

Elders

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3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE "Abide with Me" Chris Nicholson, organist
by Henry F. Lyte, arr. by James Kasen © 1976 Jackman

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT "I Know the Lord will Make a Way for Me" (trad.) Chancel Choir
© 1981 Primetime Music

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 116 selected verses Martha Tillen

I love the Lord
because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
Because God inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.
What shall I return to the Lord for all God's bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord;
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God's people.
Praise the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN #462 "I Love to Tell the Story"

*OPENING PRAYER
Searcher of hearts, you have known us from the beginning. You see in us more good and beauty than we have dared to believe. Forever you call us by name. **But we have filled our lives with the sounds of the world. We have not loved and sought you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Reveal to us once more your love and mercy through this, our act of worship.**

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE
The good news is that Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again in grace and love.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: 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 #447** "We Are Forgiven"

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 3-4 selected verses

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "He Set Me Free" *Chancel Choir*
by Albrt Brumley © 1937, renewed 1967 Stamps-Baxter Music

SERMON "Suffering" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #450** "Be Thou My Vision"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (*Traditional*) *Unison*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Wasted Years"
by Wally, Fowler, © 1959 Gospel-tone Music

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #4** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

Go out into the world in peace;

May we have courage; to hold on to what is good;

Return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;

May we support the weak, and help the suffering; honoring all people;

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful"

Chris Nicholson, organist

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET this Sunday, June 14, immediately following worship in the library.

SESSION MEETING will take place Monday, June 15 at 5:15pm.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR JULY 2026 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!

1ST, 2ND, & 3RD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES BBQ LUNCH & DISCUSSION EVENT will take place **Sunday, June 21**, immediately following worship in the fellowship hall. Please join us for a BBQ & a covered dish lunch and a fascinating discussion event! The church will provide BBQ & drinks, plates, cups, and napkins. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.

The speaker will be our own Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder, who will discuss his recent trip to Europe involving Holocaust studies.

Please RSVP to the church office at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704 **by June 12** so we will know how much BBQ to prepare.

Come and bring a friend. 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. 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.