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**3rd Sunday of Easter
April 19 2026 @ 11:00am**

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #277 "Hail Thee, Festival Day!" *Dr. Renee Huff*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT #279 "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove"

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 116 selected verses *Dick Cox*

I love the LORD,
because God has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because the LORD inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.

***OPENING HYMN #236** "The Strife Is O'er"

***OPENING PRAYER**
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. By what we have said, and what we have left unsaid.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE** Romans 8:26-27
The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

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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.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:22-36

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"The Haven of Rest"

words by Henry L. Gilmour, 1890 & music by George D. Moore, 1890

SERMON

"Finding Our Voice"

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #291** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Galatians 3

Unison

Now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to the law; for in Christ Jesus we are all children of God through faith. As many of us that were baptized into Christ have clothed ourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus. And if we belong to Christ, then we are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal pg. 35

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"I'd Rather Have Jesus "

words by Rhea Miller, music by George Beverly Shea © 1922, 1950, 1966 Rhodeheaver Co.

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #233** "The Day of Resurrection!"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

Sisters and brothers, we have been saved, and we have been called by God.

Called by God to do who knows what, but to love and love again.

Brothers and sisters we have been sent by God.

Sent by God to go who knows where, but to love and love again.

Go in the name of our risen savior, who calls us to share God's saving love with the world.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE #384

"Soon and Very Soon"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUNCH WITH 2ND & 3RD TODAY, SUNDAY, APRIL 19 You're all invited to lunch with 2nd & 3rd Presbyterian Churches today, Sunday, April 19, immediately following worship in our fellowship hall. We hope you can join us!

SACKS OF LOVE PACKERS NEEDED at First Baptist Church on Monday, April 20 at 6:30pm in their fellowship hall. If you would like to help pack, please join!

WSO CONCERT SATURDAY, APRIL 25, "CELEBRATING AMERICA" Please join us for a concert performed by the Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, April 25 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary, where WSO's 30th anniversary will be celebrated with Grammy-nominated piano soloist, John Novacek. All are welcome!

PASTOR JEFF WILL BE OUT for Continuing Education Monday, April 20-Tuesday, May 5, returning Wednesday, May 6.

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Brian, Jennifer, and Forrest Knott; Robin Knott; Alice Herbst; 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.