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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.



25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #757 "Today We All Are Called To Be Disciples"

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #373 "O Day of Peace"

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 24:1-6

Martha Tillen

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

the world, and those who live in it,

for God has founded it on the seas

and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in God's holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

who do not lift up their souls to what is false

and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord

and vindication from the God of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek the Lord,

who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

***OPENING HYMN #435** "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

***OPENING PRAYER**

We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give: for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech; for all that we have left undone, for all that we have done amiss. As we receive the word and knowledge of your forgiveness, enshield us, encircle us, each day and each night. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting; strong Son of God most high.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all our sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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 Micah 4 & 6 selected verses

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “Celtic Prayer” *Chancel Choir*
by Mark Cabaniss, arr. by John Purifoy, © 1997 Hal Leonard Co.

SERMON “Justice?” *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #69** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Confession of Belhar (1986)*

We believe...

- that God has revealed God’s self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;
- that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right.

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP *Amanda Avery*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #738 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

***DOXOLOGY #649** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #541** “God Be With You Til We Meet Again”

***BLESSING & SENDING**

May the blessing of God’s light be upon us;

light without and light within.

May the blessing of the rain be upon us.

May it be upon our spirits and wash them fair and clean.

May the blessing of the earth be on us;

soft under our feet, as we pass along the roads.

And may the Lord bless us, and bless us kindly.

Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE #731** “Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SANCTUARY DECORATING NIGHT ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26! Volunteers are needed to assist with decorating the sanctuary for Advent on Tuesday, November 26. Pizza will be served at 6:00pm, and decorating will begin afterward. Please contact Mary Meade if you have questions. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 Our annual Christmas Lunch will take place on Sunday, December 8, immediately following worship. **Please RSVP to the office** at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704 if you plan to come. Please join us!

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. Thank you!

THE WAYNESBORO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CHAMBER GROUPS will perform a concert on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

SESSION MEETING & OFFICER TRAINING Officer training will take place Monday, November 11, 4-6pm in the library. There will be a Session meeting Tuesday, November 12, at 5:15pm in the library.

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Helen Wood; Family of Julie Furr; Family of Sidney Supple; Eleanor Supple; family of Craig Peterson; 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.