

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”
By Helen H. Lemmel (1863-1961) | Arranged by Cliff Duren

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There’s light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free.

Chorus: Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face.
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

His Word shall not fail you, He promised. Believe Him and all will be well.
Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell. (Chorus repeats.)

About the Anthem:
Composer Helen Howarth Lemmel was born the daughter of a Wesleyan minister in England in 1863. She loved music, and her parents gave her voice lessons with the best teachers they could find. The family moved to America when Helen was twelve. In young adulthood, she spent four years studying vocal music in Germany. She met and married a wealthy European man. Sadly, Helen’s husband abandoned her when she went blind. She suffered this great heartache in middle age before receiving the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to write this hymn. She said the chorus just came to her. She made no conscious effort to write or embellish it.

In her later years, Helen befriended a young pastor Doug Goins and his parents, Paul and Kathryn Goins. They described her as a joyful and enthusiastic person, full of life despite her ailments, “Though she was living on government assistance in a sparse bedroom, whenever we’d ask how she was doing, she would reply, ‘I’m doing well in the things that count.’” Helen Lemmel wrote nearly five hundred hymns during her life, with the help of friends to write or record them. She passed away two weeks before her 98th birthday. Helen left a beautiful legacy of contentment, gratitude, and mental fortitude.

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

Tuesday September 29

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Wednesday September 30

Thursday October 1

Saturday October 3

Morning Bible Study 10:30am

Handbells 5pm

Ladies Dinner 6pm

Youth 6pm

Choir 4:30pm

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.

The CROP Hunger Walk is October 4 at 3:00pm in Ballou Park. You can help in one or both of the following ways: Walk the Walk! Join the First Presbyterian Team and walk with us. Sign up at the table in front of the bulletin board in the hall behind the sanctuary. Donate to help the hungry. Place donations in the offering plate or give to the church office. Please write “CROP Walk” on the memo line of checks. If donating cash, place it in an envelope marked with your name and “CROP Walk.”

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship

Music Director

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Liturgist

Greeter

Side door/Offering

Counters

Jackson Weller

Ashley Stanley-Robey

Alex Walthall

Nancy Clayton

Joan Reynolds

Eddie Blount

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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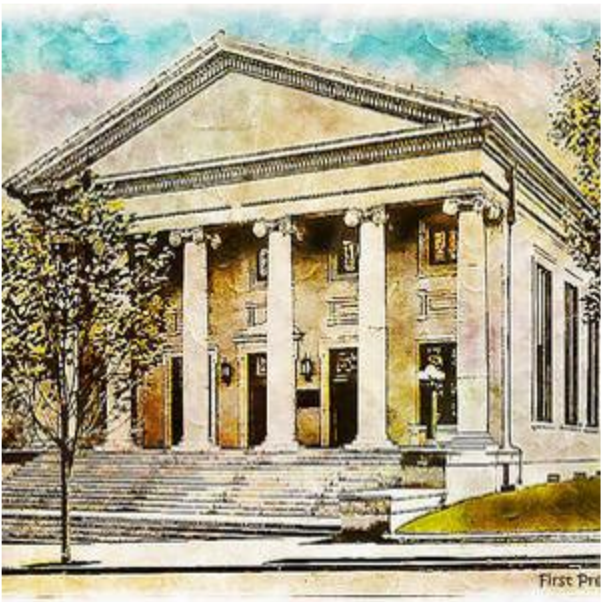
First Presbyterian Church

Danville, Virginia

September 27, 2026

18th 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 "Lead Me Lord with He Leadeth Me" Samuel S. Wesley
and William B. Bradbury, Arr. Tom Fettke

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Why do you come to this place?

People: We seek the path of righteousness and truth.

Leader: Do you come ready to hear and learn giving attention to God’s Word?

People: We come with open hearts and minds seeking to learn from the one whose authority is founded on God’s love.

Leader: Friends, lend your ears and open your hearts because this is God’s house, built by love and sustained by hope, where God seeks to align our work and witness.

***HYMN#475** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

INVOCATON

Heavenly Father, 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

Eternal God, we come before you aware that you know the truth of our hearts before we can utter a word. You know when our good intentions exceed our capacity for gospel living. You know when we embrace the good news of liberation with our lips but don’t change our actions. We imprison ourselves with the assumption that you will judge us as mercilessly as we often judge ourselves and one another. Forgive our shortcomings and the times we have failed to live the words we say. Restore us in the confidence of people who have heard good news and remind us that even when we arrive late, there is still work to be done. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe this good news, in Christ we are new creations. We are forgiven; we are set free; and we are made ready to live the living Word.

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

Friends, we are all in this together and it is only together that the work of Christ in this church is done. I welcome you to prayerfully and joyfully bring your tithes and offerings for the work of the church in the world.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (by Teri McDowell Ott)

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 "Sarabande in C" 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 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Helen H. Lemmel,
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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of life and light, illumine our hearts and spirits and attune us to the reading and hearing of your word. May our hearing be discerning and may this proclamation be faithful and, in all things, may we approach your word with joy and humility. Amen.

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURES

(54/52) Exodus 17:1-7
(735/698) Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON “When We Put God on Trial” Jackson Weller

***HYMN#265** Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun

***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 "My Lord, What a Morning" African American Spiritual, Arr. Tom Fettke

*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: