

“Grace, Peace Unto You”
By Michael Jothan (b. 1944)

Grace, Grace, Grace to you. Grace from above.
My Grace I give to you as a gift of my Love.
Grace, Grace, Grace, to you.

Peace, Peace, Peace to you. Peace from above.
My Peace I give to you as a gift of my Love.
Peace, Peace, Peace, to you.

Grace, Grace, Grace, Peace, Peace, Peace to you from above.
My Love I give to you my gift from above.
Grace, Peace, unto you. Unto you.

About Today's Anthem:

Composer Michael Jothan was born on January 11, 1944, in Abington, Pennsylvania. He was educated at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota (C/O 1967) and completed graduate school in 1972 at Case-Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. Jothan taught music in Michigan and Ohio public schools for seven years before pursuing his doctorate, which he earned at the Ohio State University in 1978. Dr. Jothan taught music at the University of Northern Colorado (1978-84) and served as a supervisor of general music in Baltimore County Public Schools (1984-93). Afterwards, he became Professor of Music at Towson University for many years, as well as director of the Senior Choir at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Baltimore, Maryland. Upon his retirement as director, he joined the choir as a regular weekly singer.

During his long career as a music educator and director, Michael Jothan published a book titled *Master Strategies for Choir: Ready-to-Use Resource Material for the Choir Rehearsal* (2008). He also contributed to several textbook series for K-8 general music and high school choirs. Michael Jothan served as the president of the board of directors for the Choristers Guild. He was a member of the national music writing team of the National Association for Music Education (NAfME) and co-authored the National Coalition for Core Arts Standards in Music (NCCAS, 2014). He is a lifetime member of the American Choral Directors Association and has received ASCAP Standard Awards for his compositions (1992-2006). Dr. Jothan and his wife, Gail Kristine Peterson, have been married fifty-nine years and have three children – Kaarn Agnes, Nels Matthew, and Peder Joshua. In his spare time, he enjoys designing houses, visiting museums, traveling, and being an avid sports fan.

I love how this anthem illustrates the peaceful presence of the Holy Spirit through beautiful simplicity. It also points to Trinity Sunday (next week), as the words Grace and Peace are sung three times nearly every time they occur. The word Love occurs three times throughout, which reminded me of the verse, “...God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.” 1 John 4:16b (NRSVUE). All three words are capitalized, illustrating that God is the Author of Grace, Peace, and Love.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad
Monday May 25 Memorial Day – Office Closed
Tuesday May 26 Ladies Dinner 5pm
Wednesday May 27 Youth 6pm
Thursday May 28 Bible Study 10:30am
Thursday May 28 Choir 4:30pm
Saturday May 30 Sat. Lunch Ministry

Our mission project for May will be the Baby Bottle Boomerang. We are collecting donations to help the local Transition Pregnancy Solutions Center. Make your check payable to FPC with Transitions in the memo line. Turn in your donation today!

Sunday May 24th Jackson Weller and Ashley Stanley-Robey will lead worship at Stratford House. The service is in the Evergreen Room at 2:00pm.

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.

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship Jackson Weller
Music Director Ashley Stanley Robey
Video/Sound Alex Walthall
Liturgist Jackie Rochford
Greeter Kent Shelton
Side door/Offering Kim Wimer
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

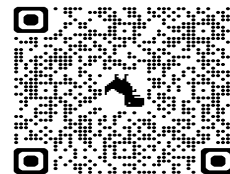
2026 Budget Update

	April 2026	FY 2026
Revenue	\$28,990.14	\$152,485.82
Expenditure	\$34,699.19	\$156,345.34
Difference	\$(-5,709.05)	\$(-3,859.52)

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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Danville, Virginia
May 24, 2026
Day of Pentecost



Welcome

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

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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 Down, O Love Divine" R. Vaughan Williams
| Setting: Daniel Burton

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Acts 2:1-4)

Leader: All together in one place;
People: they heard the rush of a violent wind;
Leader: it filled the entire house.
People: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;
Leader: they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

***HYMN#279 "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"**

INVOCATION

Scripture reading John 3:16
Jackson Weller, Mack Williams, Val Ochoa, Jeremy Williams and Greg Robey

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of the Living God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly, but fear keeps us quiet and circling. We confess our lack of courage, splintered by uncertainty and second-guessing. Forgive us for all the times we shrink from your call. Embolden us to dream beyond what we know and imagine the world as beloved community. Let your Spirit fill us, prodding us beyond inertia. Grant that we might be Christ's body, not in fits and starts but with steady conviction. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us be active participants in ushering in your peaceable kingdom. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Acts 2:21)
"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

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's Spirit is among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You give with open hands, Most Generous God, sharing gifts as seed to sow. We gather these offerings, asking only that they might take root and flourish — to tend your Kingdom, to nurture your beloved community. Let our acts be not merely ritual but a commitment: a shaping of the world in your image, one generous gesture at a time. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart with O Breath of Life" Frederick C. Atkinson/Joel Blomquist, arr. Cindy Berry

***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 "Grace, Peace Unto You" by Michael Jochen

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, Holy God, that we might hear and receive the message you intend for us today. Amen.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES;
(810/771) Acts 2:1-21
(854/813) 1 Corinthians 12:3-13
(808/769) John 20:19-23

SERMON "When The Wind Won't Behave"
Jackson Weller

***HYMN#280 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"**

***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 "The Church's One Foundation" Samuel S. Wesley, arr. C. Berry

***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: