

Taste and See  
Text from Psalm 34 | Composer: James E. Moore, Jr. (1951-2022)

*Refrain:* Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord, for God has been so good to me. *Refrain*

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. *Refrain*

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

**About the Choir's Music Today:**

Dr. James Edward Moore, Jr. was an American Black Catholic composer, singer, liturgist, conductor, pianist, and master teacher. James was born in 1951 in La Crosse, Virginia in Mecklenburg County (about 80 miles east down Route 58 from Danville). He gained fame as a church musician and composer during the Black Catholic Movement (1968 through the 1990s). Dr. Moore served as a Professor of Liturgy and Music at the Athenaeum of Ohio from 1977 to 1982 (Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology). "Moore also directed music at the former St. Agnes Catholic Church in Cincinnati's Bond Hill neighborhood" (Nate Tinner-Williams of the Black Catholic Messenger). During the 1980s, Moore toured Catholic parishes and worked with many choirs, including in Türkiye, Germany, Italy, and Austria. He settled permanently in Vienna, Austria in 1984; while there he directed the Chor der Alten Burse ("Choir of the Old Boys") and recorded an album in 1987, *That We May Be One*. Dr. Moore resided in Vienna for the remainder of his career teaching voice and conducting.

Today's anthem, "Taste and See," is Dr. Moore's most famous composition. It is sung in churches around the world as both a Communion hymn and a responsorial setting of Psalm 34. I love Dr. Moore's creative use of syncopation and hemeolic rhythms. He creates a perfect atmosphere of joyful anticipation and overarching peace. [Note: We sang this February 1<sup>st</sup>, during a winter snowstorm.] We chose to reprise it so more than a few of us can enjoy it together! Other notable songs written by Dr. Moore include "Touch Somebody's Life," "An Irish Blessing," and "Come to the Feast."

The choral introit, "The Bread and the Wine Are Here" was written by Daniel Charles Damon (b. 1955), the Associate Editor of Hymnody for Hope Publishing Co. In addition to writing many hymns, Reverend Dan Damon is also a retired United Methodist pastor and a jazz pianist. He has released several albums including solo piano works, traditional African hymns, and most recently a collection of spirituals in collaboration with bassist Kurt Ribak called *Needed Time Spirituals*. Dan's arrangements will be released next month, July 2026. Hopefully Greg and I can collaborate on these piano and bass arrangements very soon!

Music during Communion: *Mack Williams, baritone soloist*  
"Sometimes a Light Surprises" William Cowper/Irish folk melody; arr. Alfred V. Fedak  
and  
"We Gather Here in Jesus' Name" by Bryan Jeffery Leech

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad

Tuesday June 9	Ladies Dinner 5pm
Tuesday June 9	Session 6:30pm
Wednesday June 10	Choir 4:30pm
Wednesday June 10	Youth 6pm
Thursday June 11	NO Bible Study
Saturday June 13	Sat. Lunch Ministry

Our new membership directory is available in the church office. Inside is a survey from the Membership Committee that we ask you to please fill out and drop in the offering plate on Sunday. Please contact Vickie in the church office, 434-792-7822 ext. 1 to pick up your survey. If changes or corrections need to be made please email [admin@fpcdanville.com](mailto:admin@fpcdanville.com)

**SERVING TODAY**

Minister of Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley Robey
Video/Sound	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Gail Jones
Greeter	Sam Meadema
Side door/Offering	Sam Meadema
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		
	April 2026	FY 2026
Revenue	\$28,990.14	\$152,485.82
Expenditures	\$ 34,699.19	\$156,345.34
Difference	\$(-5,709.05)	\$(-3,859.52)

*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 by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.

**Scan the QR code for today's scripture readings.**



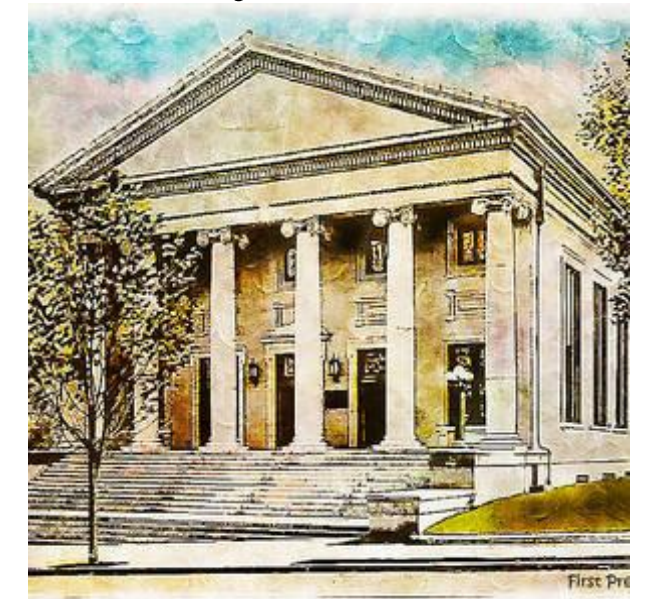
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**First Presbyterian Church**

Danville, Virginia

**June 7, 2026**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



**Welcome**

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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

**CHORAL INTROIT**      **"The Bread and the Wine Are Here"**  
by Daniel Charles Damon

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord! Praise the Lord with instruments and shouts of joy!

**People: God loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of God’s love.**

Leader: Let all of creation revel in awe of God, our creator.

**People: God’s love endures forever.**

Leader: Amen! Let us worship together.

**\*HYMN# 13**      **“The Mighty God with Power Speaks(Psalm 50)”**

### INVOCATION

Lord, we come before You longing for spiritual renewal. Refresh our hearts and minds. Restore our first love for You. Let this service awaken a deeper hunger for Your Word and presence. May we leave here transformed, renewed in spirit, and ready to walk in Your ways.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, we confess, a bit pridefully, that we appreciate decency and order, forgetting that we seek the order that is of our own making. We confess that clear rules and social norms give us comfort, forgetting how many of your beloved children are hurt and excluded by them. We confess that we place our trust in ability, strength, and the works we produce, forgetting our total reliance on your grace. Forgive us, God, and free us to live in courageous faith, that we may abide in your righteousness. Amen.**

### SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” We have been blessed with God’s grace and mercy in abundance, through Jesus Christ. Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace!

### 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

In gratitude for God’s grace and love, we offer gifts that have been entrusted to us, trusting in God’s faithful love and provision. Let us joyfully offer the gifts of our lives!

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, we offer our gifts today and every day, trusting in your promises to heal, reconcile and bring justice and peace. May all that we offer be transformed into signs of your love and acts of your mercy. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**      **"Largo"**      by George Frederic Handel

**\*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**      **"Taste and See" (Psalm 34)** by James E. Moore, Jr.

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Wisdom, your Word is upright, and you are faithful to your promises. As we hear your Word read and proclaimed, may your Holy Spirit move among us, inspiring faith without fear, and showing us a new way forward. Amen.

**LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES;**  
(8/8)      Genesis 12:1-9  
(674/639)      Hosea 5:15-6:6  
(723/687)      Matthew 9:9-13

**SERMON**      **“Go. Return. Follow.”**      **Jackson Weller**

**\*HYMN#838**      **“Standing on the Promises”**

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF GOD’S CHILDREN

**\*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**      **"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"**      by J. S. Bach

### \*BENEDICTION

**\*Please stand if able.**

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

Sermon Notes: