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**3rd Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026 @ 11:00am
A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

PRELUDE

“Springs of Living Water”
by John W. Peterson, © 1950 John W. Peterson

Dr. Renee Huff

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT

“What a Wonderful Savior!”
by Elisha Hoffman, 1891

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 95:1-6

Robin Knott

O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to the LORD with songs of praise!
For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In God’s hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are God’s also.
The sea is the LORD’s, for God made it,
and the dry land, which God’s hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

***OPENING HYMN #415** “Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

OPENING PRAYER

Unison

God of mercy, you sent Jesus to offer living water for all who thirst. We joyously acknowledge that he has guided us lovingly, and has nourished us in wholeness. Yet, we confess that we have still have our doubts, and have turned a deaf ear to his voice that calls us to drink from the well of grace and love. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our reservations. Return us to the way of this living water, and hold us there by your Holy Spirit, that we may live to your honor and glory.

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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.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ came into the world to save sinners.

I declare to you in the name 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.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #604** "Lamb of God"

SCRIPTURE READING John 4:5-30

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Fill My Cup, Lord"

by Richard Blanchard, © 1959 Sacred Songs (a div. of Word, Inc.)

SERMON "Living Water"

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #175** "Seek Ye First"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Romans 5:1-5 *Unison*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER *Hymnal pg. 35*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Made to Worship"

by Chris Tomlin Ed Cash & Stephan Sharp © 2006 Worship Together.com & 6 Steps

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #183** "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

May the One who walked on wounded feet walk with you on the road.

May the One who served with wounded hands open our hands to serve.

May the One who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.

And may we see the face of Christ in everyone we meet and may everyone we meet see the face of Christ in us. Amen.

POSTLUDE #475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY, SUNDAY, MARCH 8 There will be an Administration Committee Meeting today, Sunday, March 8, at 12:15pm in the library.

PW CIRCLE TUESDAY, MARCH 10 PW Circle will meet Tuesday, March 10 at 12:30pm in the library. Please respond to Alice Herbst if you can make it. And feel free to bring guests – all are welcome!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2026 The deadline for submissions for the April 2026 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, March 19. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON AT 2ND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH You're invited to a luncheon at 2nd Presbyterian Church on Palm Sunday, March 29. All food will be provided! If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Heidi at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704. There is also an RSVP slip provided in the bulletin that you can fill out & place in the offering plate. Thank you!

BIBLE STUDY EVERY TUESDAY AT 10:00AM! Please join us for Bible Study every Tuesday at 10:00am in the library. Discussions are lively and refreshments are provided. All are welcome. Please join us!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Brian, Jennifer, and Forrest Knott; Robin Knott; Ron Lowman; Fay Knicley; Molly Cox; Mona Tate; Martha Manning; Jim Koi; Cindy & Randy Powers; Ruby Dowdy; Jill & Gerry Long; Josephine Colvin; 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.