

“Who Was the Man”
Composer: Katherine Kennicott Davis (1892-1980)

O who was the man, two thousand years ago
Who walked in Galilee,
Who said to the fishermen mending their nets,
“Rise up and follow me.
O rise up and follow, rise up and follow,
rise up and follow me.”

They followed him down through village and town,
and wondered at the words he said,
As he healed the lame and the sick and the blind
and even raised the dead.

“O rise up and follow, rise up and follow,
rise up and follow me.”

They followed him into a garden at night,
then up to a cross on the hill,
And when he was laid in a stony tomb,
they seemed to hear him still.
“O rise up and follow, rise up and follow,
rise up and follow me.”

That man who arose from the stony tomb
is here and alive today.
Like friends you could meet on a crowded street,
and then you’d hear him say,
“O rise up and follow, rise up and follow,
rise up and follow me.”

About the Anthem:

Katherine K. Davis was born in St. Joseph, Missouri on June 25, 1892; she started piano lessons in first grade. She composed her first piece of music, “Shadow March,” at age 15. Katherine graduated from St. Joseph High School in 1910 and then went to Wellesley College where she intended to major in literature. She changed her major to music instead and won the Billings Prize for Musical Composition. After college graduation, Ms. Davis stayed on at Wellesley as a theory and piano instructor. She attended graduate school concurrently at the New England Conservatory of Music. During her teaching career, Katherine taught music at the Concord Academy in Concord, Massachusetts and then Shady Hill School for Girls in Philadelphia.

Katherine found a lack of appropriate music literature for girls’ choirs and for untrained singers in community ensembles. She composed over six hundred musical works to help fill those gaps, along with seven operas and many pieces for piano and organ. Katherine’s mentors included Nadia Boulanger and Thomas Whitney Surette. Her most famous composition was titled “The Carol of the Drum,” but we now know it as “The Little Drummer Boy.” She said the song came to her while she was trying to take a nap. Davis herself later stated that it, “...had been done to death on radio and TV.” She also wrote the hymn text, “Let All Things Now Living.”

Katherine Davis was a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP). She was granted an honorary doctorate from Stetson University in DeLand, Florida. She left all royalties and proceeds from her compositions to the music department at Wellesley College. These funds are still used to support musical instrument instruction. Katherine Davis was a prolific and lifelong composer, writing until her final illness in late 1979. She passed away on April 20, 1980.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad
Tuesday March 17 Handbells 5pm
Ladies Dinner 6pm
Wednesday March 18 Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm
Thursday March 19 Thursday Bible Study 10:30am
Choir 4:30pm
Saturday March 21 Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

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

If you are applying or reapplying to college-it’s time to get your scholarship application from FPC. Call the church office for more info. We will email or mail you an application today! Deadline is April 30th!

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship Jackson Weller
Music Director Ashley Stanley-Robey
Video/Sound Alex Walthall
Liturgist Jackie Rochford
Greeter Ava Barrett
Side door/Offering Gail Jones
Counters Beale

List of Session members

Class of 2026: Ava Barrett, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer
Class of 2027: Harriet Beale, Pat Pinckney, Joan Reynolds, Kent Shelton
Class of 2028: Eddie Blount, Jr., Sam Meadema, Jackie Rockford, Alex Walthall
Trustees: Bob Newnam, Ray Beale, Gary Wimer

2026 Budget Update

| | February 2026 | FY 2026 |
|--------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Expenditures | \$38,205.33 | \$78,116.13 |
| Revenues | \$47,304.17 | \$56,758.95 |
| Difference | \$ 9,098.84 | -\$21,357.18) |

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.

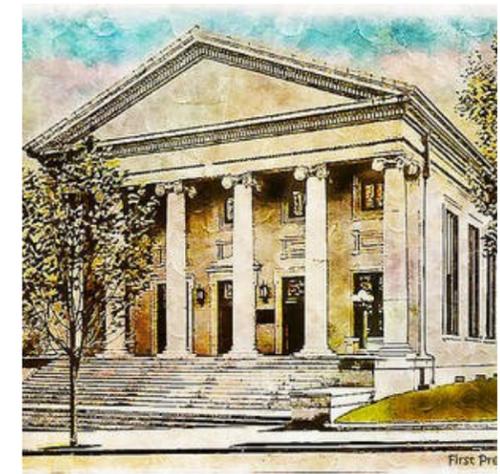
THE COLUMNS
OF THE

First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

March 15, 2026

4th Sunday in Lent



Welcome

This church opens wide its doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Celebrating 199 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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us with He Leadeth Me"
William Bradbury/Arr. Cindy Berry

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

People: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord:

People: Who made heaven and earth, and all that is in them.

Leader: Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

People: The Lord sets the prisoner free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

People: The Lord watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow,

Leader: But the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

***HYMN#39** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness "

INVOCATION

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, journey alongside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we continue to want more, blind to the blessings we already possess. We want everything now, blind to the value of patience and hard work. We take so much delight in our own accomplishments that we are blind to people in need. Forgive us! Cleanse us of our entitlement, anxiousness and pride. Help us see the world with your eyes so that we can be people of gratitude, courage and compassion, because of what we see in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Jeremiah 33:31-34)

"The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel. I will put my law within them; I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people. I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more." **We believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and our sins are remembered no more.**

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

God gives and gives and gives to bless, help, heal, and save us. What can we give in return? In the beloved words of Isaac Watts: "Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

What language can we borrow to thank you, dearest Friend? Accept the gifts we give today to be for your glory and the good of your people, because of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Attende Domine" 10th cent. Mozarabic chant, Mode V | Setting by Thomas Keesecker

***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 "Who Was the Man?" by Katherine K. Davis

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy, magnificent God, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, allow us to see you clearly in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES:

(210/202) 1 Samuel 16:1-13

(871/829) Ephesians 5:8-14

(798/758) John 9:1-14

SERMON "The Light That Sees the Heart"
Jackson Weller

***HYMN** "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" insert

***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 "A Celtic Set for Lent" Edward Miller/Trad. Irish | Setting by Thomas Keesecker

*BENEDICTION

***Please stand if able.**

**Hymn lyrics projected on the screen can be found in the "Glory to God" hymnal in the pew.*