

About the Choirs’ Music Today:
We begin our worship with *Thanksgiving Bells* by renowned handbell composer Barbara Baltzer Kinyon (1929-2021). Ms. Kinyon was born in New Jersey and grew up an only child in Hamburg, New York. She was educated at Northwestern University (BME) and the Eastman School of Music (MM). Barbara worked as a solo pianist, church organist, college professor, private piano and organ instructor, handbell conductor, composer, and clinician. She spent twenty-five years as Professor of Music Theory and Composition at Suffolk Community College on Long Island. Ms. Kinyon was also the organist and director of handbells at Setauket Presbyterian Church in Setauket, NY. She published over 225 handbell compositions along with choral works. Her son, Kevin, wrote a shining reflection on his mother’s love and devotion. Barbara was a dedicated daughter, mother, and grandmother. She was a cancer survivor – much to Kevin’s benefit and rejoicing. I cry every time I read about Barbara’s life – what an example of Christian devotion to one’s callings. Please read her story if you have the time, <https://everloved.com/life-of/barbara-kinyon/obituary/>

Our Chancel Choir anthem today is a medley of two familiar tunes, *Shaker Tune* and *Canon in D*. They were expertly woven together by arranger Mark Schweizer, most recently of Tryon, North Carolina. Mr. Schweizer was president and editor of St. James Music Press, the publisher of this anthem. The postlude today was arranged by Douglas Wagner (b. 1952), a Chicago native and internationally recognized composer. Mr. Wagner taught high school music for thirty years and now devotes all his time to composing and editing music. He has published over three thousand titles and sold over sixteen million copies of his works. He can be reached at dwmusik@sbcglobal.net

“Simple Gifts”

Traditional *Shaker Tune* | New lyrics by Alice Carpenter
After Johann Pachelbel’s *Canon*, arr. Mark Schweizer (1956-2019)

‘Tis a gift to be simple, ‘tis a gift to be free,
‘Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be;
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

‘Tis a gift to be loving, ‘tis a gift to be kind,
‘Tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind;
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend, we shan’t be ashamed.
To turn, turn, will be our delight, till by turning, turning, we come round right.

‘Tis a gift to be thankful, ‘tis a gift to forgive,
‘Tis a gift to find out how we ought to live;
And when we find ourselves in a place just right,
‘Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	
Today	Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad
Monday November 24	Community Thanksgiving Service 7:00pm at First Baptist Church
Tuesday November 25	Choir 4:00pm Handbells 5:00pm NO Ladies Dinner
Wednesday November 26	NO Youth Group
Saturday November 29	Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

Angel Tree Ministry– Get your Angel between now and Dec. 6th. All gifts are due by Dec. 7th– wrapped please. Thanks 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.

We will have a new member/”refresher Presbyterian 101” class Sunday December 7th at 9:45am and Sunday December 14th at 9:45am in the Westminster room. All are invited to both.

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

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 23, 2025
Christ the King Sunday



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

**PRELUDE "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" and
"We Gather Together" from Thanksgiving Bells,**
arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As the family of God, let us adore God,
**People: whose power created the universe and sustains
our world.**
Leader: Let us sing God’s praises,
People: whose mercy blots out our sin.
Leader: Let us lift up our hearts in thanksgiving to God,
**People: whose goodness blesses us with countless gifts
of love.**
Leader: Friends, let us joyfully worship God, who in
Christ Jesus comes to redeem our lives.

***HYMN#268 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

INVOCATION

Father, we come before You today in reverence and awe. May
your presence be tangible in our worship. Let every song we
sing and every word we speak bring glory to Your name. Fill our
hearts with Your love and joy as we enter into Your courts with
thanksgiving. May this service be a reflection of our deep love
for You. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, Ruler of the universe, You have given us command-
ments by which to live, and we have broken them again and
again. Indeed, we have broken them so often that we are used
to it. Forgive us we pray and help us never to become accus-
tomed to breaking Your law. Hear our prayer as we continue in
silence.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Christ Jesus enter the world to
rescue sinners.
**People: He bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we
might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.**
Leader: Christ died for us, Christ rose for us;
People: Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us.
Leader: Believe in the good news of the gospel.
People: 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.*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

“You received freely; freely, give.” In celebration of God’s free-
dom through Jesus Christ, we now give our tithes and offerings to
God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you are the source of all love, power and justice. Our
world is broke, in need of your love, your light. Take these offer-
ings and multiply them so that may bless others. Bless those who
give and those who receive, that they may know you better.

OFFERTORY "For the Beauty of the Earth"
from Thanksgiving Bells, arr. B. B. Kinyon

*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

ANTHEM "Simple Gifts" after Johann Pachelbel's Canon,
arr. Mark Schweizer | Shaker Tune, new lyrics by Alice Carpenter |
Mack Williams, soloist

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy
Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is
proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today.
Amen.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES:

(583/553)	Jeremiah 23:1-6
(875/833)	Colossians 1:11-20
(787/748)	Luke 23:33-43

SERMON “The Shepherd We Needed All Along”
Jackson Weller

***HYMN#196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

***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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
Welsh folk tune, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*BENEDICTION

***Please stand if able.**