

About the Anthem:

Dr. Eugene Butler was a world-renowned composer of choral music with over a thousand published works. A native of Durant, Oklahoma, he received his education at Oklahoma University (B.M.E.), Union Theological Seminary (M.S.M.), and the University of Missouri-Kansas City (Doctor of Musical Arts in Composition). Throughout most of his career, Dr. Butler was the Director of Choral Activities and Music Theory at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas. He was simultaneously Director of Music and the Arts at Valley View United Methodist Church for twenty-eight years. For twenty years, he also directed the local community choir, Johnson County Chorus. He served as an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. In 1998, having received many commissions for new works, Dr. Butler retired from all other employment to pursue composition full time.

Perhaps the most shining accomplishment of Eugene Butler’s life was his undying passion for serving others and sharing his gifts. While he could have had a storied career at any major research university, he served his community tirelessly. Even after his full retirement, he sang in his church’s choir in Mission, Kansas until near the time of his death at age 89. Dr. Butler was exceedingly generous with his time and talents, an example each of us may strive to follow.

“A Joyous Psalm”

Based on Psalm 138 | By Eugene Butler (1935-2024)

I give Thee thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.
O God, I sing Thy praise and give thanks unto Thy Name,
For Thy love, for Thy steadfast love, for Thy love and faithfulness.

Alleluia, Alleluia... (repeated)

All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord.
They have heard the words, the words of Thy mouth,
And shall sing of the ways, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia... (repeated)
Sing praise, sing praise to our God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today	Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad
Tuesday November 18	Handbells 5:00pm Ladies Dinner 6:00pm
Wednesday November 19	Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00pm
Thursday November 20	Bible Study 10:30am Choir Practice 4:30pm
Saturday November 22	Men’s breakfast & bible study 8am Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am
Missions Committee will meet this morning at 9:00am	

We will have chicken pot pie, salad, a delicious dessert, and tea/coffee for our Wednesday night dinner. Team 2 is in charge. Please use the reservation form in the bulletin or call the office by noon Wednesday if you plan to attend.

The Saturday Lunch Ministry will be serving its annual Thanksgiving Meal to guests on Saturday, November 22. It is a large meal – more food and more people. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! We need many people Saturday to prepare, serve and clean up – Time: 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. We will also need a few people Friday to set tables, cut pies, etc. – Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. It is a busy morning, but fun and worthwhile event. If you can help, please let Vickie, Jackson or Jackie know by Tuesday, November 18. Thank you for your support.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at First Baptist Church on Monday Nov. 24th. At 7:00pm. DACAS choir and Handbell choir will offer music and Jackson Weller will be offering a Thanksgiving message.

The First Presbyterian Day School is collecting children’s clothes to be given away to our Saturday lunch ministry guests on Saturday, Nov. 29th. We are seeing more grandparents with young children attending our lunches. We are asking our church members to also participate by bring any of your grandchildren’s used clothes to the church parlor by Tuesday, Nov. 25th. Thank you for your support.

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Sound	Eddie Blount
Video	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Nancy Clayton
Greeter	David Clark
Side door/Offering	C. B. Strange

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

	October 1-31	FY 2025
Contributions	\$25,335.15	\$360,474.81
Expenditures	\$32,390.90	\$358,685.91
Difference	(-\$7,055.75)	\$ 1,788.90

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

November 16, 2025

23rd 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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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

A MINUTE FOR ANGEL TREE

PRELUDE "My Lord, What a Morning" African American spiritual, arr. Jason W. Krug

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us worship God!

***HYMN#353** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

INVOCATION

Lord, renew my heart today. Let this service ignite my spirit and breathe fresh fire into my soul. May every word spoken and every song sung lead me closer to You. Renew our church, our passion, and our purpose. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we confess that we are troubled by the events of our lives and the state of this world. Headlines are full of wars, insurrections, suffering, earthquakes, famines, and death. These things are enough to shake our faith and undermine our confidence in your promise. Lord, we believe; help our unbelief. Deliver us from speculation that distracts us from faithful living and loving service. Forgive us when we doubt your promises. Help us to endure that we may gain our souls, always bearing witness to your love and grace in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 103:11-12)

“For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who fear him.”

“As far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our transgressions from us.”

Hear and believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING(2 Corinthians 9:8)

The apostle Paul reminds us, “God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.” With gratitude for God’s goodness and in response to God’s indescribable gift of Jesus Christ, let us present our tithes and offerings.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Great and giving God, we know every good and perfect gift comes from you. In return, we give these offerings and pray they will not only supply the needs of others but also overflow with many thanksgivings to you. Thank you for our many blessings. Lord, show us how to use what you have given us to be a blessing to others. In the name of Jesus Christ, your indescribable gift. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Jesus, the Light of the World" George D. Elderkin, arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

*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

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, Jesus said, “Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it!” Open our hearts and minds to the reading and hearing of your holy Word today, that we may be doers of the Word, and not hearers only. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Word made flesh. Amen.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES:

(532/561)	Isaiah 65:17-25
(677/714)	Malachi 4:1-2
(745/784)	Luke 21:5-19

SERMON “Life Between Ruins and New Creation”
Jackson Weller

***HYMN# 757** Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

***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 "All People that on Earth Do Dwell"
OLD HUNDREDTH, attr. to Louis Bourgeois, Setting by Daniel Burton

*BENEDICTION

***Please stand if able.**