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2nd Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" *Dr. Renee Huff*
words by Samuel Trevor Francis, music by Thomas J. Williams, 1890
(permission from Eluned Crump & Dilys)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT "Hallelujah, I Am Free!"
by A. A. Jameson, 1925 © 1953 Lillenas

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 16 selected verses *Joe Surratt*
Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
I keep the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Therefore, my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure.
You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***OPENING HYMN #254** "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

***OPENING PRAYER** *Unison*
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. However, even with such good news, we confess that in times like these, we sometimes remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways of this broken world.
We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn.
We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace.
We criticize the weak, and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy. In your loving kindness, make us one once again.

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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 this: In Jesus being resurrected from the dead, God showed us that nothing, not even death, will separate us from God's unconditional love.

In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven, and offered new life.

Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #240** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Luke 24:13-35

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Glorious Morning"

by Gary McSpaddon, Lari Goss and Linda Dooley ©1984 BMG Songs, Inc.

SERMON

"Were Not Our Hearts Burning Within Us?" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #250** "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Thank You"

by Ray Boltz © 1988 Gaither Music

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymnal #559

Lord's Prayer

Hymnal pg. 35

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

***CLOSING HYMN #238**

"Thine Is the Glory"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

1 Peter 1:3-6

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By God's great mercy we have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

And God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us, protected by the power of God through faith for our salvation.

In this we rejoice!

Go from this place, sharing the good news!

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE #839

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 12 There will be an Administration Committee Meeting this Sunday, April 12 at 12:15pm in the library.

MBU SPRING CHORAL CONCERT Mary Baldwin University will perform their spring choral concert on Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. Please join us!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR MAY The deadline for submissions for the May 2026 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, April 16. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

LUNCH WITH 2ND & 3RD SUNDAY, APRIL 19 You're all invited to lunch with 2nd & 3rd Presbyterian Churches on Sunday, April 19, immediately following worship in our fellowship hall. First Pres will provide chicken tenders and drinks. Those attending are asked to bring finger foods. Please RSVP to the church office at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704. We hope you can join us!

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; family of Beverly Dunkin
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.