (810/771) Acts 2:1-21
 (841/800) Romans 8:14-17
 (803/764) John 14:8-17

SERMON “Blown Away By The Spirit” Jackson Weller

HYMN# 286 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*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 “Hanover”
Setting by C. Callahan

BENEDICTION

*Please stand if able.