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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.



Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #268

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns”
arr. by Tyler Zwink*

Gary Havens

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #199

“Filled with Excitement”

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 118 selected verses

Scott Wilson

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Bind the festal procession with branches,

up to the horns of the altar.

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

***OPENING HYMN #196**

“ All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of compassion, you created the world through your communion of love, but we prefer to be lonely gods, living for ourselves. We cheer your arrival on the outside, yet our inner lives doubt your authority. Our sin has misshapen the life you intend for us. We damage creation. We hurt one another. We ignore the ache of others. We beg you: free us from sin’s grip with your prevailing love, that we might be your witnesses, testifying to your eternal love in all we do as we journey to the cross.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE** Ephesians 2:8-9

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is nothing less than God's gift for God's people!

It's not accomplished by our works, so that we'd be able to brag about it.

No, we are who God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

We have been saved. We have been redeemed. We have been 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 19:29-40

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Hosanna Hosanna!"

Chancel Choir

*Words by Jeanette Threlfall and Timothy Mayfield, arr. by T. Mayfield
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SERMON "Shouting Stones"

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #197** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith* *Unison*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "The Old Rugged Cross"

by George Bennard 1913, arr. by Mark Hayes

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #221** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

***BLESSING & SENDING** Zechariah 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Go from this place, with shouts of acclamation! Our savior has arrived.

Amen.

***POSTLUDE** "The Palms"

Chris Nicholson

by Gabriel Faure, arr. by Gene Roberson ©1966

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER FLOWERS Today is the last day to donate flowers this Easter season. An insert is provided in today's bulletin. Thank you!

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING will take place today, Sunday, April 13, immediately following worship.

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.

AGAPE FEAST & MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 13 Please join us for an Agape feast in the library on April 17 at 6:00pm in the library, followed by our Maundy Thursday worship service in the chapel.

This is a simple meal including dried fruits, nuts, olives, figs, crusty breads, hummus, crackers and cheese cubes. It is a time of fellowship and hospitality.

The congregation is asked to bring any of the items listed above to be shared in a communal meal. Grape juice and water will be provided. All are welcome!

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 18 AT THIRD PRESBYTERIAN There will be a Good Friday worship service on April 18 at 7:00pm at Third Presbyterian Church.

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 The church offices will be closed Friday, April 18 for Good Friday.

Prayer List

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

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.