

“God of Beauty”

Lyricist: Mary Susannah Edgar (1889-1973)
Armenian Carol | Arranger: Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

God, who touchest earth with beauty, make my heart anew;
with Thy Spirit recreate me, pure and strong and true.

Like Thy springs and running waters make me crystal pure;
like Thy rocks of tow'ring grandeur make me strong and sure.
Like Thy dancing waves in sunlight make me glad and free;
like the straightness of the pine trees let me upright be.

God, who touchest earth with beauty, make my heart anew;
keep me ever, by Thy Spirit, pure and strong and true.

About the Anthem:

Canadian author, playwright, and hymnwriter Mary Susannah Edgar was originally from Sundridge, Ontario. She attended Barrie High School, Havergal College, the University of Toronto, and finally the YWCA's National Training School in New York City. In 1922, Ms. Edgar opened a girls' camp called Glen Bernard near Sundridge on the edge of Lake Bernard. She served as the camp director until her retirement in 1956. Out of several hymns Mary wrote, our anthem today is her most popular in hymnals worldwide. It has been translated into several languages, including French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Composer, author, and arranger Austin C. Lovelace was born in Rutherfordton, North Carolina and became a church organist at fifteen. He attended college at High Point University (C/O 1939), and then graduate school at Union Theological Seminary in New York where he earned both a master's and doctorate in sacred music (1941, 1950). Dr. Lovelace served as a chaplain's assistant in the US Navy and then was a minister of music until the age of eighty-seven at many churches: First Baptist and First Methodist of High Point, NC; Holy Trinity Episcopal of Lincoln, Nebraska; Myers Park Presbyterian and Myers Baptist of Charlotte, NC; First Presbyterian of Greensboro, NC; Christ Methodist of NYC; Lover's Lane Methodist in Dallas, Texas; and most recently Montview Boulevard Presbyterian and Wellshire Presbyterian in Denver, Colorado. He was a professor of music and worship at several colleges including Queen's College and Davidson College in North Carolina, his alma mater Union Theological Seminary, Iliff School of Theology in Denver, and Garrett Theological Seminary in Illinois. Lovelace was very fond of jazz; he had both Dave Brubeck and Duke Ellington join his choir for services at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian. He published over one thousand pieces of music with forty different publishers, including contributions to over twenty denominations' hymnals, solo organ works, vocal solos, and choral pieces. Due to his ecumenical spirit and dedicated ministry, Austin Lovelace is known as the Dean of American Church Music.

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

- Tuesday June 2 Ladies Dinner 5pm
- Tuesday June 2 Property Committee 5:30pm
- Wednesday June 3 Youth 6pm
- Thursday June 4 Bible Study 10:30am
- Thursday June 4 Choir 4:30pm
- Saturday June 6 Sat. Lunch Ministry

Thursday June 4th will be the last Thursday Bible Study until August.
PW Day Circle & Evening Circle will not meet this month. They will meet again in the fall.

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 Becky Meadema
- Greeter Kent Shelton
- Side door/Offering Gail Jones
- 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

	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 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

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

CHORAL INTROIT "In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness"

Anonymous Chinese hymn, translated by Francis P. Jones; adapted by Mary Louise Bringle | Plainsong, Mode V; harmony by C. Winfred Douglas

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our gracious God has created us and called us his own.

People: Let us worship the triune God.

Leader: Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has redeemed our lives.

People: Let us worship the triune God.

Leader: The Holy Spirit sustains and guides us all the days of our lives.

People: In gratitude and joy, let us worship the triune God!

*HYMN#1

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

INVOCATION

Come, Holy Spirit. Take full control of this service. Stir our hearts to worship. May Your presence be undeniable and Your voice clear. We yield to You. Have your way in this place. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Look deep, loving God, and see us as we really are. We are a people who prefer our will to your will. We focus on things of the self and give little thought or care to others. We wander through our days giving little thought to our own discipleship, let alone our call to help others become disciples. Forgive us, God of grace. Forgive us and set us again on the path of your righteousness. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! While it is true that we have sinned, it is a greater truth that in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Know you are forgiven and be at peace. 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. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Having heard of God's love and grace to us all, let us give all that we are to God. Let us give too of what we have for God's work in the world.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from you. We dedicate these gifts given this day to your work of making disciples in this time and place. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"My Redeemer"

James McGranahan | Setting by Charles Callahan

*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

"God of Beauty" Mary S. Edgar/Armenian Carol,

arr. Austin C. Lovelace

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, open our hearts and minds to what you would say to us this day. By your Spirit, we ask that you would speak, as we, your people, are listening. Amen.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES;

(1/1)

Genesis 1:1-2:4

(823/865)

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

(706/743)

Matthew 28:16-20

SERMON

"Created, Commissioned, and Accompanied"

Jackson Weller

*HYMN#15

"All Creatures of our God & King"

*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.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Now Go in Joy"

Mary Louise Bringle/Caribbean folk melody, arr. Jorge Lockward

*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: