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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.



Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #839

“Blessed Assurance”

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #749

“Come! Live in the Light!”

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 63 selected verses

Dick Cox

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you;

My flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

***OPENING HYMN #187**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

***OPENING PRAYER**

Unison

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;

let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, for he will abundantly pardon.

In Jesus Christ, we receive such mercy and forgiveness.

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 #555** "O Lamb of God"

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:13-34

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Pie Jesu" Chancel Choir; Soloists Anna Christina Kendall and Kyle Legore
from Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Requiem" © 1985 Hal Leonard Corp.

SERMON "Worry" Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #347** "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Who made the heavens and the earth? Who gave to everything its place? Who calls us each by name?

God the Everlasting. God the Creator. God, whose strength knows no bounds, whose understanding is beyond comprehension. God, who strengthens the weak and empowers the powerless.

There will be those days and nights when we will want to give up and turn away from everything.

But when those times come, we wait.

We wait. And we believe. And we hope.

Because God will lift us up. And we will fly with wings like eagles. We will run and not be weary. We will walk and not faint.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "God So Loved the World" Chancel Choir

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #440** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

***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; honor all people.

And may we love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE** "Irish Blessing"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WELCOME ANNA CHRISTINA KENDALL AND KYLE LEGORE TO WORSHIP TODAY!

Please welcome soloists Anna Christina Kendall and Kyle Legore, who will be singing with our choir, to worship today.

MEMORIAL EASTER FLOWERS If you would like to donate flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one this Easter season and beautify our sanctuary, please fill out the insert provided in last week's bulletin (also available in the church office), and drop it in the offering plate or give it to Heidi in the office. You will be able to take home a pot of flowers after the service on Easter morning. Thank you!

SPECIAL OFFERING TO SUPPORT MASSANETTA SPRINGS CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

Over the next few Sundays (March 16-April 13), we will be collecting donations to support a new building facility at Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center. Their campaign, "Building a Place for All", will be supported by your Session by matching your gifts dollar for dollar to maximize your generosity. This new facility will impact every aspect of Massanetta's ministry in a positive way.

Checks can be made out to "First Presbyterian", with "Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center" in the memo line.

- Thank you, Mission & Outreach Committee

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Family of Stephany Morgan; Mona Tate; Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; Collin Parrish; Danny Anson; Junior and Sandra Rush; Malcolm Buran; Molly Cox; Hani Baramki; Simon Marsh; family of Robert Olivera

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.