About this Hymn:

This hymn was written by a Canadian minister, prison chaplain, and worship journal editor, Sylvia Dunstan. She wrote many hymns during her short life, resulting in two published hymnals (one released posthumously). Unfortunately, Sylvia passed away due to liver cancer at the age of thirty-eight. She left behind a legacy of compassion for those in need and an overwhelming love for liturgy. The lyrics of this hymn were inspired by the line in the Lord's prayer, "Thy kingdom come," and the 126th Psalm. In addition to the this hymn, Sylvia also wrote the lyrics for #s 164, 170, 183, 274, 295, 476, and 509 in the *Glory to God* hymnal.

This arrangement was done by an imminently talented living American composer, Evelyn Simpson-Curenton. Simpson is a native of Philadelphia and an alumna of Temple University. She began her musical career as a pianist and singer at the age of two; during grade school she became the accompanist for her family's vocal group, The Singing Simpsons. Evelyn went on to study organ, arranging, and composition. Her pieces have been commissioned by the Metropolitan Opera and New York Philharmonic for presentation in Carnegie Hall, as well as the Kennedy Center, the National Symphony Orchestra, and Hampton University's jazz ensemble (a bit closer to home for us, geographically speaking). Ms. Simpson-Curenton currently serves as organist at three churches in Washington, D.C. Her tireless dedication to congregational worship is a beautiful Christian example.

"When the Lord Redeems the Very Least" Lyricist: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993) | Composer: Albert E. Brumley (1905-1977) Arranger: Evelyn Simpson-Curenton (b. 1953)

When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice. When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.

Refrain: We will rejoice with gladness. We will rejoice. All our days we'll sing to God in praise. We will rejoice!

When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice. When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice. *Refrain*

When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.
When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice.

Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad

Tuesday July 8th Ladies Dinner 5:30pm Saturday July 5th Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

The office will be closed Monday July 7th in observance of July 4th.

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.

There will be no choir practice the month of July.

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Word & Sacrament David Baker

Music Director Ashley Stanley-Robey

Sound C. B. Strange
Video Alex Walthall
Liturgist Becky Meadema
Greeter Pat Pinckney
Side door/Offering David Clark
Communion Gail Jones
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

	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

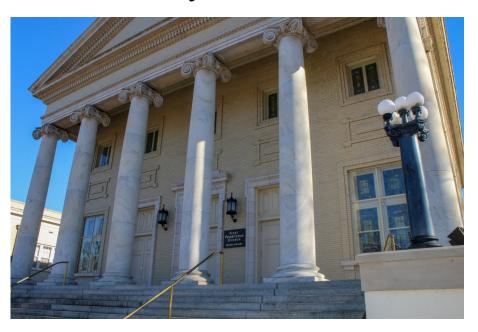
We would love to have you join our church family. If you are moved to do so by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.

THE COLUMNS OF THE

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Danville, Virginia

July 6, 2025 4th Sunday after Pentecost



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Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad to them. **CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT "Come Sing to God" (Psalm 30)

Fred Anderson/ELLACOMBE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 66:1-5)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

People: sing God's glorious name; shout out glorious

praise.

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

People: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to

vour name."

Leader: Come and see what God has done:

People: tell of God's awesome deeds among all people!

INVOCATION

God of endings and beginnings, we thank you for always starting anew with us. When we find ourselves at our wits' end, at the end of our rope, at the end of our patience, or even at the end of our hope, you are there. You find us and bring us into your new beginning, again and again. Amen.

*HYMN#4

"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, you call and call and we come up with every excuse why we can't answer, at least not right now. Forgive our fear. Remind us that when we answer your call, we will not be sent out alone, but filled with your gifts, surrounded by your children, and held in your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia! 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

We are promised that the harvest is plentiful; there is more than enough to go around. Trusting that God has provided abundantly enough for our needs, let us build up God's church by making our offerings now.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, bless our gifts of money, passion, time and prayer, that they may travel far in your world, blessing your children in every place. Amen.

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" **OFFERTORY**

J. B. Dykes/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 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least"

Sylvia Dunstan/Albert E. Brumley, arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, stir in us today some new understanding; some new passion; some new insight into you. As we read your Scriptures, help us to hear your still, small voice. Amen.

Ezekiel 37:1-7 SCRIPTURE: (648/614)

> (856/815)1 Corinthians 15:12-23

SERMON "Heaven is Real" Rev. David Baker *HYMN# 306

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*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.

"Heaven" (Excerpt) **POSTLUDE**

Emily D. Wilson/Setting by Ruth Elaine Schram

*BENEDICTION

*Please stand if able.

Music during Communion -"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Lowell Mason/Setting by Daniel Burton "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Traditional Spiritual/Setting by Daniel Burton