

About the Anthem:

Reverend Frederick W. Faber came from a Huguenot and Calvinist family background; he grew up in the Church of England, attended Balliol College at Oxford, and was ordained in the Church of England. He later joined the Roman Catholic Church. Believing that Catholics should sing hymns like those written by John Newton, Charles Wesley, and William Cowper, he wrote at least 150 hymns. “Faith of Our Fathers” was long considered his most popular work, but “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” has arguably eclipsed it. This tune, HOLY MANNA, is not traditional for this hymn but the metrical indices align perfectly. Composer William B Moore is credited with writing it, but this is not certain. Mark Gregory Schweizer, originally from Baltimore, Maryland, spent much of his musical career in Tryon, North Carolina. He attended Stetson University (BM) and later the University of Arizona (MM, DMA). Dr. Schweizer became an accomplished bass-baritone opera singer, including an appearance with Robert Shaw and the Atlanta Symphony. He was a college professor, church music director, prolific composer, and the author of sixteen mystery novels. He also founded St. James Music Press, the publisher of our anthem this morning.

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”
Lyricist: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)
Composer (attributed): William B Moore (1790-1850) |
Arranger: Mark G. Schweizer

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heav’n;
there is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgement giv’n.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

A Note on the Choral Benediction:
“Send Me, Jesus” is a traditional South African freedom song, originally written in the Zulu language. The lyrics can be found at #746 in our hymnals. The first Zulu stanza can be translated directly as, “Send me, Jesus; send me, Almighty.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
Today	Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad	
Tuesday August 26th	Ladies Dinner 5:30pm	
Wednesday August 27th	Youth 6:00pm	
Thursday August 28th	Bible Study 10:30am	
Thursday August 28th	Choir 4:30pm	
Saturday August 30th	Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am	

We are in the process of reviewing the church members’ needs with Hearing Assistive Devices. We have some available for use, but want to be sure that all who need one have access. It is possible that some members may have inadvertently taken one home and forgotten that they have it, or they keep it and bring it with them to church on Sunday. If you do have one at home, please return it to the charging base at the Sutherlin entrance or, if it is an older battery-operated model, please place it in the basket next to the charger. This way we can account for all the devices we have and know how many more we actually need to order. Thank you!

SERVING TODAY	
Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	David Parris
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Jackie Rochford
Greeter	Kim Wimer
Side door/Offering	Pat Pinckney

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.

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First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

August 24, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome

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

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