About the Anthems:

Our Day School students learned the traditional children's song "Zacchaeus" during their chapel services through the month of April. This song retells the story from Luke 19:1-10 of the tax collector, Zacchaeus, meeting Jesus and being surprised the Savior would want to visit him. There is a second verse we will work on next year: Zacchaeus knew that he'd done wrong and sorry for his sins was he. "Lord, to the poor I'll give one half of all my goods," said he. "And if I've cheated anyone, four times will I repay." And Jesus said, "Salvation has come to you! I have come to seek and save." The Chancel Choir and Day School students will join their voices together as we sing, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." This is a song that many of us adults remember learning in Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. This song is valuable in Christian education because it teaches children about God in a way they can understand and remember. God is all powerful (omnipotent) and always everywhere, all the time (omnipresent). I was so young when I learned these songs, I truly do not remember learning them. It feels like I 'always knew them,' but I know Granny, Grandma, Nana, and Bible School teachers patiently taught me these songs. It is a joy and blessing to share music and worship with our Day School students! I am looking forward to celebrating Pre-K graduation soon and seeing our youngest students again in the fall! - Ms. Ashley

"Zacchaeus" – Traditional Children's Song
Zacchaeus was a wee little man; a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a Sycamore tree, for the Lord he wanted to see.
And as the Savior passed that way, He looked up in the tree.
And He said, "Zacchaeus, you come down. For I'm going to your house today."

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" – Traditional Spiritual Refrain: He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the tiny little baby in His hands... He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands... He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here in His hands... He's got the whole world in His hands. (Refrain repeats)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Day School Lunch immediately following

service

Monday May 5th Day Circle 12:30pm

Evening Circle 7:00pm

Tuesday May 6th Ladies Dinner 6:00pm
Property Committee 6:00pm

Wednesday May 7th Youth

Thursday May 8th Bible Study 10:30am

Choir 4:30pm

Saturday May 10th Sat. Lunch Ministry 11:30am

Special welcome and thanks to Rev. David Baker for serving communion during worship today.

Special welcome to all our Day School families joining us this morning.

The Evening Circle will meet Monday May 5th at the home of Bernadine Hayes at 7pm. Joyce Perez will lead the Bible study. The Day Circle will meet in Westminster room at 12:30pm on Monday May 5th. All women are welcome.

SERVING TODAY

Minister of Discipleship Jackson Weller Minister of Word & Sacrament Rev. David Baker Music Director Ashley Stanley-Robey Sound David Clark Video Alex Walthall Liturgist Jackie Rochford Greeter Kent Shelton Side door/Offering **Eddie Blount**

List of Session members

Class of 2025: David Clark, Sam Meadema, Eddie Blount, Jackie Rochford Class of 2026: Barry Cutright, Gail Jones, Kim Wimer, Ava Barrett Class of 2027: Barbara Wilkins, Joan Reynolds, Pat Pinckney, Kent Shelton Trustees: Bob Newnam(27), Ray Beale(26), Gary Wimer(25)

BUDGET UPDATE

	March '25	FY 2025
Contributions	\$57,701.30	\$140,060.63
Expenditures	\$36,063.82	\$106,475.52
Difference	\$21,637.48	\$ 33,585.11

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.

A Warm Welcome

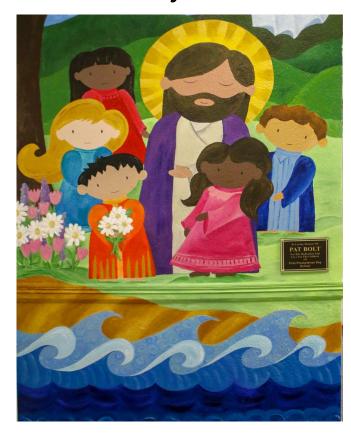
We would love to have you join our church family. If you are moved to do so by the Lord, please talk to one of the elders or our pastor.

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Danville, Virginia

May 4, 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter



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Please greet your neighbors and pass the Fellowship Pad to them.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Morning Has Broken" Traditional, arr. C.E. Walz

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 30)

Leader: You have turned our mourning into dancing;

People: You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us

with joy.

Leader: Our souls may praise you and not be silent:

People: O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you

forever.

INVOCATION

God of love, we bring our very selves to worship. Our triumphs. Our failures. Our vulnerabilities. Our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows. In this time set apart, may we hear the voice of Jesus urging us to feed and be fed, to love and be loved. Amen.

*HYMN# 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, we know that your throne is surrounded by the voices of many angels and that you are worshiped by the multitudes of the heavenly host, but we so often fail to join in their "amen." We do not fall down and worship you as we know we should. We are distracted by our catch, by our high priests, by our mourning, and our doubts. Show yourself to us anew and give us the faith to cast our nets in other waters. Strengthen us to worship you alone as the one on the throne and the Lamb slaughtered for all, even when we are in the depths of the pit.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Psalm 30)

The Lord's anger is but for a moment. God's favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet those around us with a handshake, hug, or reconciling words, sharing God's blessings and then 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

Jesus invites us to bring what we have to the feast. With gratitude for God's provisions and assured of our place at Christ's table, we respond with generosity.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you have filled our nets to bursting. Empower us to use these gifts for the sustenance of your creation, and to follow them where they go. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Just As I Am"

W. Bradbury/setting by Daniel Burton

*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 HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "Zacchaeus" and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In the reading and hearing of your Word, O God, remove the scales from our eyes that we may see your works and know your ways.

SCRIPTURE:

(412/394)

Psalm 30 Isaiah 61:1-3

(809/769)

(558/529)

John 21:1-19

SERMON '

"A New Hope-Redemption Song"

Jackson Weller

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*HYMN# 667

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*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

"Peace Like a River"

Traditional Spiritual, arr. C. E. Walz

^{*}BENEDICTION

^{*} Please stand if able.