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**5th Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2026 @ 11:00am**

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE Tchaikovsky String Quartet No 1 in D major, Op. 11 *I. Moderato e semplice.*

Shenandoah Quartet:

Charlie Meiyu Wu, *vln I* (19 – Guangzhou, China)
Stephanie Chieh-Jung Ho, *vln II* (18 – Taipei, Taiwan)
Rohan Sangani, *vla* (15 – San Carlos, CA)
Abigail Feng, *vlc* (18 – Syracuse, NY)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT

“O, Come, All Ye Faithful”
by Richard Mullins © 1982 BMG Songs, Inc.

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 13:1-6

Sherry Cox

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed”;
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

***OPENING HYMN #305** “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy”

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sins. Although Christ is risen from the grave and has shattered the power of death, we are still held captive by fear and doubt. We have neglected the poor and the hungry and ignored the cries of the oppressed. We pursue profits and pleasures that harm the land and pollute the waters, leaving this world depleted and damaged for future generations. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we and all your creatures may know the joy of life abundant.

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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** Ephesians 2:8-9

By grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is nothing less than God's gift for God's people! We have been saved. We have been redeemed. We have been 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 READING Daniel 2 selected verses
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM The Last Empire (Daniel Chapter 2)
Lyrics by Charles Smith & music by SUNO AI 2026

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

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #693** "Though I May Speak"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Immigrants' Creed* *Unison*

I believe that the church is the secure home for the foreigner and for all believers who constitute it, who speak the same language and have the same purpose.
I believe that the communion of the saints begins when we accept the diversity of the saints.
I believe in the forgiveness of sin, which makes us all equal, and in reconciliation, which identifies us more than does race, language, or nationality.
I believe that in the resurrection God will unite us as one people in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.
Beyond this world, I believe in life eternal in which no one will be an immigrant but all will be citizens of God's kingdom, which will never end. Amen.

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY Bach: Cello Suite No. 6 in D Major, BWV 1012 *IV. Sarabande*
Seeun Kwon, cello (20 – Seoul, South Korea)

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #701** "Lord, Prepare Me"

***BLESSING & SENDING**

We are not alone;
We are God's children, called to share God's love with the world.
We walk as a community;
Empowered by Christ to walk in faith one step at a time.
May God's blessings astound you with each and every step.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE Mendelssohn String Quartet No. 6 in F minor op. 80 *I. Allegro vivace assai*

Monongahela Quartet:

Kate Vo, vln I (17 – Palo Alto, CA)
Giles Defosse, vln II (16 – Annapolis, MD)
Greta Coleman, vla (18 – Pittsburgh, PA)
Melanie Chang, vlc (16 – New York, NY)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WELCOME HEIFETZ TO WORSHIP TODAY! We are thrilled that Heifetz will be performing during worship today. Welcome Heifetz!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SANCTUARY DOORS BEGINS WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 Session has approved a Capital Campaign to begin July 1 and conclude Labor Day weekend. We ask that you prayerfully consider a contribution toward restoring the sanctuary doors. The work is to be completed by the second week in August. Gifts can be made by check to First Presbyterian Church, with "Sanctuary Door Campaign" written in the memo section. Thank you!

1ST, 2ND & 3RD PRESBYTERIAN ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC & COVERED DISH Thursday, July 9 at 6pm at the Gypsy Hill Park Pavilion. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please RSVP to the church office at stauntonfirst@gmail.com by **July 2**. Thanks!

THE HOME GOODS PANTRY handed 130 bags and assisted 303 individuals on June 17. For the second quarter, the pantry handed out 389 bags and assisted 956 individuals. So far this year, 796 bags have been handed out and 2,018 individuals have been assisted. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!

THE CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Friday, July 3 for the Independence Day holiday. Heidi will be off Monday, July 6.

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.