

About this Hymn:

Clara Harriet Fiske was born in Elk Grove, Illinois, the daughter of farmers. When Clara was fifteen, her family moved to Chicago. Two years later she enrolled at the Chicago Musical Institute in 1858. During her studies, Clara met and married Henry Clay Scott. She soon became a successful composer, hymnwriter, and music publisher. Clara Scott was the first woman to publish a collection of choral anthems, the *Royal Anthem Book*, in 1882. The year before her death, she published a hymnal, *Truth in Song*. Clara published at least forty-nine hymn tunes and eighteen hymn texts. “Open My Eyes, That I May See” is her most popular composition, by far. It has been published in at least 192 hymnals and translated into several languages including Spanish, Malayalam, German, and Portuguese. Clara was inspired to write this hymn after reading Psalm 119. The opening phrase takes inspiration from the eighteenth verse, “Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.” (Psalm 119:18, NRSVue) I have fond memories of singing this hymn with my aunt Lynne’s choir at Antioch United Methodist Church in Cumberland, Virginia where she played the piano for twenty-seven years. She returned to our home church, Guinea Presbyterian, eleven years ago.

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”
by Clara H. Scott (1841-1897)

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp
and set me free.
Refrain: Silently now I wait for thee, ready,
my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will
disappear.
(Refrain repeats)
Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth
everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to
share.
(Refrain repeats)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad
Monday July 14th	Evening Worship 7:30pm
Tuesday July 15th	Ladies Dinner 5:30pm
	Evening Worship 7:30pm
Wednesday July 16th	Evening Worship 7:30pm
Thursday July 17th	Evening Worship 7:30pm
Friday July 18th	Evening Worship 7:45pm
Saturday July 19th	Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

Son Servants will be stay at the church and serving in Danville July 14-18. You are invited to join for evening worship in the Fellowship Hall, Monday-Friday beginning around 7:30pm (schedules are a little loose with youth ministry, haha). Please be praying for the groups that will be serving in Danville.

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	David Parris
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Brenna Takata
Greeter	Pat Pinckney
Side door/Offering	Barry Cutright

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

	June 1-30	FY 2025
Contributions	\$46,226.42	\$221,148.01
Expenditures	\$37,170.48	\$207,956.36
Difference	\$ 9,055.94	\$13,191.65

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

July 13, 2025

5th Sunday after Pentecost



*Celebrating 198 Years of Knowing Christ
and Making Him Known*

Welcome

**This church opens wide its doors and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

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

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ***“Be Still My Soul”*** J. Sibelius, arr. C. Berry

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ has set us free

People: Free to serve

Leader: Free to welcome and include

People: Free to love our neighbors as ourselves

INVOCATION

Everlasting God, we gather together knowing You are present among us. Guide our hearts and mind to listen for Your word: in our hearts, in our movement, in our prayers. Open us to new insights, to be challenged by the scriptures, to be assured by our songs, to be encouraged in prayer, knowing that You are making all things new, including us. May we be open to the Spirit in this time. Amen.

***HYMN# 307** **“God of Grace, God of Glory”**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, your fruit includes love, peace, patience and kindness but we are a divided, hateful people. We turn to violent means and violent words to settle our disputes. We are impatient with each other and fail to honor your commandment to love. Our idols fascinate and distract us from your rightful path. Forgive us. Turn us from our sinful ways. Set us free in Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Paul reminds us that generosity is a fruit of the Spirit. Let us generously share of the gifts we have been given. Let us present our offerings 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 **“All Praise to Thee”**
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

*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 *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*
by Clara H. Scott

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: (651/687) Amos 7:7-14
(833/875) Colossians 1:1-14
(735/773) Luke 10:25-37

SERMON “Living in God’s Alignment” Jackson Weller

***HYMN# 41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above”**

***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 “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”
Enviado soy de Dios, by Jose Aguiar and Pedro Infante, English
translation by Gerhard M. Cartford

***BENEDICTION**
***Please stand if able.**

Direct translation of Choral Benediction Spanish verse:
I am sent by God; my hand is ready to build with Him a brotherly world. The angels are not sent to change a world of pain into a better world. It has fallen to me to make that a reality. Help me, Lord, to do Your will.