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4th Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026 @ 11:00am
A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "Majesty" *Dr. Renee Huff*
by Jack Hayford © 1981 Rocksmith Music c/o Trust Music Mgmt.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT "Open the Eyes of My Heart"
by Paul Baloche © 1997 Integrity's Hosanna!

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 8 selected verses *Martha Tillen*

O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
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.
O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

***OPENING HYMN #451** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPENING PRAYER *Unison*

Lord, we are humbled by your compassion and mercy, even in our suffering.
We live among a people of broken and sinful ways.
We avoid those who aren't like us.
We avert our eyes to the sight of those in need, for fear they'll ask us for help.
But now, empowered by your grace, we seek to renew our commitment, and
consciously deepen our relationship with you.
Help us renew our allegiance to your kingdom, and its ways of shalom for
all people.

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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**

Friends, the good news is that when we bring our whole selves before our creator, our whole selves are renewed in forgiveness and love.
Know that we are forgiven in Christ Jesus, and we are loved.
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 9 selected verses
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "I Would Crawl All the Way to the River"
by Curly Putnam, Dan Wilson and Bucky Jones © 1980 Sony Tree Pub. Co.

SERMON "Making Mud" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #450** "Be Thou My Vision"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Iona Abbey Worship Book *Read Responsively*

In the midst of hunger and war
We celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.
In the midst of oppression and tyranny
We celebrate the promise of service and freedom.
In the midst of doubt and despair
We celebrate the promise of faith and hope.
In the midst of fear and betrayal
We celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.
In the midst of hatred and death
We celebrate the promise of love and life.
In the midst of sin and decay
We celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.
In the midst of death on every side
We celebrate the promise of the living Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal pg. 35

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "There's Something About that Name"
by William J & Gloria Gaither © 1970 William J. Gaither

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #189** "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

May we go from this place to pursue goodness, wisdom, holiness, and love.
God the Creator, call us to the work of the kingdom,
God the Redeemer, keep us from stumbling,
God the Sustainer, transform and inspire our hearts and our very lives.
Amen.

POSTLUDE #649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" *sing-along with Bell Ensemble*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING This year, our church is collecting donations on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday for One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) to help Presbyterian ministries end hunger and poverty, provide assistance after disaster strikes, work with sustainable community development, and support immigrants, migrants, and refugees. More information on giving electronically will appear in bulletin inserts on those Sundays. Please write OGHS in the memo line on checks or on envelopes for cash donations. We thank you for witnessing to the repairing love of God in Jesus Christ through One Great Hour of Sharing. - The Missions and Outreach Committee

EASTER FLOWERS If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one this Easter, please make out a check to the church with "Easter flowers" in the memo line. Thank you!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR APRIL 2026 The deadline for submissions for the April 2026 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, March 19. Thank you!

STAUNTON PALM SUNDAY PROCESSIONAL The Staunton Palm Sunday Processional will take place again this year! We will meet at Trinity Episcopal Church at 10:00am.

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 by **March 22**. Thank you!

Prayer List

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

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.