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5th Sunday in Lent
March 22, 2026 @ 11:00am
A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

“It's Alright (Rise & Be Healed)” *Dr. Renee Huff*
trad. spiritual arr. by Bill Cummings © 2000 Gia Prod.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT

“I Could Sing of Your Love Forever”
by Martin Smith © 1994 Curious? Music UK

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 46:1-3, 7

Amanda Avery

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***OPENING HYMN #796** “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

***OPENING PRAYER**

Psalm 130

Read Responsively

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!
If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.
I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord.
more than those who watch for the morning,
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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 Psalm 130 (continued)
O Israel, hope in the LORD!
For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.
Friends, believe the good news: we worship the God of our salvation. We are forgiven, 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 11 selected verses
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "I Will Rise"
(trad. Negro Spiritual)

SERMON "New Life" Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #792 "There is a Balm in Gilead"

*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 "It Took A Miracle"
by John W. Peterson © 1976 John W. Peterson Music Co

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

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*CLOSING HYMN #216 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*BLESSING & SENDING Ezekiel 37
We go from this place assured of God's presence in our lives.
We go from this place emboldened to walk in faith.
The world asks if these dried up bones can live once again.
Hear the word of the Lord! These bones shall live once again!
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Amen.

POSTLUDE "In That Great Gettin' up Mornin'/Shine On Me"
(trad. Spiritual)

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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!

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. There is also an RSVP slip provided in the bulletin that you can fill out & place in the offering plate. 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.