

## We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

Lyrics by Kathleen R. Moore (b. 1951) | Composer: Hal H. Hopson (1933-2025)

We wait the peaceful kingdom, when wolf and lamb shall lie  
in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh,  
when lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike;  
a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike.

Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start?  
We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.  
Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home:  
we pray that all creation will one day find *shalom*.

When wars of desolation and hate come to an end,  
when nation meets with nation and calls the other "friend,"  
still peace in all its fullness will only have begun:  
*shalom* for all creation begins with justice done.

That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way,  
to share the peaceful kingdom, to greet God's newborn day.  
The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains,  
to bring through word and table the day when justice reigns.

### About the Anthem Today:

Reverend Kathleen Rae Moore was born in Massachusetts and has lived mostly in Iowa. Moore is the daughter of a pastor and a college English instructor; she received a love of words from her parents. Kathleen attended Simpson College and Iowa State University, studying ecology to become an outdoor education teacher. She began working fulltime for the church in 1979 and, feeling God's call into ordained ministry, went on to attend seminary at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois (C/O 1988). Kathy wrote her first hymn while in seminary in 1986; she committed to writing a hymn for Advent or Christmas annually. This commitment led to a collection of around one hundred hymns. Today's anthem is one of her most popular texts, and our hymnal is the first to include it. Reverend Moore says about writing hymns, "She has always loved preaching, and enjoys being able to put theological messages into the poetry of hymnody."

Hal H. Hopson was one of the most prolific composers of his generation. He published over three thousand pieces of music in nearly every genre: choral anthems for all ages; keyboard works for organ, piano, and harpsichord; handbell music; hymn tunes; responsive Psalm settings; and liturgical services. Hal had a passion for composing interesting yet accessible church music that nearly anyone could do well. Hal grew up in Mound, Texas with twelve siblings. His older sister, Merle, was his first piano teacher; today's hymn tune was named in her honor. Last year Hal's children seeded The Hall and Martha Hopson Service Musician Fund which will fund the service musician's position at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference each year.

*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 30	Ladies Dinner 5pm
Wednesday July 1	NO Youth 6pm
Thursday July 2	NO Choir 4:30pm
Saturday July 4	Sat. Lunch Ministry

Today Son Servants Mission group will start to arrive and be with us during the week. We will have nightly devotional/music at 7pm beginning Monday night, if you would like to join in the fun. Please be in prayer for the leaders and the youth while they are with us.

Today, Jackson Weller & Ashley Stanley-Robey will lead worship at Stratford House. The service is in the Evergreen Room at 2pm.

The church office will be closed Monday July 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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	Nancy Clayton
Greeter	Sam Meadema
Side door/Offering	Kent Shelton
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

	May 2026	FY 2026
Revenue	\$21,989.62	\$174,475.44
Expenditures	\$24,634.81	\$180,980.15
Difference	\$(-2,645.19)	\$(-6,504.71)

### 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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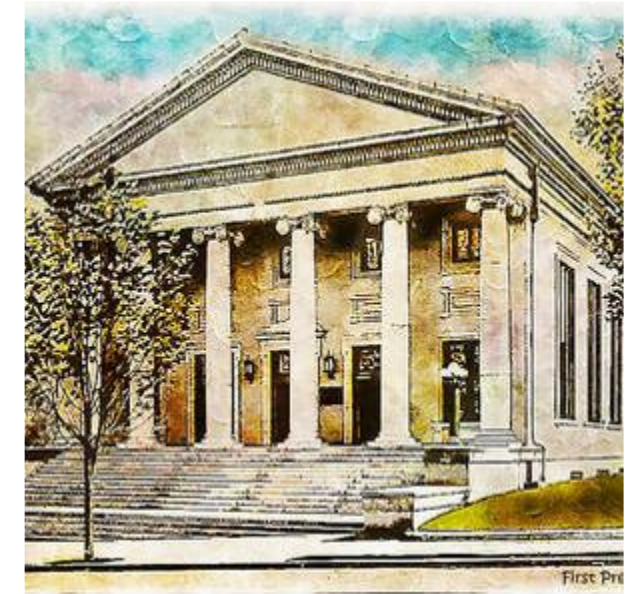
# First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

**June 28, 2026**

**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

**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 "Give Me Jesus" African American spiritual,  
arr. C.E. Walz

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 89)

Leader: Let us sing of God’s steadfast love forever;

**People: With my mouth I will proclaim God’s faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: Let us declare that God’s steadfast love is established forever;

**People: God’s faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.**

\*HYMN#39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

### INVOCATION

Lord, we surrender ourselves to You today, asking for a spirit of humility to reign in our hearts. Remove any distractions that may hinder our worship and allow us to focus solely on You. May Your grace fill us, and may our hearts be open to the transforming power of Your love. Amen.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the risen Christ, you broke the power of sin and evil. And yet we still live in the tombs of forgetfulness, anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbor. Indeed, we have even failed to love ourselves. Release us from the tombs that terrify us, so that we can see your image in one another and in your good creation. Indeed, free us from the graves of self-hatred, so that we can see ourselves as your children. Amen.**

### SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of the Lord is sure. In Christ, we are forgiven and set free from the chains that bind us so that we can be your people. Thanks be to God!

### 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

The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof. God has given us life and resources for it, so let us give in return.

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, may these gifts be used as a witness to your love, peace and justice at work in the world, renewing the face of the earth.

OFFERTORY "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Wm. B. Bradbury  
| 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 "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom" Kathleen R. Moore/  
Hal H. Hopson

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

### LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

(15/14) Genesis 22:1-14  
(840/799) Romans 6:12-23  
(725/688) Matthew 10:40-42

SERMON "The LORD Will Provide" Jackson Weller

\*HYMN#264 "At the Name of Jesus"

\*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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" John Hughes,  
arr. C.E. Walz

### \*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: