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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.



21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #240

“Allelujah Alleluia!”

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Melissa L. Harmon

INTROIT #384

“Soon and Very Soon”

WORDS OF PRAISE

Stephany Morgan

This the day

The lord has made

let us be glad

and rejoice in it!

***OPENING HYMN #840**

“When Peace Like a River”

***OPENING PRAYER**

Most wonderful God, we try our hardest to follow your law. We know we are not perfect, and we sin yet we believe in our righteousness. We hide behind the surface understanding of your commands, and when you call us to look deep in our hearts we are stunned. Our desires are guiding our choices and actions - not your desire. Help us, oh Lord, to stand fast in acknowledging our sin as we seek your forgiveness...

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

Friends, God hears our prayers, cleanses us of our brokenness, and restores us to faithful service.

The Good News: in Jesus Christ 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 Mark 10:17-31

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM #749 "Come Live in the Light!"

SERMON "What Do You Do?" Rev. Melissa L. Harmon

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *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.**

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Susie Lendermon*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #710 "We Lift Our Voices"

*DOXOLOGY #649 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*CLOSING HYMN #649 "Amazing Grace"

*BLESSING & SENDING Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly
far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in
Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"
by Meredith Wilson, © 1950 MCA Music

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WELCOME REV. MELISSA L. HARMON TO WORSHIP TODAY! The Rev. Melissa L. Harmon will be preaching for us today. Welcome Melissa!

CHURCH LUNCHEON & TOWN HALL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 There will be a church luncheon & town hall on Sunday, October 27, immediately following worship. Please RSVP to the office at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704 if you plan to come. Please 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. We hope you can 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!

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING The Congregational Life Committee will meet Monday, October 14, at 10:30am in the library.

PW CIRCLE MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15 AT 12:30PM PW is switching to 12:30pm meetings during the darker fall and winter months, so their next meeting will be at 12:30 pm on Tuesday, October 15, with a short Board meeting to follow. All are welcome!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER The deadline for submissions for the November 2024 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, October 17. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

Prayer List

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

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.