

Elders

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John & Teresa Sheaves

Sound & Video

Sam Clem



**6th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026 @ 11:00am**

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "Julia" *Sam Clem, guitar*
by Lennon & McCartney, 1968, Sony/ATV Music Publishing

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT "We Have Come Into His House"
by Bruce Ballinger © 1976 Universal Music Corps. & Sound

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 66 selected verses *Cindy Cooke*
Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of God's praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living,
and has not let our feet slip.
Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and we will tell what God has done for us.
Truly God has listened;
God has given heed to the words of our prayer.
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected our prayer,
or removed his steadfast love from us.

***OPENING HYMN #363** "Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

***OPENING PRAYER** *Unison*
Loving God, we confess that we have been more concerned to preserve ourselves than to trust your promises. We seek out short-term gratification rather than maintain your long-term perspective on justice and wholeness. Help us, by your Spirit, to live our lives for you and your kingdom. Refresh our minds, our spirits, our lives toward your will 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 Psalm 103:17

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE #589 "Alleluia"

SCRIPTURE READINGS John 14:15-21

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM #324 "For All the Faithful Women"

SERMON "Another Advocate" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Blackbird" *Sam Clem, guitar*
by Lennon & McCartney, 1968, Sony/ATV Music Publishing

*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 #44 "Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us"

*BLESSING & SENDING

Go out into this world nourished by God's word, God's bread, God's cup.

We are sent to share God's love with the world.

We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ.

We are called to be the church without walls.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE #1 "Hoy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET today, Sunday, May 10, at 12:15pm in the library.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JUNE The deadline for submissions for the June 2026 issue of First Impressions is Friday, May 15. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

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. All are welcome!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers. We hope you have a much-deserved wonderful day!

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.