

Great God of Every Blessing

Text: David Gambrell (b. 1972) | Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace,
in death and life extending your covenant embrace.
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

Your Spirit is our teacher, the light that guides our search,
transforming broken people into the holy church.
For feeding us with mercy, for wisdom you impart:
sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

About the Choir’s Hymns Today:

Reverend David Patrick Gambrell is a Presbyterian minister, liturgical scholar, and hymnwriter born in Raleigh, North Carolina. His love for hymns was cultivated at University Presbyterian Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he was raised. He also grew up singing folk music in coffee houses, deeply influenced by folk musician Pete Seeger. Rev. Gambrell’s first piano teacher was his church choir director, Lucile Hudson Hair; she was also the editor of the journal of *Reformed Liturgy and Music* (now *Call to Worship*). A frequent faculty member at the Montreat Worship and Music Conference, David sees himself, “more as a groupie than a rock star.” He served as an advisor for the *Glory to God Hymnal* in 2013; there are fourteen of his texts in our hymnal (#s 10, 63, 214, 357, 421, 457, 481, 548, 652, 673, 694, 774, 776, and 848). Gambrell is an alumnus of Louisiana State University, Austin Seminary, and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary where he studied with Ruth Duck. Today’s anthem is set to a well-known tune AURELIA – the tune of “The Church’s One Foundation.” It was composed in 1864 by Samuel Sebastian Wesley, grandson of Charles Wesley. Samuel S. Wesley, a Londoner, sang in the choir of the Chapel Royal as a boy. He learned composition and organ from his father, Samuel, and earned his doctorate in music at Oxford. Samuel S. Wesley held several posts as an organist: Hereford Cathedral, Exeter Cathedral, Leeds Parish, Winchester Cathedral, and Gloucester Cathedral. He edited a few hymnals but is best known for compiling *The European Psalmist* in 1872, for which he composed 130 of the 733 hymn tunes.

Today’s introit is a Taizé community chant set to music by Burgundian composer, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994). His parents were musicians who sent him to the Ecole Cesar Franck in Paris. Berthier began writing for the Taizé community near Cluny, Burgundy in 1955; French liturgist and church musician Joseph Gelineau was his primary influence. He was also organist at St. Ignace in Paris from 1961 until his death. The introit, with both English and Latin lyrics, can be found at #284 in the hymnal.

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 July 14 Ladies Dinner 5pm
Wednesday July 15 NO Youth 6pm
Thursday July 16 NO Choir 4:30pm
Saturday July 18 Sat. Lunch Ministry
Today we welcome Rev. David Baker to the pulpit. Please give him a warm welcome while Jackson and his family are traveling. Keep Jackson and family in your prayers as they travel to Ireland.
Church members who ordered the “Love Where you Serve” T-shirts can pick them up after the worship service in the Juice room. The cost is \$20. We have a few extra shirts if anyone else is interested in getting one.
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 Word & David Baker
Sacrament
Music Director Ashley Stanley Robey
Video/Sound Alex Walthall
Liturgist Gail Jones
Greeter Pat Pinckney
Side door/Offering Jackie Rockford
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

	June 2026	FY 2026
Revenue	\$\$43,543.50	\$217,668.94
Expenditures	\$33,242.90	\$214,223.05
Difference	\$10,300.60	\$3,445.89

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.



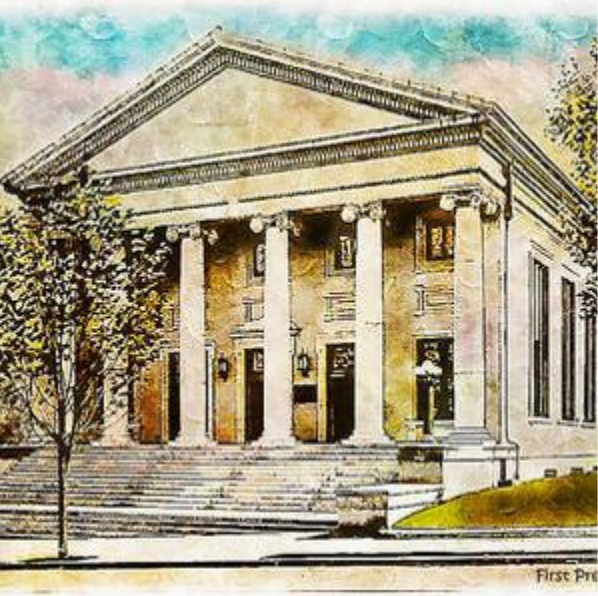
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Danville, Virginia

July 12, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Welcome



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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 "Holy Spirit, Come to Us" (Tui amoris ignem)
Taizé community/Jacques Berthier

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119:105-11)

Leader: All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

People: God’s Word lights the way for us.

Leader: God has promised to abide with us.

People: So let us commit to walk in God’s ways.

Leader: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

People: God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

***HYMN#286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

INVOCATION

Loving God, you created life in us and all around us. Open us to receive your gifts of your world and your word that we may be not just hearers of the word, but doers also. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Creator, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to your reality. Yet we, who have been called “Beloved” by you, often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, our ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so that we may inspire hope, offer forgiveness, and love our neighbors through faithful living, according to the way of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Romans 8:1-3)

For those who are in Christ, there is no condemnation; for by Christ’s death and resurrection, God has done what the law and works of human righteousness alone could not: breathed new life through the Holy Spirit into the world, turning it upside down. Believe this scandalous, joyous good news: through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new life. Alleluia! 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

The God who is God demands nothing of us, but instead invites us to inhabit the infinite ocean of grace poured out through our savior, Jesus Christ. It is this generosity that gives us life, and it is in our own acts of generosity that we join in this larger life. So let us give joyfully, thanking God for the wonders of Christ’s love.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you have called us together as your people, gathered in your church, to struggle on behalf of your promises of grace and life for all the world. So we pledge this portion of what is precious to us gratefully and hopefully. Bless and multiply these gifts. May their fruit demonstrate the unfathomable, inestimable glory that is yours in Christ Jesus. And if that’s asking too little, do more! In Jesus’ name we pray: Amen.

OFFERTORY "Peace Like a River" African American spiritual, arr. C.E. Walz

***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 "Great God of Every Blessing" David Gambrell/
Samuel Sebastian Wesley

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Creator, the earth is yours, and all that is in it. We give you thanks for the beauty of the earth, for the creatures that fill it, and for your providence, which stands beneath and above and within it all. Now grant us hearts open to your grace, eyes open to your wonders and ears open to your Holy Word. Let your Holy Spirit dwell with us, that we may be renewed in our commitment to the way, the truth and the life of Jesus Christ. Amen.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

(841/800) Romans 8:1-11
(461/439) Psalm 119:105-112

SERMON **No Condemnation: Living by the Spirit**
Rev. David Baker
***HYMN#543 God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me**
(O Christ, Surround Me)

***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 **"And Can It Be" SAGINA by Thomas Campbell**
Setting by Charles Callahan

***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: