

16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024
11:00am
A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT #629 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 19 selected verses *Amanda Avery*

The heavens are telling the glory of God;

And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech,

And night to night declares knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

Yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

Let the words of my mouth,

and the meditation of our hearts,

be acceptable to you,

O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

*OPENING HYMN #829 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

*OPENING PRAYER

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day,

To the rising of this life itself.

Be the purpose of God between us and each purpose,

The hand of God between us and each hand,

The pain of Christ between us and each pain,

The love of Christ between us and each love.

O God, who brought us to the bright light of this new day,

Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE** 2 Corinthians 5:17

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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 2 selected verses

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #703** "Jesus, They Boundless Love to Me"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Reading "Trouble in Amen Corner"
by Jim Reeves & Dr. Renee Huff

***DOXOLOGY #606** "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #738** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

***BLESSING & SENDING** Colossians 3:12-14

As God's chosen ones, holy, beloved, and claimed in the waters of baptism...

May we clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, and patience.

Forgive one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you...

And above all these things, may we put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE** "O How I Love Jesus"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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

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Bret Ritchie, Administration
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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.