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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.



4th Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2025 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #292

“As the Wind”

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #625

“How Great Thou Art”

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 111 selected verses

Scott Wilson

Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is God’s work, and God’s righteousness endures forever.

God has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God’s praise endures forever.

***OPENING HYMN #69**

“Here I Am, Lord”

***OPENING PRAYER**

Source of all life, you give birth to the nations; we are conceived by your love.

You sustain us in the womb of your mercy; we are nourished and grow in the folds of your grace. You have sent Jesus our Savior to deliver us, and have surrounded our days with your Spirit. Through Christ you conceive us as children of the covenant; we gather in his household to give you our praise.

Yet we confess our fear of the unknown. We confess our need to be in control.

We confess our inability to trust you completely. Forgive us. Encourage us.

Teach us to follow, even when we don’t think we can anymore.

Replace our doubts with faithfulness, our fears with courage, and our apathy with love.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

God knows our hearts, despite how often we mess up in our daily lives.
And God forgives us, and makes us whole, time and time again.
In the name of 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 #701** "Lord, Prepare Me"

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 12-13 selected verses
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Bless the Lord"
by Jeff Deyo ©2003 Emack Music and Worship City Music

SERMON "Blessing" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #697** "Take My Life"

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

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"

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Hymnal #559

Hymnal pg. 35

***CLOSING HYMN #838** "Standing on the Promises"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

May the One who creates us, go with and before us.

May the One who gives us wisdom, guide us in the way of peace.

May the One who saves us, lead us into everlasting life.

Now go in peace, knowing that you are loved, and you are blessed.

Alleluia. Amen.

***POSTLUDE #703** "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET today, Sunday, February 2,
immediately following worship.

THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE WILL MEET Monday, February 3 at 10:30am
in the library.

THE MISSIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL MEET Tuesday, February 4, at 2:00pm
in the parlor.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE WILL MEET Wednesday, February 5, at 5:15pm in the
library.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday, February 16,
immediately following the worship service. After the meeting, we hope you can join us
for brunch in the Fellowship Hall!

Please come and bring breakfast foods for the brunch. Coffee and drinks will
be provided.

After the brunch, please join us for the presentation of the Annual Report,
including the 2025 budget.

All are welcome. We hope you can join us!

Prayer List

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

*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.