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Class of 2025

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First Presbyterian Church, Staunton, VA

Mission & Vision Statement

Adopted on September 10, 2024

We open our hearts and our doors to worshipping Christ in downtown Staunton as a visible witness to the Gospel.

We are called to be a congregation that...

1. Invites all people to faith in Christ.
2. Worships God in a vibrant community through discipleship, music, and fellowship.
3. Uses our resources, time, and talents in the service of the least of these.
4. Nurtures and strengthens those within and outside of our community.
5. Makes the best use of our historic downtown property to benefit others.



19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT "Holy Spirit Thou Art Welcome"

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 68:32-35

Martha Tillen

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;

sing praises to the Lord,

O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens;

listen, God sends out his voice, God's mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God,

whose majesty is over Israel and whose power is in the skies.

Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;

God gives power and strength to God's people.

Blessed be God!

***OPENING HYMN #451** "Open My Eyes"

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy Creator, you promise to care for us fully, and invite us to cast all our cares upon you. Yet we continue to worry, betraying our lack of faith in your good and sure promises, and the movement of your Spirit.

Forgive our lack of faith. May we hear your invitation of peace and joy in your presence once more. By your mighty Spirit, help us to live and to trust in the power of your holy name.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

The good news today is that God has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit that renews us each and every day. In Jesus Christ, by God's grace, empowered by the Spirit, we are forgiven!

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 5 selected verses

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “The Servant Song” by Richard Gillard, © 1976 Maranatha Music

SERMON “Fruit” Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #408** “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER *Hymnal P. 35*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “I Surrender All”

***DOXOLOGY #606** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #319** “Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing”

***BLESSING & SENDING**

God, lead us, that we may stand firm in faith as one church.

Teach us love. Teach us compassion.

Above all, out of your grace and compassion...

Teach us to walk faithfully, empowered by your Spirit.

Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 Session has called for a congregational meeting to be held following worship today, Sunday, September 29, for the purpose of electing officers to serve on Session.

- **Class of 2025:** Barbara Richardson

- **Class of 2026:** Cindy Cooke

- **Class of 2027:** Lisa Caywood, Eddie Homes, and Sharon Wilson

WSO CONCERT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 The Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra will perform in our sanctuary Saturday, October 5 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome. We hope you can join us!

BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY AT 10AM! Please join us for Bible Study every Tuesday at 10:00am in the library. Discussions are lively and refreshments are provided. All are welcome. Please join us!

TRINITY LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED First Presbyterian needs folks to volunteer with Trinity Lunch every two months on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Please contact Heidi at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704 if you can help. Thank you!

SESSION MEETING Session will meet Tuesday, October 8, at 5:15pm in the library.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING There will be a Worship Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 2 at 5:15pm in the library.

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING There will be a Mission & Outreach Committee meeting on Thursday, October 3 at 2:00pm in the parlor.

SAVE THE DATE! CHURCH LUNCHEON & TOWN HALL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 There will be a church luncheon & town hall on Sunday, October 27, immediately following worship. Please join us!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Family of Julie Furr; Sidney & Eleanor Supple; family of Craig Peterson; Shelia and Jim Fox; Martha Manning; 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.