

**About the Anthem:**  
Writer Gracia Grindal, originally from Powers Lake, North Dakota, was educated at Augsburg College (Minneapolis, C/O 1965) and the University of Arkansas (MFA, 1969). She served as professor of English and poet-in-residence at Luther College in Decorah Iowa for over fifteen years (1968-1984). Ms. Grindal became very interested in the connections between theology, culture, and hymnody. She completed a master’s degree at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota (1983). She went on to serve Luther Seminary as professor of pastoral theology and ministry communications. Professor Grindal was named professor of rhetoric in 1992 and is now professor emeritus. Also in 1992, she created the Reformation Festival (first called “Songfest”), a series of hymn festivals; her series included “Singing the Faith,” Reformation Day services focused on Luther’s Catechism. Gracia Grindal is a prolific writer, having penned at least thirty- eight hymn texts and eleven books. She also compiled and translated a collection of 150 Scandinavian hymns, wrote a book of sonnets on biblical themes – *The Sword of Eden*, and a translation of fifty Icelandic hymns – *Hymns of Passion*. In 2021, Grindal’s collection of 366 devotional sonnets on Jesus was published, *Jesus the Harmony*. She publishes a weekly hymn blog at Hymnfortheday.com. More of her writings and translations can be found at #98, 538, and 853 in the hymnal, Glory to God.

Composer Rusty Edwards, DMin, DD, hails from Dixon, Illinois. He has written many hymns, including six collections – *The Yes of the Heart* (with foreword by Chick Corea), *Grateful Praise, As Sunshine to a Garden, Each Breath Every Heartbeat*, and *Bidden, Unbidden*. His sixth book, *Uncommon Mercy*, included a tune composed by Dave Brubeck for his song, “As the Moon is to the Sun.” He was a Visiting Fellow at Yale University Institute of Sacred Music in 2009 and at Africa University (Zimbabwe) in 2012. Edwards received the Doctor of Divinity degree in 2015 from Lutheran Southern Seminary at Lenoir-Rhyne University (Hickory, NC). Some of his music and lyrics can be found at #98 and 733 in our hymnal.

**Rejoice! I Found the Lost**  
Lyricist: Gracia Grindal (b. 1943) | Based on Luke 15  
Composer: Rusty Edwards (b. 1955) |  
Arranger: Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

And Jesus said, “Our God is like a shepherd who has lost a sheep,  
And leaving all the rest he searched until he found what had been lost.”  
“Rejoice,” he cried, “I found the lost! Rejoice, rejoice with me, rejoice!”

And Jesus said, “Our God is like a woman who has lost a coin;  
She lit a lamp and searched all night until she found what had been lost.”  
“Rejoice,” she cried, “I found the lost! Rejoice, rejoice with me, rejoice!”

And Jesus said, “Our God is like a father who has lost a son;  
He waited every day for him until his son returned to him.”  
“Rejoice,” he cried, “My son came home!  
Rejoice, rejoice with me, rejoice!” he cried.  
“Rejoice with me, my son came home! Rejoice, rejoice with me, rejoice!”

ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Today	Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad
Mission Committee meets this morning at 9:00am	
Tuesday September 16	Handbells 5:00pm Ladies Dinner 6:00pm
Wednesday September 17	Youth 6:00pm
Thursday September 18	Bible Study 10:30am Choir 4:30pm
Saturday September 20	Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

SERVING TODAY	
Minister of Word & Sacrament	Rev. David Baker
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	Sam Meadema
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Ray Beale
Greeter	Joan Reynolds
Side door/Offering	Ava Barrett

**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		
	August 1-31	FY 2025
Contributions	\$20,849.32	\$278,044.35
Expenditures	\$25,505.81	\$278,094.64
Difference	(-\$ 4,656.49)	(-\$ 50.29)

*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  
**September 14, 2025**  
**14th 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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and Making Him Known***

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