

**Baptism of the Lord**

**January 8, 2023**

**11:00 am**

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**PRELUDE**

*Dr. Renee Huff*

*(Prepare for worship in silent prayer and reflection)*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INTROIT**

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Guide us to true worship, O God

**P: That Your light may shine in us.**

L: Give us the power to hear Your Word,

**P: And celebrate Your presence.**

L: Walk with us in this new year

**P: And show us your paths of service.**

**\*HYMN**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**P: Father, we so often waste our precious days and our precious years. We do not grow nor do we seek your path. We wander aimlessly instead of seeking guidance from You. Years pile upon years with an unrepentant sameness and there is no health in us. Forgive our pride and self-will. Forgive our sins which keep you away. Heal and guide us all the days of our lives. Amen.**

*- Silent Confession -*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**\*THE GLORIA #581 "Glory Be to the Father"**

**\*RECONCILIATION WITH ONE ANOTHER**

L: May the Peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

**THE FIRST READING**

Genesis 1:1-5, 24-31

**THE SECOND READING**

Revelations 21:1-7

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

**P: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*"Terra Incognita" Rev. Dr. Henry D. Scoggins*

**WE OFFER OUR GIFTS**

Call

**The Anthem**

**The Doxology #606**

*Old Hundredth*

**The Dedication**

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Hymnal pg. 35*

*The Installation of Elders Chuck Lendermon, Stephany Morgan,  
Barbara Richardson, Bret Ritchie, and Hugh Sproul*

**\*HYMN**

**PRESENTATION**

*Paige Kullman, Clerk of Session*

**INCOMING OFFICERS**

**QUESTIONS BY THE PASTOR OF THE ELDERS**

**QUESTIONS OF THE CONGREGATION BY THE CLERK OF SESSION**

Do we, the members of First Presbyterian Church, accept  
Chuck Lendermon, Stephany Morgan, Barbara Richardson,  
Bret Ritchie, and Hugh Sproul as Elders, chosen by God and the  
voice of this congregation to lead us, along with the pastor  
whom God will bring to us in the fullness of time, in the way of  
Jesus Christ?

**We accept them as Ruling Elders, and we shall strive with  
them in the righteous path of Grace and Peace and we shall  
follow their leading as we serve and grow together.**

Do we promise to pray for and with these Elders, to encourage  
them, to respect their decisions, to be peacemakers with them, to  
follow them as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is  
head of the Church?

**We promise to be ardent in our prayers, gentle in our  
peacemaking efforts, and look to Christ to show us the Way  
together.**

Along with them, do we covenant to work for the healing and strengthening of this church, to reach out to the disaffected and disenfranchised, to bring in the lost and the lonely, to be instruments of healing with our brothers and sisters in Christ?

**We do so covenant, so help us God.**

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION [Pastor]

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

+ BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD +

\*HYMN

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

+++

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WELCOME REV. DR. HENRY D. SCOGGINS to our pulpit today!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY The deadline for submissions for the February 2023 issue of First Impressions is **Thursday, January 19**. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS New Elders will be installed during Worship today, Sunday, January 8. These include: Chuck Lendermon, Stephany Morgan, Barbara Richardson, Bret Ritchie, and Hugh Sproul.

**Elders**

Sam Clem, Amanda Avery, Mary Meade,  
Ron Lowman

**Staff**

Dr. Renee Huff, Minister of Music  
Heidi Marsh, Office Manager  
Mona Tate, Nursery Attendant  
Charlie Trumbo, Buildings and Grounds

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

100 E. Frederick Street, Staunton, VA 24401

540-886-0704; stauntonfirst@gmail.com

[www.1stpres-staunton.org](http://www.1stpres-staunton.org)

[Facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchStaunton](https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchStaunton)

Please Donate! Scan QR Code

