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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.



23rd Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2024/Reformation Sunday
11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #680 "Soft Rains of Spring Flow"

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #658 "God Is So Good"

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 145:1-7

Sherry Cox

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
 Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
God's greatness is unsearchable.
 One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.
 They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.
 They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.
 They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

***OPENING HYMN #1** "Open the Doors!"

Ray Hoaster

***OPENING PRAYER** *Book of Common Worship*

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our brokenness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your call, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Reform our hearts once again, help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, opening new possibilities of life for society and the world.
Thanks be to God for 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 Jeremiah 1:4-10; 29:1-14

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM #107 "God Will Take Care of You "

SERMON "God's Plans" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #275** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Scots Confession (1560)*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP *Stephany Morgan*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #661 "His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN** "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past"

***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 #587** "Sing Hallelujah"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH LUNCHEON & TOWN HALL TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 There will be a church luncheon & town hall today, Sunday, October 27, immediately following worship. 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!

SESSION RETREAT & NEW OFFICER TRAINING There will be a Session retreat on Sunday, November 3 from 2:00-5:00pm at Hugh Sproul's home. New officer training will take place on Monday, November 11, 4:00-6:00pm in the library.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER The deadline for submissions for the December 2024 issue of First Impressions is Friday, November 15. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thanks!

Prayer List

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

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.