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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.



7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE #263

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT

“Come and Behold Him”

by John Chisun & George Searcy, ©1994 Integrity's Hosanna!

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 119:105-112

Scott Wilson

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.

Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

***OPENING HYMN #459**

“O Word of God Incarnate”

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, you have given us an inheritance of eternal life, yet we have cared more for things of this world, which pass away, than for spiritual riches, which never fade. We have worked harder at cultivating earthly treasure and comforts than in storing up heavenly treasure.

Forgive us for following our selfish desires. Awaken in us the joy of knowing your truths, and following your ways.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE** 1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

Friends, 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 READING Revelation 10-11 selected verses
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “You Are Still Holy”
by Rita Springer © 1998 Vineyard Worship

SERMON “Persecution & Perseverance ” *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #366** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Confession of 1967* *Unison*
God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals God’s love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love.

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “You Shine”
by Brian Doersken © 2001 Integrity's Hosanna!

***DOXOLOGY #606** “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #634** “To God Be the Glory”

***BLESSING & SENDING**
We are each called to embrace the mystery of our creator.
We are each called to embrace the mystery of the cross.
We are each called to embrace the mystery of the Spirit.
We have each been called, and we are now sent out into the world to share God’s love with the world around us.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE #134 “Joy to the World”
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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!

THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE WILL MEET today, Sunday, July 12, immediately following worship in the library.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PW Circle will meet Tuesday, July 14, at 12:30pm in the library. Please respond to Alice Herbst if you can make it. And feel free to bring guests – all are welcome!

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!

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. Please join us!

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.