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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.



Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #522

"I Am the Bread of Life"

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #523

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 147:7-11

Lucinda Cooke

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre.

The Lord covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.

God gives to the animals their food and to the young ravens when they cry.

The Lord's delight is not in the strength of the horse,

nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner,

but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in God's steadfast love.

***OPENING HYMN #41**

"O Worship the King"

***OPENING PRAYER**

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule.

We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love.

In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Colossians 1:13-14

God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ,

in whom we have redemption.

In the name of 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 #70** "What Does the Lord Require of You?"

SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 6 selected verses

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM #519 "You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

SERMON "The True King" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #647** "Give Thanks"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)*

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!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP *Martha Tillen*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #363 "Rejoice the Lord Is King!"

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE & DEDICATION OF PLEDGES**

***CLOSING HYMN #33** "We Gather Together"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

By the power of the Holy Spirit, God claims our complete loyalty,
and establishes Christ's reign of peace in every land and in every heart.

May we go from this place offering our very lives in the service of Christ's kingdom.

He is Lord forever and ever.

Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE #366** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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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!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS If you would like to remember or honor a loved one at Christmas, we will have the poinsettias again during the advent season. Please see the insert in the bulletin by which you can give the name or names of the person(s) you wish to remember. Then put your check in the collection plate and mark it "Christmas flowers." The deadline for donating, and to be published in our bulletin insert, is **Monday, November 25**. Thank you for helping our sanctuary look beautiful during this special season!

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

NEW CLASSES FORMING? Our Bible Study on Tuesday mornings has been very successful, but we would like to accommodate all schedules. We will gladly offer another class or two if there is sufficient demand. Please contact the church office at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704 to express your interest in a Sunday morning class, a Sunday after worship class, a weekday evening class, or a monthly seminar series. Also, please let us know what sort of class you would prefer. Some options include Bible study, book study, lecture, discussion, witness, prayer, social...we want to provide whatever you want, so please let us know. Thank you!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU is expressed to Mr. Ronald W. Nance, of "HUCKLEBERRY HILL PUMPKINS." He has provided the variety of autumnal fruits that adorn our sanctuary windowsills. May we continue to enjoy the fruits of the Harvest Season during worship this morning.

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Chase Caywood; Helen Wood; Family of Sidney Supple; Eleanor Supple; 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.