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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.



3rd Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "Gabriel's Oboe" *La Mision*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Jeff Binder*

INTROIT "There's a Song in the Air" *Harrington*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING *Sharon Driscoll & Megan McAllister*

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

ADVENT RESPONSE "Come to Us, O God" (verse 1) *comp. Barbara Bridge*
Come to us, O God, be the hope within our longing. Dwell within us, O light of the world: O God with us, Emmanuel.

WORDS OF PRAISE Isaiah 12:4-6 *Lucinda Cooke*

Give thanks to the Lord; call on God's name;
make known the Lord's deeds among the nations; proclaim that God's name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for God has done gloriously;

let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,

for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

***OPENING HYMN #129** "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One, we confess that the fruit of our lives does not always reflect repentance as we prepare our hearts for the Christ Child. We have grown joyless and weak in faith, giving voice to worry rather than continual thanksgiving. Forgive us, O Lord. Renew us in love, joy, and gladness.

