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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.



Christ the King Sunday November 23rd, 2025 @ 11:00am A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "Jesus Is All the World to Me" Dr. Renee Huff

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mark Wilson

INTROIT #683 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

WORDS OF PRAISE Exodus 15 Mark Wilson

I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously;

The Lord is my strength and my song; This is my God and I will praise Him; My father's God and I will exalt Him. Who is like thee, majestic in holiness? The Lord will reign forever and ever!

*Opening Hymn #263 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we confess that we have doubted what we cannot explain. We have sought strength and enjoyment apart from you. We have taken pride in ownership more than giving praise through stewardship. Forgive us for installing ourselves as reigning deities. Lead us in paths of trust and obedience.

Unison

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

God does not turn away from steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful. Disciples of Jesus, through the grace of our Saviour, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Response of Praise #583 "Glory to God"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 100, Luke 17:11-19 Mark Wilson

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Ten Lepers"

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SERMON "Where Are the Nine?" Mark Wilson

*Hymn of Response #15 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed

Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Lucinda Cooke

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "There's Something About that Name"

Chancel Choir

by William J. and Gloria Gaither © 1970 William Gaither

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

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*CLOSING HYMN #321 "The Church's One Foundation"

*Blessing & Sending

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

May God of peace sanctify us through and through.

May Jesus remember us when we come in His Kingdom.

May our entire spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Alleluia, Amen.

*Postlude Chris Nicholson, organ

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>PLEASE WELCOME ELDER MARK WILSON</u> to our pulpit today! Mark's home church is Augusta Stone in Fort Defiance, where he has been a Ruling Elder and a Trustee. He lives in Fort Defiance with his wife, Debbie. He is a retired businessman and has been filling in at Presbyterian churches for 15 years. He has led over 400 worship services, mainly in Augusta County. Welcome Mark!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS If you would like to remember or honor a loved one at Christmas, we will have the poinsettias again during the advent season. An insert is in the bulletin (through today, November 23) by which you can give the name or names of the person(s) you wish to remember. Then put your check (made out to First Presbyterian Church) in the collection plate and mark it "Christmas flowers." Deadline for donating, and to be published in our bulletin insert, is **tomorrow**, **Monday**, **11/24**.

YOU'RE INVITED TO A THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE & DINNER AT THIRD PRESBYTERIAN TODAY! Third Presbyterian Church is holding their Thanksgiving worship service at 3:00 pm today, Sunday, November 23, following by a Thanksgiving dinner. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Heidi at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING IN SANCTUARY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25! We will be decorating the sanctuary for Advent & Christmas Tuesday, November 25 at 6:00pm. Pizza and cookies will be served. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please join us!

<u>Church Offices Closed 11/27 and 11/28</u> The church offices will be closed Thurs., 11/27 and Fri., 11/28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Heidi will be off Wed, 11/26.

FIRST PRES IS OFFERING A GIFT TREE to help older adults in the area. The gift ornaments are provided by the Shenandoah Valley Social Services Adult Services group and will be placed on a Christmas tree in the sanctuary by November 28. Please sign up for a gift or two (there will be at least 30 gift ornaments). Please bring each gift in an open gift bag with the ornament attached to the sanctuary next to the tree or to the church front office in the Fraser building. All gifts must be returned by December 11. - Thank you! The Mission & Outreach Committee

Prayer List

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

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.