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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.



Baptism of the Lord

January 11th, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Holy Spirit Thou Art Welcome" (medley) *Dr. Renee Huff*
by Dottie Rambo & David Huntsinger, arr. by Lyndell Leatherman © 1977 John T Benson Pub.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT

"Spirit Song"

by John Wimber © 1979 Mercy Pub.

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 29:2-4

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,
worship the Lord in holy splendor.
The voice of the Lord is over waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful,
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

Martha Tillen

***OPENING HYMN #69**

"Here I Am, Lord"

Unison

***OPENING PRAYER**

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Even in our daily living, God is with us, bringing peace to us. Receive God's rich blessing of peace and hope in Christ Jesus—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 #389 "Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord"**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 3:13-17

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM #164

"Down Galilee's Slow Roadways"

SERMON

"Baptismal Calling"

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #488 "I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry"**

INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

Sherry Cox, Mark Shore (Ordination), Donna Goble, Robin Knott, Mary Meade

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER & DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"You're Not There"

by Jaci Velasquez & Mark Heimermann © 2000 Word Music, Inc./Fun Attic Music

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #375 "Shall We Gather at the River"**

***BLESSING & SENDING**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us.

Christ, be in our hearts.

May the love of God surround us.

God, be in our minds.

May the Spirit move throughout our lives.

Spirit, breathe on us new life today and forever more.

Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

"Jesus is Lord of All"

by Gloria & William J. Gaither © 1973 William Gaither

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GAMES & REFRESHMENTS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL SUNDAY, JANUARY 18! Mark your calendars for games & refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, January 18! 2nd & 3rd Pres have been invited to join with us for an afternoon of fun. Please come and bring a friend! Also, please bring a snack to share and any games you would like to play. We hope to see you there!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY The deadline for submissions for the February 2026 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, January 15. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL who helped to make our Jan. 5th WARM shelter supper a success. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal of brown sugar ham, mac 'n' cheese, green bean casserole, green salad, rolls and cookies for dessert.

Thank you to our cooks: Donna Goble, Barbara Richardson, Mary Meade, Sherry and Dick Cox, Sue Ann McAllister, and Scott and Sharon Wilson.

Many thanks also to those who served the meal at Christ Lutheran Church: Sherry and Dick Cox, Pastor Jeff, and Scott and Sharon Wilson.

It takes a village! - The Mission & Outreach Committee

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Cindy Sokol; family of Trish and Ari Causey & SCA; Robin Knott; Ron Lowman; Fay Kniley; 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.