

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
Prayer of St. Francis
Music by Sebastian Temple, arr. Mark Barnard

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there’s despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

Make me a channel of your peace, your peace.

About the Anthem:

This prayer has been attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, the Italian friar and founder of the Franciscan monastic orders. It can be traced back to 1912 when it was printed in a French Christian magazine, *La Clochette* (The Little Bell), published by a Parisian Catholic organization, *The League of the Holy Mass*. It has been theorized that the league’s founder, Father Esther Bouquerel, may have chosen to print the text due to his inspiration from the life and works of St. Francis and his contemporary Giles of Assisi. This text was widely publicized, spoken, and sung throughout both World Wars.

This setting by Sebastian Temple is the most popular hymn setting of the text. Temple was a South African composer and wrote this music in 1967, amid the Apartheid. In our information saturated and often divided society, this text serves as a reminder that each person reflects the Image of God. Let us endeavor to display the love of Christ to every soul we meet, and to sow seeds of generosity, humility, and peace.

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.

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.

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. George (Amine) Glidden Temple,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brooke (Mary) Temple, and
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence (Betzy) G. Wilson, Jr.
by Rebecca and Chris Moore.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad

Monday September 14	PW Day Circle 12:30pm
Monday September 14	PW Evening Circle 7pm
Tuesday September 15	Morning Bible Study 10:30am
Tuesday September 15	Worship Committee 4pm
Tuesday September 15	Ladies Dinner 6pm
Wednesday September 16	Youth 6pm
Thursday September 17	Choir 4:30pm
Saturday September 19	Sat. Lunch Ministry

Save the Date for our annual Church Picnic. It will be held at Angler’s Park on Sunday October 11th from 4 – 8 pm. More info to follow.

It’s CROP Walk Time! The CROP Hunger Walk is October 4 at 3:00pm. If you are going to walk, we need your T-shirt size by Sunday, Sept, 13- sign up sheet on table under bulletin board.

The Presbyterian Women’s Day Circle will begin the new circle year on Monday, Sept. 14th at 12:30 p.m. in the Westminster Room. We will continue in our study of 1Peter with the series “Sojourners and Exiles” by Dr. Sinclair B. Ferguson. Everybody is welcome! The Evening Circle will meet September 14th at 7pm at the home of Harriett Beale. All are welcome to join. If you have questions please call Ava Barrett 434-799-9022.

New Member Interest Class will be Thursday Sept. 24th at 6:30pm in the Westminster Room. All are welcome.

Men’s Luncheon and Bible Study will be Monday Sept. 21st at noon in the Westminster Room. (Bring your lunch).

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Word and Sacrament	Rev. David Baker
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Video/Sound	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Kathy Dolianitis
Greeter	Joan Reynolds
Side door/Offering	Ava Barrett
Counters	Beale/Moore

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., Kathy Dolianitis, Jackie Rochford, Alex Walthall
Trustees: Bob Newnam, Ray Beale, Gary Wimer

2026 Budget Update

	August 2026	FY 2026
Revenue	\$33,862.99	\$273,510.34
Expenditures	\$43,840.04	\$312,404.03
Difference	(- \$9,977.05)	(- \$38,893.69)

Scan the QR code for today’s scripture readings.



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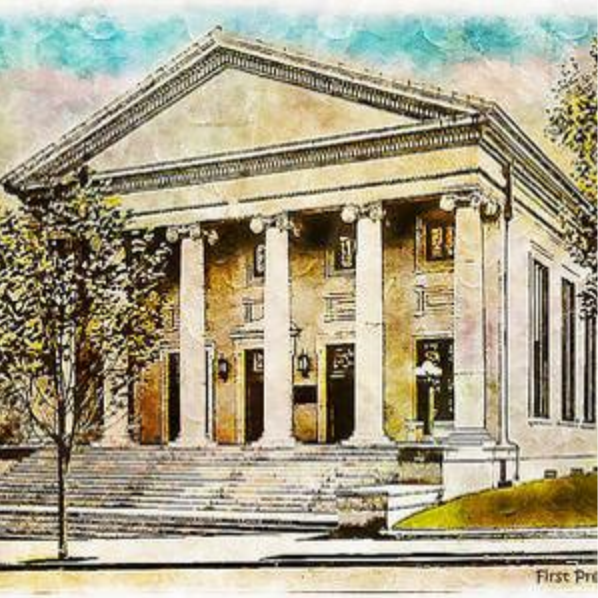
First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

September 13, 2026

16th 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

CHORAL INTROIT "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

Rosamond E. Herklots/Kentucky Harmony, 1820; harmonization by Margaret W. Mealy

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 103:1-4)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

People: Bless God’s holy name.

Leader: God forgives. God heals. Gods transforms with steadfast love.

People: Bless God’s holy name.

*HYMN#35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

INVOCATON

Father, we lift our voices in joyful praise. Let our hearts rejoice in Your salvation. May our songs rise as incense and fill this place with the sound of heaven.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (James 5:15-16)

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God’s path of righteousness. 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

We are inspired to be generous by a generous God. We are inspired to give by the greatest of givers. In gratitude to God, let us present our tithes and offerings.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service in blessing the poor, feeding the hungry, clothing and sheltering those struggling to survive. Use these gifts to further Christ’s mission and ministry in a hurting world. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Spanish Aria"

Michael Canales

*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

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Prayer of St. Francis/Sebastian Temple, arr. Mark Barnard

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open us, Eternal God, to your Word read and proclaimed. Help us not to turn from your truth or avoid your message. Help us be receptive to the wisdom you offer. Amen.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

(41/40)

Genesis 50:15-21

(845/804)

Romans 12:17-21

SERMON

“Who Gets the Last Word?”

Rev. David Baker

*HYMN#815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

*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

"Fanfare in F"

M. Canales

*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: