

15th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 1, 2024  
11:00 am  
**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

PRELUDE "He Lives"

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 34:1-3 *Lucinda Cooke*

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
**God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.**  
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
**let the humble hear and be glad.**  
O magnify the Lord with me,  
**and let us exalt God's name together.**

\*OPENING HYMN #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, you have given us an inheritance of eternal life; yet we have cared more for things of this world, which pass away, than spiritual riches, which never fade. We have worked harder at cultivating earthly treasure than in storing up heavenly treasure.**  
**Forgive us for following our selfish desires. Awaken in us the joy of knowing you and your gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, the good news is that God calls us to a sacred dance of love, forgiveness, and praise with every day that is given to us. Thanks be to God, who brings us new life in Christ Jesus!  
**Alleluia!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
(Please greet those around you with the peace of Christ.)

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #604 "Lamb of God"

SCRIPTURE READING Galatians 1 selected verses

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

SERMON "Gospel" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #701 "Sanctuary" (3 times)

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #713 "Touch the Earth Lightly"

\*DOXOLOGY #606 *Old Hundredth*

\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sanctus "Holy, Holy, Holy" *Hymnal #559*

Lord's Prayer *Hymnal pg. 35*

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

\*CLOSING HYMN #634 "To God Be the Glory"

\*BLESSING & SENDING

Go out into the world confident of God's love for the world.

**May we share this love with all whom we encounter: our neighbors, our friends, and family.**

Go out into the world emboldened to change lives.

**May we share this love with all whom we normally don't encounter: the lonely, the outcast, the lost.**

We are the hands and feet of Christ! Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord!

**Alleluia! Amen.**

\*POSTLUDE #767 "Together We Serve"

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Monday, September 2, for Labor Day. We hope everyone has a great holiday!

HEIDI IS OFF until Monday, September 9, returning Tuesday, September 10. Fay Knicley will kindly fill in while Heidi is out.

CHOIR AND HANDBELL REHEARSALS will start up again after Labor Day! Rehearsal dates and time will be announced soon.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE WILL MEET Wednesday, September 4, at 5:15pm in the library.

THE MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL MEET Thursday, September 5 at 2:00pm in the parlor.

THERE WILL BE A SESSION MEETING Tuesday, September 10 at 5:15pm in the library.

#### JOSHUA GOINES ORGAN CONCERT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14!

Please join us for an uplifting evening with maestro organist Joshua Goines on Saturday, September 14 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. There will be a free-will offering, the proceeds of which will go to the Staunton African-American Heritage Festival. All are welcome. We hope you can join us!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP & BBQ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22! Please join us for outdoor worship on the lawn, followed by a BBQ and covered dish lunch on Sunday, September 22. The church will provide hot dogs, lemonade, coffee, plates, cups, and napkins. The congregation is asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. Come and bring a friend, and don't forget your lawn chair! All are welcome, especially Mary Baldwin students, faculty, and staff. Please RSVP to the church office at [stauntonfirst@gmail.com](mailto:stauntonfirst@gmail.com) or 540-886-0704, so we know how many hot dogs to prepare. Thank you!

### Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Family of Brad Furr; Julie Furr; Danny Anson; Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; Martha; family of Judy Lendermon

*Please contact Heidi in the church office or Pastor Jeff to have names added or removed from the prayer list.*

*Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless otherwise requested.*

**Elders**

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Sam Clem, Discipleship, Congregational Life  
Mary Meade, Worship  
Barbara Richardson, Congregational Life

**Class of 2025**

Stephany Morgan, Administration, Missions & Outreach  
Bret Ritchie, Administration  
Hugh Sproul, Property

**Class of 2026**

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**Our Mission:**

The primary mission of First Presbyterian Church is to foster a dedicated and loving commitment to Jesus Christ on the part of all our members. From this commitment, we work toward the following goals:

1. Increase our dedication and support to both the community and world missions as we engage the entire congregation in spreading the Gospel.
2. Develop our building assets as a resource for community ministries.
3. Continue and improve our strong educational and music programs.
4. Nurture our members in times of need and joy.