

About the Choir’s Hymns Today:
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
By Ken Medema (b. 1943)

Ken Medema is a songwriter, composer, and recording artist who grew up in Michigan. He is blind from birth and began playing the piano at age five; Ken studies classical music by reading Braille. He went on to study music therapy at Michigan State University and worked as a music therapist in Indiana and New Jersey. He began writing songs for hurting teens and then songs about the Christian life. He responds to what he hears at events and often improvises songs on the spot. Ken has recorded twenty-six CDs under his label Brier Patch Music. “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” was written in 1970 while Ken was helping lead a youth group. They started talking about a young man who was in the hospital and needed prayer. During their prayer, Ken got the idea for this chorus. He started humming, then singing, and then the kids began singing along with him. Ken says it was a song born out of concern and prayer for a friend. The lyrics for this song can be found at #469 in the hymnal.

Living for Jesus
Lyricist: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960) |
Composer: C. Harold Lowden (1883-1963)

Living for Jesus a life that is true, striving to please Him in all that I do;
Yielding allegiance, gladhearted and free,
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain: O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne,
My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.

Living for Jesus who died in my place, bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer His call,
follow His leading and give Him my all. *R*

Living for Jesus wherever I am, doing each duty in His holy name;
Willing to suffer affliction and loss, deeming each trial a part of my cross. *R*

Living for Jesus through earth’s little while,
my dearest treasure, the light of His smile;
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,
bringing the weary to find rest in Him. *R*

Carl Harold Lowden was a very private man, but a prolific hymnwriter of over sixty hymns and composer of over three hundred tunes. He also edited thirteen hymnals and arranged several pieces. “Living for Jesus” is by far his most popular work. Thomas Obadiah Chisholm, who wrote the lyrics for this song, grew up on a farm in Franklin, Kentucky. He became a schoolteacher and edited the local newspaper. At the age of twenty-six, Thomas became a Christian and went to work for the “Pentecostal Herald” of Louisville, Kentucky. At thirty-seven, he went into ministry in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Chisholm’s goal as a hymnwriter was to incorporate as much Scripture as possible and to avoid flippant themes.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>		
Today	Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad	
Monday October 20	CE Committee 4:30pm	
Tuesday October 21	Handbells 5:00pm	
	Ladies Dinner 6:00pm	
Wednesday October 22	Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00pm	
Thursday October 23	Bible Study 10:30am	
	Choir 4:30pm	
Saturday October 25	Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am	

We will have pulled pork, slaw, mac & cheese, salad, a tasty dessert, and tea/coffee for our Wednesday night dinner. Team 3 is in charge. Our program will be from the finance committee. Please use the reservation form in the bulletin or call the office by noon Wednesday if you plan to attend.

There will be a congregational meeting Sunday November 2nd, immediately following church. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect officers for 2025. Your nominating committee has been working to find individual who have agreed to serve this church. We hope you will come and support this endeavor.

SERVING TODAY	
Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	David Clark
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Jackie Rochford
Greeter	Barbara Wilkins
Side door/Offering	David Swann

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, Ray Beale, Gary Wimer

	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 COLUMNS
OF THE*

First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

October 19, 2025

19th 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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A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad to them.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

CHORAL INTROIT "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
by Ken Medema

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP
(Psalm 121 and 2 Timothy 4)

Leader: We lift up our eyes to the hills — from where
will our help come?
**People: Our help comes not from the hills, but from
the Lord who made heaven and earth.**
Leader: I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message;
be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavor-
able;
**People: The Lord will keep your going out and your
coming in from this time on and forevermore.**
Leader: With endurance, expectation, and joy, let us
worship the living God!

INVOCATION
Dear Lord, as we gather today, we invite Your Holy Spirit to
be with us in this place. May Your presence fill our hearts
and minds as we seek to worship You in spirit and truth.
Open our eyes to see Your glory and our ears to hear Your
voice. Let every part of this service be an offering to You. We
ask for your guidance and wisdom throughout this time of
worship. Amen

*HYMN#69 "Here I Am, Lord"
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God of the covenant, you promise to write your law in our
hearts, that we might be faithful people who know you and
your will for us. Still we stray from your ways, we fail to tell
the truth, we mirror the world around us more than the good
news of the gospel, and we fail to acknowledge that you are
our God. Forgive us, and by your Spirit renew us. Engrave
your covenant upon us once more. Grant us courage and faith
that we might begin again to live what it is we say we believe.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Jeremiah 31:34)
No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other,
“Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least
of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their
iniquity and remember their sin no more. **Hear and believe
this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

SIGNS OF RECONCILIATION
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Leader: Let us the children of God, having confessed our sins
and been reconciled to God, having been assured of God's
graciousness and mercy, stand and offer that same peace and
reconciliation to our brothers and sisters in Christ, forgiving
each other and offering grace and peace.
Please 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
Out of gratitude for all that God has provided for us and
with hope for a future that continues to unfold toward God’s
promised end, we bring our tithes and offerings for God’s
work among us in this time and place.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
We give you thanks, Creator of heaven and earth and all that
is within them, for the gift of this day, this moment of wor-
ship, and your word which is engraved upon our hearts. Re-
ceive and bless these gifts that we return to you, as a symbol
of the dedication of our entire lives, that we as your church
might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation,
love and joy. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
from Lewis' Beauties of Harmony, 1828/Setting
by Charles 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

QUARTET ANTHEM "Living for Jesus"
Thomas O. Chisholm/ C. Harold Lowden
Ashley Stanley-Robey, soprano | Gregory Robey, alto |
Mack Williams, tenor | Ray Hayes, bass

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (2 Timothy 4:3)
Amid a world where sound teaching is hard to find, our ears
are easily tickled by words that suit our own desires. Open
us to hear your word, O Lord, that we might know you and
your will for us today

SCRIPTURE: (592/560) Jeremiah 31:27-34
(22/23) Genesis 32:22-31
(885/843) 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

SERMON “Wrestling with the Word”
Jackson Weller
*HYMN#735 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

*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/Setting by Jason W. Krug
*BENEDICTION
*Please stand if able.