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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.



20th Sunday after Pentecost/Reformation Sunday

October 26th, 2025 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Whispering Hope"
by Alice Hawthorne

Dr. Renee Huff

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT

"Little Is Much When God Is in It"
by Kittie L. Suffield, 1884-1972

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 65:1-4

Dick Cox

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed,
O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.
Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.

***OPENING HYMN #319**

"Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing"

***OPENING PRAYER**

Unison

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others in the name of Jesus.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Our righteousness is found in Christ alone, a gift of God by faith.
Beloved people of God, believe the good news: through the grace 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.

And also with you.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #405** “Praise God for This Holy Ground” *vss. 1, 3, & 5*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 25:19-34

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder” (*negro spiritual*)

SERMON "Jacob" Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #834** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Scots Confession</i>	<i>Unison</i>
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We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.

Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Scott Wilson

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Because I Have Been Given Much”
by Grace Noll Crowell & Philip Landgrave © 1975 Broadman Press

***DOXOLOGY #606** *“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”*

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #339** *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

***BLESSING & SENDING**

Go out into the world in peace.

May we love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind.

May we be led by the Spirit throughout creation; this is our holy act of worship.

And may we love our neighbors as ourselves.

Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE** “I’ll Walk with God”
by Paul Webster & Nicholas Brodsky

**Please remain seated for a brief congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 We will have a congregational meeting today, Sunday, October 26, immediately following worship for the purpose of electing officers. We hope you can be there!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Shelia & Jim Fox; Cindy Sokol; family of Trish and Ari Causey & SCA; Ron Lowman; Fay Knicley; Mary Meade; Molly Cox; Mona Tate; Sandra; Ben Rice; Collin Parrish; Danny Anson; Sandler/Gottlieb family

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.