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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.



2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2025 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #292

“As the Wind Song”

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #680

“Soft Rains of Spring Flow”

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 36:5-7

Megan McAllister

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
Your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
Your judgments are like the great deep;
You save humans and animals alike, O LORD.
How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

***OPENING HYMN #269**

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

***OPENING PRAYER**

Merciful and loving God, you have called us to be your people, and you have claimed us for the service in the name of Jesus. We confess that we have not always lived up to our calling to proclaim the good news in word and deed. O God, forgive our broken and sinful ways. Strengthen us anew to follow Christ’s way in the world. By your Holy Spirit, give us the grace we need to be faithful disciples and fulfill our common calling.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

Ephesians 2:8-9

By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God!

***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 #137 "He Came Down"

SCRIPTURE READING John 2:1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM #349 "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us"

SERMON "Weddings" Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Book of Order, F-1.0301*

The Church is the body of Christ. Christ gives to the Church all the gifts necessary to be his body. The Church strives to demonstrate these gifts in its life as a community in the world.

The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.

The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. This new creation is a new beginning for human life and for all things. The Church lives in the present on the strength of that promised new creation.

The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.

The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #816 "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"

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

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*CLOSING HYMN #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

*BLESSING & SENDING

Go out into the world in peace; have courage.

May we hold on to what is good, returning no one evil for evil.

Strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering.

We are called to honor all people, to love and serve the Lord.

Go from this place rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Amen.

*POSTLUDE #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:00AM Please join us for Bible Study every Tuesday at 10:00am in the library. Discussions are lively and refreshments are provided. All are welcome. Please join us!

PW CIRCLE WILL MEET Tuesday, January 21, at 12:30pm in the library.

THE MBU COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FAIR will take place on Thursday, January 23, from 4:00-6:00pm.

COFFEE & COOKIES/FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDS The Congregational Care Committee would like to enlist your help with our coffee hour after worship. We need volunteers to make coffee to be ready at 10:45am and bring it to the sanctuary, arrange cookies, etc., put out napkins and plates and clean up afterwards. All coffee, cookies and paper goods are supplied. Right now, we need volunteers for February 9 & 16. All Sundays in March & April are free. Find a Sunday (or two) and sign up!
- Thank you from the Congregational Care Committee

HANDBELL & CHANCEL CHOIR SCHEDULES

- ◆ **Wednesday, January 22: 5:30-7:00pm** – Handbell Organizational Meeting (cookies will be served!)
- ◆ **Wednesday, January 22: 7:00-8:00pm:** Chancel Choir rehearsal
- ◆ **Wednesday, January 29:** All music rehearsals are back to normal schedules after the holidays:
 - Handbells: 6:00-7:00pm
 - Chancel Choir: 7:00-8:00pm

MBU WILL HOST the 34th Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Memorial Service for Peace and Justice, in collaboration with the Staunton branch of the NAACP on Monday, January 20, at 7:00pm at Central United Methodist Church. Featured performers will include the Anointed Voices of Praise, MBU Choir, and Greater Things Dance Ministry.

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Paul Goble; family of Eleanor Supple; Jim Cooke; Collin Parrish; Danny Anson; Junior and Sandra Rush; family of Jesse Parrot

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.