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Sam Clem



**5th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026 @ 11:00am**

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #463

“How Firm a Foundation”

Dr. Renee Huff

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Meade

INTROIT

“Breathe on Me”

by Lucy Fisher © 1998 Lucy Fisher and Hillsong Pub.

WORDS OF PRAISE

You have given us everything.

We lack nothing.

You have fed us.

Our Cup Overflows.

Eternal Death is but a shadow.

We have nothing to fear.

Your grace has chased us into heaven.

Jesus Christ is alive forevermore.

All Glory and Honor to God.

Praise be to God!

***OPENING HYMN #634**

“To God Be the Glory”

***OPENING PRAYER**

God - you did the one thing we could not imagine. You gave us salvation for your sake. Our sin will not keep us from your kingdom - because you have banished it from your presence. However, in sinning we have forgotten how to love, and we separate ourselves from your presence. We will convince ourselves if we cannot love - that you cannot love us. How prideful of us to think you cannot or will not

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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.

overcome our sin. Help us Gracious God - to see this day and everyday as a gift to get love right and when we don't give us courage and boldness to confess...

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

He is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #589** "Alleluia"

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 7:55-60

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "At All Times"
by Vicki Beeching, © 2000 Vineyard Songs

SERMON "Irony of Stoning" *Rev. Melissa Harmon*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #724** "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe that Mary and the other women were the first to discover that the tomb was empty and the burial clothing was left behind. We believe Jesus revealed himself to be alive to his disciples both women and men. We believe this life that Jesus now lives is not just being alive, it is a covenant of Grace given to us by the Triune God. We believe that God has forever changed this world with a promise of life eternally upon our own human deaths. We believe that the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts the Good News of the empty tomb. We are alive in Christ because Christ is alive. Amen.

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "I Will Sing"
by Don Moen © 2000 Integrity's Hosanna!

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #629** "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

Go out into the world in peace and be of good courage.
Hold onto that which is good and show no one evil for evil. Support the weak, help the afflicted, and honor all persons. Love and serve the Lord.
Amen.

POSTLUDE #716 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WELCOME REV. MELISSA L. HARMON TO WORSHIP TODAY! Rev. Melissa L. Harmon will be preaching for us today. Welcome Melissa!

LUNCH WITH 2ND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT HOMETOWN GRILL SUNDAY, MAY 17

Second Presbyterian Church has invited the First Presbyterian Church to join them for a Dutch treat lunch at the Hometown Grill and Buffet, 30 Sangers Lane, Staunton on **Sunday, May 17**, following worship. **An RSVP is needed by May 12** so they will know how many tables are needed. Please contact the church office at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704 if you plan to come. All are welcome!

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.