

**About the Choir’s Hymns Today:  
O Christ, the Healer**  
Lyrics: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) | Harmony: J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR from Joseph Klug’s *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

Reverend Fred Pratt Green is one of the best-known contemporary British hymnwriters. Originally from Liverpool, Rev. Green worked as a British Methodist pastor and district superintendent. He spent most of his ministry career in Brighton and York, followed by his last post in Norwich. F. Pratt Green stated in 1971 that he intended to write new hymns that could, “fill the gap between the hymns of the first part of this century and the ‘far-out’ compositions that have crowded into some churches in the last decade or more.” Rev. Green’s hymns appear in practically every new hymnal and supplement wherever English is spoken and sung. His works have also been published in poetry magazines and anthologies. According to Hymnary.org, he wrote over a hundred hymn texts; eleven are included in our hymnal, *Glory to God*. His hymns have been translated into Arabic, French, German, Mandarin, Malayalam, Portuguese, and Spanish. The full text for “O Christ, the Healer” can be read at #793 in our hymnal.

**Make a Joyful Noise to God!**

Lyrics: Michael Morgan (b. 1948) |  
Tune: DIX by Conrad Kocher (1786-1872)  
Arranger: William Henry Monk (1823-1889) |  
Harmony: *The English Hymnal*, 1906

This familiar tune, DIX, is most often associated with the hymn, “For the Beauty of the Earth.” It was first composed by German musician Conrad Kocher around 1838. Kocher moved to St. Petersburg, Russia at the age of seventeen to work as a tutor, but his love for the music of Haydn and Mozart drew him back to Germany to work as a musician. The Cotta music firm which published his works sent him to study music in Italy; there he became enthralled with the works of Palestrina. Upon his return to Germany, Kocher founded the School for Sacred Song in Stuttgart, which popularized four-part singing in the churches of that area. He served as organist and choir director at Stiftskirche in Stuttgart (1827-65), wrote a treatise on church music, compiled a large volume of chorales, and composed many pieces including an oratorio, two operas, and some sonatas. British composer William Henry Monk wrote the version of the tune DIX that we in the English-speaking world are accustomed to singing. William Monk is best known as the editor of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. He served as organist and choirmaster at King’s College (1847) and at St. Matthias (1852-89). Monk composed over fifty hymn tunes and edited *The Scottish Hymnal* (1872).

Church musician and Psalm scholar Michael Morgan wrote our anthem lyrics. He resides in Atlanta and serves as Organist Emeritus for Central Presbyterian Church; he is also the Seminary Musician at Columbia Theological Seminary. He has published at least thirty-six hymn texts, mostly Psalm settings; twelve are included in our hymnal. Morgan is an alumnus of Florida State University and Atlanta University. This setting of the 66th Psalm has only been published in one hymnal thus far, *Glory to God*; it can be found at #54.

ANNOUNCEMENTS		
Today	Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad	
Monday October 13	PW Evening Circle 7pm	
Tuesday October 14	Handbells 5:00pm Ladies Dinner 6:00pm Session 6:30pm	
Wednesday October 15	Youth 6:00pm	
Thursday October 16	Bible Study 10:30am Choir 4:30pm	
Saturday October 18	Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am	

The Evening Circle will met at the home of Karan Johnson on October 13th at 7pm. Joyce Perez is the leader of the Bible study and discussion. Call 799-5662 if you need directions or have any questions.

SERVING TODAY	
Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	Eddie Blount
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Kathy Dolianitis
Greeter	Barbara Wilkins
Side door/Offering	Gail Jones

**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	
	September 1-30	FY 2025
Contributions	\$57,095.31	\$335,139.66
Expenditures	\$48,200.37	\$326,295.01
Difference	\$ 8,894.94	\$ 8,844.65

*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 flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Rebecca’s grandparents, Lawrence G. “Lefty” Wilson, Sr. and Mary Rebecca Denny Wilson by Rebecca and Chris Moore.

*THE COLUMNS  
OF THE*  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
Danville, Virginia  
**October 12, 2025**  
**18th Sunday after Pentecost**



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