

About the Anthem:

Composer Helen Howarth Lemmel was born the daughter of a Wesleyan minister in England in 1863. She loved music from her earliest days, and her parents gave her voice lessons with the best teachers they could find. The family moved to America when Helen was twelve. In young adulthood, she spent four years studying vocal music in Germany. She met and married a wealthy European man. Sadly, Helen’s husband abandoned her when she went blind. She suffered this great heartache in middle age before receiving the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to write this hymn. She said the chorus just came to her. She made no conscious effort to write or embellish it.

In her later years, Helen befriended a young pastor Doug Goins and his parents, Paul and Kathryn Goins. They described her as a joyful and enthusiastic person, full of life despite her ailments, “Though she was living on government assistance in a sparse bedroom, whenever we’d ask how she was doing, she would reply, ‘I’m doing well in the things that count.’” Helen Lemmel wrote nearly five hundred hymns during her life, with the help of friends to write or record them. She passed away two weeks before her 98th birthday. Helen left us a beautiful legacy of contentment, gratitude, and mental fortitude. Her story calls to mind the passage, “And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Timothy 6:8-10).

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Words and Music by Helen H. Lemmel (1863-1961) |  
Arranged by Cliff Duren

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?  
There’s light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free.

*Chorus:* Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face.  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

His Word shall not fail you, He promised.  
Believe Him and all will be well.  
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell.  
*(Chorus repeats.)*

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad
Tuesday August 12th	Ladies Dinner 5:30pm
Tuesday August 12th	Session 6:30pm
Wednesday August 13th	Youth 6:00pm
Thursday August 14th	Bible Study 10:30am
Thursday August 14th	Choir 4:30pm
Saturday August 16th	Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

Admin Committee meets today at 9:00am in Westminster.

Bible Study will begin meeting Thursday at 10:30 in Westminster room we will begin a study in the book of Hebrews.  
Mission Committee will meet Sunday August 17th at 9:00am

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	Ray Beale
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Brenna Takata
Greeter	Kim Wimer
Side door/Offering	Sam Meadema

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

	July 1-31	FY 2025
Contributions	\$34,516.62	\$257,195.03
Expenditures	\$44,201.79	\$252,158.13
Difference	(-\$ 9,685.17)	\$ 5,036.90

*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.

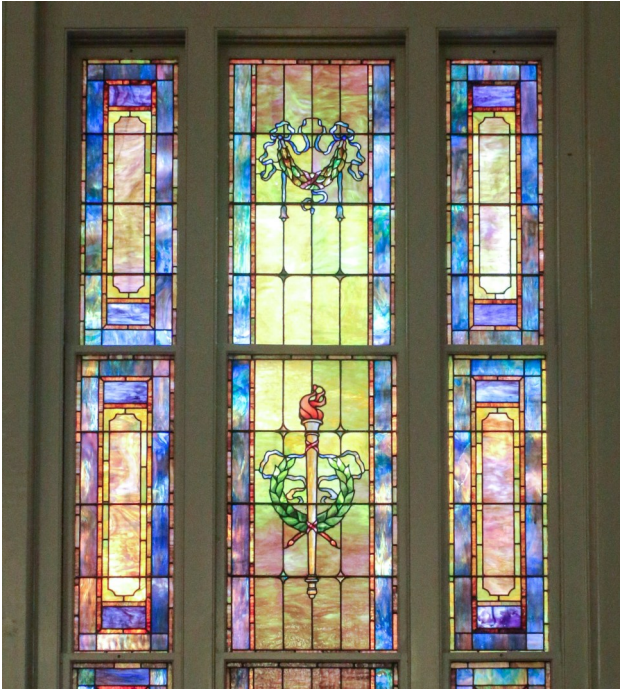
A Warm Welcome

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  
August 10, 2025  
9th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome

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

Celebrating 198 Years of Knowing Christ  
and Making Him Known

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## GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Henri F. Hemy/J.G. Walton, setting by C. Callahan

Leader: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

**People: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.**

Leader: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**People: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.**

## INVOCATION

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. We come convinced of many things but trusting very few. Holy God of limitless surprises, meet us here in this place as we touch that which we cannot see, that which we have not dared to hope.

**\*HYMN# 326** **“For All the Saints”**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. Amen.

## SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's grace is given freely. God's love is steadfast. Receive the good news that you are forgiven, and live liberated from sin to the glory of God. 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 (2 Corinthians 9:7)

“God loves a cheerful giver.” Let us present our tithes and offerings to God.

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundance, everything we have is on loan from you.  
Help us be good stewards of all your precious resources.  
Bless these gifts we give in return that they might, in turn, be  
a blessing to others. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**      *“St. Thomas” The Universal Psalmist*  
                                  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 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

Helen H. Lemmel, arr. Cliff Duren

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, your Word directs every step we take. Help us listen closely to your Word as it is read and preached today, so we may understand your message and follow your will. Amen

**SCRIPTURE:** (483/509) Isaiah 1:1,10-20  
(10/10) Genesis 15:1-6  
(851/894) Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

**SERMON      “Trust and Transformation”**

# Jackson Weller

**\*HYMN#463**

**\*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 “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

African American Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*Please stand if able.**