

“Hope of the World”  
*Incorporating “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”*  
 Lyrics, Text Adaption, and Musical Arrangement by Lloyd Larson  
 (b. 1954)

Hope of the world, help to the helpless; a humble Servant, Savior, Friend;  
 God’s only Son, sent to redeem us; hosannas ring praise without end.

Amazing love! How great a Savior! Christ comes to set the captive free.  
 A love beyond all comprehension, the grace of God for all to see.  
 Amazing love for you and me!

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself;  
 O, nobody else could walk it for Him; He had to walk it by Himself.

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, despised, rejected, and alone.  
 He carried our sorrows, griefs and burdens. He had to bear them all alone.  
 Jesus bore them all alone.

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**About the Music in Today’s Service:**

Lloyd Larson was born and raised in Illinois. He earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana and went on to complete the Master of Church Music with emphases in piano and composition at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Larson served as Minister of Music for churches in Indiana and Ohio. He is currently a freelance composer and arranger in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He has written many choral, handbell, keyboard, and instrumental pieces – over 1,500 pieces so far.

Today’s anthem is an excerpt from Larson’s 9 ½ minute Palm-Passion Musical Drama, **Amazing Love!**, for SATB and/or two-part mixed choruses. This anthem is a two-part mixed anthem with occasional descant notes and an optional oboe part which plays the melody, then echoes the voices’ melodic statements, and finally plays a descant line above the optional soprano descant. Lloyd utilizes echoes, rhythmic and harmonic complement, as well as rhythmic variations throughout the piece. We warmly welcome Jeremy Williams, a child of this church, to join us on the oboe today. Jeremy is the co-principal oboist and principal English horn player for the Danville Symphony Orchestra and serves on the symphony’s board.

Continuing our Lenten journey this week, I chose to play “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” and “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” to emphasize that Jesus walks with us through our daily lives, not only during Lent. Our postlude today, “Plenty Good Room,” is a foretaste of the impending joy of Easter and the eternal glory of heaven!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad  
 Monday March 23 CE Committee 4:30pm  
 Tuesday March 24 Worship Committee 4pm  
 Tuesday March 24 Handbells 5pm  
 Ladies Dinner 6pm  
 Wednesday March 25 Youth 6pm  
 Thursday March 26 Thursday Bible Study 10:30am  
 Choir 4:30pm  
 Saturday March 28 Men’s Breakfast 8:00am  
 Saturday March 28 Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is one of three Churchwide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Donations to OGHS allow partnership with community development projects throughout the world that empower economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged communities to promote positive changes in their lives. Funds also assist communities recovering from major disasters. The FPC Missions Committee encourages you to support this worthy outreach of the Presbyterian Church (USA). You may write checks to FPC (put OGHS in the memo line) and place them in the offering plate. Envelopes are available in the windowsills next to the bulletins. Helping the poor is lending to the Lord. Proverb 19:17

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 Becky Meadema  
 Greeter Ava Barrett  
 Side door/Offering David Swann  
 Counters Reynolds

**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.

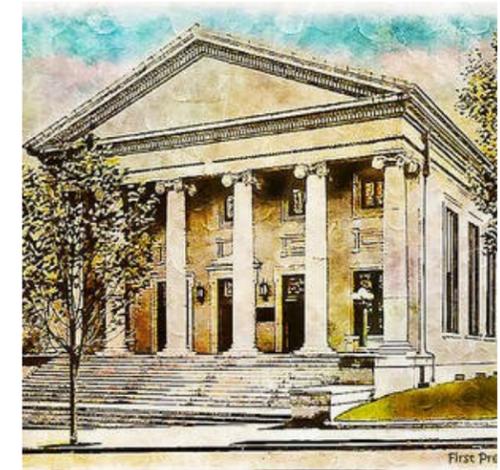
THE COLUMNS  
 OF THE

**First Presbyterian Church**

Danville, Virginia

**March 22, 2026**

**5th 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** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"  
African American spiritual, arr. Tom Fettke

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 130)

Leader: Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord

**People: Let your ears hear our supplication.**

Leader: We wait for you, O God. In your word is our hope.

**People: We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.**

Leader: Come. Let us worship God.

**\*HYMN# 826** "Lift High the Cross"

### INVOCATION

God of mercy, we come to you dry and lifeless, seeking your breath of life. Lead us to the place where our hopes lie buried and call us out from the tombs of despair. Call forth our faith that, with Martha, we may know you to be the resurrection and the life, in this world and the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we are a busy people. We become pre-occupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin.**

### SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Psalm 130, The Message)

"If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you're worshiped."

Friends, through the life, death and resurrection of 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

As the well-known hymn says, "Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe." Everything we have, we owe to the grace of God. Therefore, it is only right that we return a portion of those gifts to God, whether it be financial, our skills and talents, or our relationships. Let us take this moment to give these gifts to God.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we offer these gifts to you, fruits of our labors and a token of our appreciation for everything that you have done for us and given to us. We pray that you guide their use for the welfare of your people. Amen.

**OFFERTORY** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"  
Thomas Dorsey/George Allen, arr. T. Dorsey

**\*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.*

### NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ANTHEM** "Hope of the World" by Lloyd Larson |  
Jeremy Williams, oboe

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we come before you now to worship you and listen to your Word. Open our ears to hear. May we understand your Word more fully and follow the path you have set before us. Amen.

### LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES:

(614/648)	Ezekiel 37:1-14
(800/841)	Romans 8:6-11
(760/799)	John 11:1-45

**SERMON** "From Dry Bones to Living Breath"  
Jackson Weller

**\*HYMN#634** "To God Be the Glory"

**\*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** "Plenty Good Room"  
African American spiritual, arr. Lloyd Larson

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*Please stand if able.**

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