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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.



5th Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "Holy Spirit Be My Guide" by Mildred Cope, © 1991 Lillenas Pub. Co.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #738 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

WORDS OF PRAISE *Iona Abbey Worship Book* *Sherry Cox*

O God, who called all life into being,
The earth, sea and sky are yours.
Your presence is all around us,
Every atom is full of your energy.
Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,
With her we yearn for justice to be done,
For creation to be freed from bondage,
For the hungry to be fed,
For captives to be released,
For your kingdom of peace to come on earth.

***OPENING HYMN #228** "Were You There"

***OPENING PRAYER**
God of peace, you command us to love one another and live in peace with our neighbors.

Yet, because of our closed minds, prejudice, and suspicion of difference, we justify violence and war, we tolerate discrimination against minorities and the marginalized, we turn a blind eye to the suppression of basic human rights. Today we pray for wisdom and humility. Empower us by your Spirit to embrace one another and walk peacefully together. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**
The one who calls light out of darkness now shines in our hearts to reveal the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the name of Jesus, 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 #447** "We Are Forgiven"

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:1-10

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "I Want to Be Like Jesus"

Words by Thomas O. Chisholm, Music by David Livingston Ives © 1973 by Lillenas Pub Co.

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #401** "Here in This Place"

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Terms of Endearment"

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***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 #630** "Fairest Lord Jesus"

***BLESSING & SENDING** *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

A blessing on you who are poor,

Yours is the kingdom of God.

A blessing on you who mourn,

You shall be comforted.

A blessing on you who hunger for justice,

You shall be satisfied.

A blessing on you who make peace,

You shall be called children of God.

A blessing on you who are persecuted for the cause of right,

Yours is the kingdom of heaven.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE** "Jesus is Lord of All" *by Gloria and William J. Gaither © 1973 William Gaither*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWERS If you would like to donate flowers this Easter season, please fill out the insert previously provided. 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

We are collecting donations to support a new building facility at Massanetta. Their campaign will be supported by your Session by matching your gifts dollar for dollar. Checks can be made out to "First Presbyterian", with "Massanetta" in the memo line.

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION APRIL 13TH All are invited to celebrate Palm Sunday with a parade! Members of local churches will all gather at the front lawn of Trinity Episcopal Church (214 W. Beverley St.) at 9:45am on April 13th. From there we will parade with palms toward St. Francis Catholic Church, where the members of First Presbyterian will split off as we head to our own worship service.

Interested in joining the fun? RSVP with Pastor Jeff to walk over together.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING will take place Sunday, April 13, immediately following worship. Note: This committee has moved from the 1st to the 2nd Sunday of the month.

THE GOBLE FAMILY would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during Paul's recent surgery. It's wonderful to be part of such a loving congregation.

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Family of Nancy Carey; Family of Stephany Morgan; Mona Tate; Paul Goble; Jim Cooke; Molly Cox; Collin Parrish; Danny Anson; 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.