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Sam Clem



**4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026 @ 11:00am**

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #37 "Let All Things Now Living" *Dr. Renee Huff*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Mary Meade*

INTROIT #709 "God, We Honor You"

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 116 selected verses

Jesus has said, I am the door; if any one enters by me, each one will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Jesus came that those who believe in him may have life, and have it abundantly.

Let us worship and praise God!

***OPENING HYMN #187** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God, in the Risen Christ we find our comfort and anchor of our faith. Through him you have shown us the way into your eternal promise where grace has no bounds. As we come into this sanctuary may we know that you are with us, and give you all honor due your glorious name. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE** 1 Peter 2

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness;

By his wounds we have been healed.

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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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.

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

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 100

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Hear Our Praises"
by Reuben Morgan, ©1998 Reuben Morgan & Hillsong Pub

SERMON "Hooray!" Rev. Dr. Gary Cecil

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #803 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from 1 Peter 1, adapted Unison

With the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb with defect or blemish, he was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for our sake. Through him we have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that our hope and faith are set on God. Now we have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. That word is the good news that has been announced to us.

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "How Great You Are"
by Dan Dean & Dave Clark, © 2001 Dawn Treader Music

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

*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

*CLOSING HYMN #801 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

*BLESSING & SENDING

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing,
To the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Be glory, majesty, power and authority, before all time and now and forever.
Amen.

POSTLUDE #643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WELCOME THE REV. DR. GARY CECIL from Rockingham County, Virginia! Gary received his degree in Bible and Religion from King College in Bristol, Tennessee and a Doctor of Ministry from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He has an extensive background in youth ministry and mission work serving in the Yucatan, the Bahamas and Belfast, Northern Ireland. He served his first call as an associate minister in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and during that time, he was sent as an immersion missionary to Nepal and northern India. He and his wife Sheila have two sons and seven grandsons.

PASTOR JEFF WILL BE OUT for Continuing Education through Tuesday, May 5, returning Wednesday, May 6.

HOME GOODS PANTRY On April 15, the Home Goods Pantry handed out 126 bags and assisted 317 individuals. Thank you to all who made this possible!

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. Sam Clem will be leading the study Tuesday, May 5. All are welcome. Please join us!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Brian, Jennifer, and Forrest Knott; Robin Knott; Alice Herbst; Fay Knicley; Molly Cox; Mona Tate; Martha Manning; family of 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.