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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.



**5th Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 8, 2026 @ 11:00am**

**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

**PRELUDE**

*"I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"*

*Dr. Renee Huff*

*by Ira Stanphil © 1950 Singaspiration Music*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

**INTROIT #188**

*"Jesus Loves Me!"*

**WORDS OF PRAISE**

Psalm 8

*Dick Cox*

O Lord, our Sovereign,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouths of babes and infants,**

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

**to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**the moon and the stars that you have established;**

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

**mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

**and crowned them with glory and honor.**

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

**you have put all things under their feet,**

all sheep and oxen,

**and also the beasts of the field,**

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

**whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Sovereign,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #336**

*"We Gather Together"*

\*OPENING PRAYER

Most Holy God, on this day of resurrection, we confess that our lives do not always reflect your good news. We are tired and worn out. Our patience has met its limits; our compassion has become desensitized. We want to celebrate new life, but all we see is death and brokenness around us. Help us, Lord. Create in us new hearts, new identities in your presence, as we seek to faithfully follow you.

\*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

Friends, believe this good news. In Christ Jesus, we are called to a new way of being; a new way of living. We are loved. We are forgiven. We are new spiritual creations! Thanks be to God!

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #650

“O Beauty Ever Ancient”  
vv. 1 & 3

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 12:1-10  
This is the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“His Grace is Sufficient for Me”  
by Mosie Lister, 1965 ©1993 Lillenas Pub.

SERMON

“Power Made Perfect in Weakness”  
Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #629

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from A Brief Statement of Faith  
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal pg. 35

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Sharon Wilson

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #835

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

\*DOXOLOGY #606

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

\*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

\*CLOSING HYMN #80

“You Shall Go Out with Joy”

Unison

\*BLESSING & SENDING

Go out into the world in peace.  
May we go out with courage.  
Hold on to what is good, returning no one evil for evil.  
May we strengthen the fainthearted.  
Support the weak and help the suffering.  
And may we honor all people, loving and serving the Lord.  
Go now out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“So I Send You”  
by Grace, words by Margaret Clarkson, music by John W. Peterson © 1964 Singspiration Music  
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING & SPAGHETTI LUNCH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place Sunday, February 15, immediately following worship. After the meeting, we hope you can join us for a spaghetti lunch in the Fellowship Hall! Please RSVP to Heidi at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704 if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

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 Pres participates in this mission, and donations to help this important ministry are greatly needed through February 15. Checks can be made out to the church with WARM on the memo line. Thank you!

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET

today, Sunday, February 8, at 12:15pm in the library.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR MARCH

The deadline for submissions for the March 2026 issue of First Impressions is Monday, February 16. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS TO BRIAN & JENNIFER KNOTT

(and the entire Knott family) on the birth of their son, Forest, born on February 1st!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Brian, Jennifer, and Forest Knott; Cindy Sokol; family of Trish and Ari Causey & SCA; Robin Knott; Ron Lowman; Fay Knicley; Mary Meade; Molly Cox; Mona Tate; Sandra; Cindy & Randy Powers; Ruby Dowdy; 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.