

“For Where Love Is, There Is God”

Lyricist: Charlotte Lee | Adapted from *Ubi Caritas et amor*, 9th century
Tune: BEACH SPRING, attributed to B.F. White (1800-1879)
Arranger: Douglas E. Wager (b. 1952)

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God.
Come you poor, you weak, who falter, for where love is there is God.
Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith in sacred Word,
Sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God.

Let us each love one another, for where love is, there is God,
And embrace as sister, brother, for where love is, there is God.
Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways.
Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, praise the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, for where love is, there is God.
For where love is, there is God.

About the Anthem:

BEACH SPRING is a very popular hymn tune which has been attributed to Benjamin Franklin White, compiler of *The Sacred Harp* (1844). B.F. White was a mostly self-taught singer, composer, and ‘singing-school’ teacher. He also edited the weekly Harris County newspaper in Georgia. This same tune is found at #490, 498, and 716 in our hymnal paired with different hymn texts. Our anthem arrangement comes from Douglas Wagner, a retired high school music educator from Chicago. Mr. Wagner is an alumnus of Butler University; he has published more than 3,500 pieces of music since 1973. He is one of the most popular and influential living American composers – over seventeen million copies of his music have been purchased.

Today’s anthem lyrics are a twenty-first century adaptation of *Ubi Caritas et amor*, a ninth century chant. The full Latin text reads: *Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est*. This translates to: Where charity and love are found, God is there. This text has been adapted, translated, and set to many tunes by many composers. It is popular as a congregational song in German, Polish, and English-speaking congregations throughout the world. It has become even more popular over the last forty years due to the influence of the Taizé community in France where composer Jacques Berthier (1923-1994) set the original Latin text to various short chants. See #205 in the hymnal for Berthier’s 1979 setting.

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad

Monday September 21	Noon	Men’s Luncheon & Bible Study
Monday September 21		CE Committee 4:30pm
Tuesday September 22		Morning Bible Study 10:30am
Tuesday September 22		Handbells 5pm
Tuesday September 22		Ladies Dinner 6pm
Wednesday September 23		Youth 6pm
Thursday September 24		Choir 4:30pm
Thursday September 24		New Member Class 6:30pm
Saturday September 26		Sat. Lunch Ministry

Save the Date for our annual Church Picnic. It will be held at Angler’s Park Picnic Shelter, 350 Northside Drive. The barbecue and chicken tenders with side dishes is being catered by Walkers Restaurant. The food will be served at 5pm. A few of the ladies of the church will bake desserts, so all the congregation needs to bring is an appetite and a joyful spirit on Sunday October 11th from 4 – 8 pm.

It’s CROP Walk Time! The CROP Hunger Walk is October 4 at 3:00pm. Sign up sheet on table under bulletin board.

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 Discipleship	Jackson Weller
Music Director	Ashley Stanley-Robey
Video/Sound	Alex Walthall
Liturgist	Gail Jones
Greeter	Joan Reynolds
Side door/Offering	C. B. Strange
Counters	Reynolds/Ramey

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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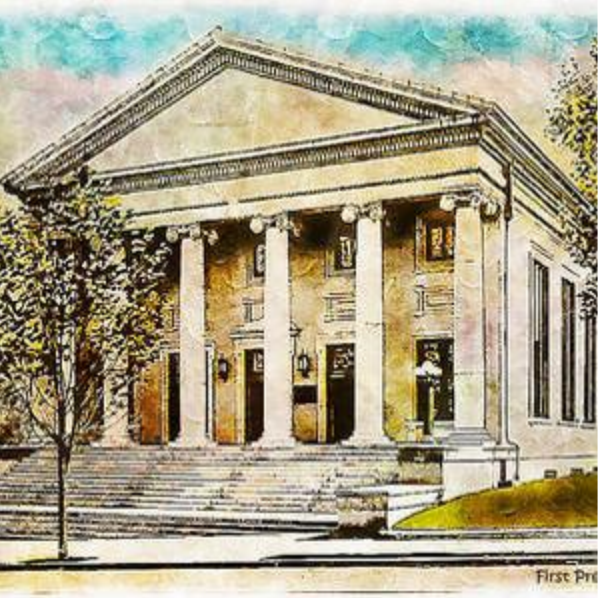
First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

September 20, 2026

17th Sunday after 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 "Amazing Grace" from Virginia Harmony, 1831 | Arr. Cindy Berry

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 145:1-8)

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised

People: God’s greatness is unsearchable.

Leader: From generation to generation, we sing of your righteousness.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

***HYMN#65** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

INVOCATON

Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope. You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the plains. We set our attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we worship your holy name. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, when we follow the path of Jonah and allow our anger and frustration to cut us off from others, you sit next to us and call us back to your way of mercy, love and redemption. It is one thing to accept these gifts for ourselves; it is another to extend them to those who frustrate us. Forgive us for our anger, resentment, and desire to hoard. We lay these impulses at your feet and ask that you create a new heart within us, one modeled after your steadfast love and generosity. Help us to see the world in new ways. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

By the grace of God, we are saved — today and every day. Let us embrace this gift and respond with generosity. In gratitude, let us present our tithes and offerings.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we offer you these gifts and our hearts alongside them. May they be blessed to do your bidding. May our expectations of what is right and what is wise always be governed by your unruly love. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" Inspired by Bach's "Musette in D Major" | Wm. Moore, Arr. Faye Lopez

*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 "For Where Love Is, There Is God" Charlotte Lee, from Ubi Caritas et amor, 9th cen./BEACH SPRING, Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, you know our hearts and minds. Bless this time together that in reading, hearing and reflecting on your Word together, we may be changed. We surrender this time to you and ask for your blessing upon it. Amen.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

(53/51) Exodus 16:2-15
(733/697) Matthew 20:1-16

SERMON “Grace We Don’t Deserve” Jackson Weller

***HYMN#81** Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*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 "Hanover" from A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms, 1708 | 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: