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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.



24th Sunday after Pentecost All Saints' Sunday November 3, 2024 @ 11:00am A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

"In the Garden"

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

Introit

"In the New Jerusalem"

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 146 selected verses

Amanda Avery

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord watches over the strangers;

the Lord upholds the orphan and the widow. The Lord will reign forever, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

*Opening Hymn #326

"For All the Saints"

*OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. And yet, we confess that we often struggle to follow you. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your ways, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

*Assurance of God's Grace Psalm 34:22

"The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned." I declare to you, in the name of Christ Jesus, we are all 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 #70 "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON "New Life"

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Scott Wilson

Hymnal #559

Hymnal pg. 35

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "In the Sweet By & By"

Choir

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

*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"
Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Sharing in the Bread and Cup

"Breathe on Me"

Prayer After Communion

*CLOSING HYMN #730 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

*Blessing & Sending Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Alleluia! Amen.

*Postlude

"When We All Get to Heaven"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>FLOWERS</u> The flowers in the sanctuary Sunday, November 3, are given in loving memory of Fulton B. Kegley (May 13, 1931-November 6, 1980) by his family Betty, Mary Huffard, Sarah, and Fulton B. Kegley II.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS Today we remember our loved ones who have passed into the Church Triumphant: Mardre Bell, Jean Cline, Brad Furr, Julie Furr, Sidney Supple, and those in our thoughts and prayers.

<u>THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE WILL MEET</u> Monday, November 4 at 10:30am in the library.

<u>THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE WILL MEET</u> Wednesday, November 6, at 5:15pm in the library.

<u>THE MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL MEET</u> Thursday, November 7, at 2:00pm in the parlor.

HOME GOODS COMMUNITY PANTRY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 Our Home Goods Community Pantry will be open on Wednesday, November 20. Financial and product donations are always welcomed.

If you wish to donate items, there is a donation basket outside of the sanctuary for your convenience. For specific items needed, please visit our website at https://lstpres-staunton.org/, or see the November issue of First Impressions.

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.