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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.



Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2024

5:00 pm (music begins at 4:30 pm)

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"I Wonder as I Wander"

by John Jacob Niles © 1960 G. Schirmer

"Come, Little Children"

by Cristoph von Schmidt & J. A. P. Schulz, ©1981 Arder Music Pub.

#144

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

#145

"What Child Is This"

"Little Jesus" (The Rocking Carol)

Scott Wilson

#195

"I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

#168

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

"Little Drummer Boy"

(featuring Robert Richardson drums /voice, & Handbell Choir)

PRELUDE

"March of the Kings"

(traditional)

arr. By Noble Cain, © 1934-G. Shimer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #108

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" Eddie Homes, vocals; Handbell Choir

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Susie Lendermon & Martha Tillen

Glory to God in the highest!

Alleluia!

FIRST READING

John 1:1-5

***HYMN #113**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

SECOND READING

Luke 2:1-7

*HYMN #140

“Once in Royal David’s City”

THIRD READING

Luke 2:8-14

*HYMN #118

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

FOURTH READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

ANTHEM

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

Men’s Chorus

REFLECTION

“Light”

Rev. Jeff Binder

*HYMN #128

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

CALL FOR GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

Rev. Jeff Binder

OFFERTORY

“O Holy Night”

Dr. Renee Huff

*DOXOLOGY #609

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

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”

Hymnal #559

Lord’s Prayer

Hymnal pg. 35

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

HYMN #114

“Away in a Manger”

***THE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

(The ushers will light the candle of the person at the end of the pew.

Please share the light of your candle with your neighbor and process outside to the front steps.)

CLOSING HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

STILLE NACHT

1. Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child! Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia";
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!"
3. Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
4. Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

BLESSING & SENDING

Titus 2:11-14

Rev. Jeff Binder

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people.

May we be inspired to live sensible, ethical, and godly lives here today and always.

We celebrate the birth of Jesus, who gave himself for us so that we might do good deeds,

and so we share this good news with the world.

Glory to God in the highest!

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE #122

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”