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2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”
by Helen H. Lemmel and Ken Bible © 1998 Pilot Point Music

Dr. Renee Huff

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #319

“Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing”

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 33:1-5

Margaret Armstrong

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

Praise the Lord with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

Sing to God a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright,

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

God loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN #361

“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

*OPENING PRAYER

Unison

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death.

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 despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

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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** 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.

The good news: in 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 #447** "We Are Forgiven"

SCRIPTURE READINGS 1 Peter 2 selected verses

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"In the Garden"
by C. Austin Miles, 1912

Eddie Homes

SERMON

"A Chosen People"

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #839** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #764 "For the Troubles and the Sufferings"

***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 #65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

We are called to share God's good news of liberation with the world.

We are called to break the chains of oppression and injustice in our daily living.

Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE #834

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SESSION SPRING RETREAT TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 7 Our Session spring retreat will take place today, Sunday, June 7, from 2-5pm at the Wilson's home. Please bring a snack or a drink if you can. We look forward to seeing you there!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JULY The deadline for submissions for the July 2026 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, June 18. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

PASTOR JEFF WILL BE OUT Wednesday, June 17-Saturday, June 20 for the Massanetta Middle School Conference.

HOME GOODS PANTRY On May 20, the Home Goods Pantry handed out 133 bags and assisted 336 people. Thanks 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. All are welcome!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Fay Knicley; Molly Cox; Mona Tate; Kim Young; Floyd Buran

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.