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**6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2026 @ 11:00am**

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #2 "Come, Thou Almighty King" *Dr. Renee Huff*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

INTROIT #41 "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

WORDS OF PRAISE Psalm 82 *Joe Surratt*

God has taken his place in the divine council;
in the midst of the gods the Most High holds judgment:
"How long will you judge unjustly
and show partiality to the wicked?
Give justice to the weak and the orphan;
maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked."
They have neither knowledge nor understanding;
they walk around in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
I say, "You are gods, children of the Most High, all of you;
nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any prince."
Rise up, O God, judge the earth,
for all the nations belong to you!

***OPENING HYMN #307** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

***OPENING PRAYER** *Unison*

Lord of all nations, as we celebrate our independence as Americans, we also celebrate our reliance upon you. Even with our best intentions, we falter time and time again. We look away from the sufferings of others. We ignore greed in the name of commerce. We confuse patriotism with faith. Help us to draw close to you when we stray. Help us to learn from your lessons and teaching. Help us to rely not on ourselves or our earthly institutions, but on your holy word as we worship you this morning.

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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**

Today as we celebrate our national freedom,
we are reminded of our eternal freedom found in the risen Christ.
Friends, believe 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 #444** "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" (vv. 1 & 4)

SCRIPTURE READINGS Daniel 7 selected verses

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

ANTHEM "Ancient of Days"
by Gary Sadler & Jamie Harvill, © 1992 Integrity's Hosanna!

SERMON "Judgment" Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #340** "This Is My Song"

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Everlasting God"
by Brenton Brown & Ken Riley (additional lyrics by Dr. Huff) © 2005 ThankYou Music (PRS)

***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"

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Hymnal #559

Hymnal pg. 35

***CLOSING HYMN #337** "My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

***BLESSING & SENDING** from *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Lift every voice and sing, 'til earth and heaven ring;

ring with the harmonies of Liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies;

let it resound loud as the rolling sea!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE #339 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR SANCTUARY DOORS Session has approved a Capital Campaign concluding Labor Day weekend. We ask that you prayerfully consider a contribution toward restoring the sanctuary doors. 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. All are welcome!

HEIDI WILL BE OFF Monday, July 6.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR AUGUST The deadline for submissions for the August 2026 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, July 16. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY CHRISMON WORSHIP Hosted by the Worship Committee to repair existing Chrismons and make new ones. Chrismons are Christian symbols that we use to decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree. Ours were made years ago and are very worn. **When:** Sunday, July 19 – 4-6 pm **Where:** First Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. Patterns and supplies provided. We'll also have seasonal music and light refreshments. Please join us for this fun activity!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Fay Knicley; Molly Cox; Mona Tate; Kim Young; Floyd Buran; Mary-Faye Sproul Browning; Ben Rice; Frank Villafana; Ruby Dowdy

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.