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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.



3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 25th, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Dr. Renee Huff

by Helen Lemmel arr. By Roger Bennett © 1998 Plot Point Music

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #536

"Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 27: 1, 4

Cindy Cooke

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the LORD,

and to inquire in his temple.

***OPENING HYMN #12**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

***OPENING PRAYER**

Unison

Holy One, our great Redeemer, you have created us to be your people; you have called us from captivity to freedom; you have delivered us from death to life.

Yet we have wandered in the wilderness; we have failed to keep your commandments; we have put our trust in false idols. Forgive us, God of grace.

Fill us with hope, feed us with mercy, and lead us into the land of your promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE** 2 Corinthians 5:17
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.
Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.
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 READING 2 Corinthians 4
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “I'd Rather Have Jesus than Silver or Gold”
by Rhea Miller, 1922 © 1966 Chancel Music (Rodeheaver)

SERMON “Clay Jars” *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #610** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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 *Hymnal pg. 35*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #37 “Let All Things Now Living”

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #624** “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” *vv. 1-4*

***BLESSING & SENDING** 2 Corinthians 13:13
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Alleluia! Amen.

***POSTLUDE** “We're Marching to Zion”
by Isaac Watts, 1701, Refrain:Robert Lowery, music by Robert Lowery, 1867
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ANNOUNCEMENTS
SACKS OF LOVE PACKERS NEEDED at First Baptist Church on Monday, January 26, at 6:30pm in their fellowship hall. If you would like to help pack, please join!

A SPECIAL OFFERING FOR WARM Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministries is a Christian community showing Christ’s love through shelter and support for the homeless. First Presbyterian is a participant in this mission (helping prepare and serve meals). A group served in early January at Christ Lutheran Church.
Support is needed, especially during these cold winter months. Donations to help this important ministry are greatly appreciated.
Checks can be made out to the church with WARM on the memo line. Thank you!

Prayer List
Please send out prayers for: Cindy Sokol; family of Trish and Ari Causey & SCA; Robin Knott; Ron Lowman; Fay Knicley; Mary Meade; Molly Cox; Mona Tate; Sandra; Jill & Gerry Long; 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.