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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.



July 19, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”
by Haldor Lillenas, 1918 © 1946 (renewed) Hope Pub.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #260

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

WORDS OF PRAISE

Isaiah 42 selected verses

Sherry Cox

Sing to the Lord a new song,
God’s praise from the end of the earth!
Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
The coastlands and their inhabitants.
Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice,
Let them shout from the tops of the mountains.
Let them give glory to the Lord,
And declare God’s praise in the coastlands.

***OPENING HYMN #396 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Book of Common Worship

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE** Isaiah 1:17-18
Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
Friends, the Good News: because of God’s unconditional love and mercy 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 19-20 selected verses
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “Victory in Jesus”
by Eugene Bartlett, 1939 © 1967 renewed by E. M. Bartlett, assigned to Albert E. Brumley & Sons

SERMON “Victory” *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #375** “Shall We Gather at the River”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Confession of Belhar* *Unison*
We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE *Cindy Cooke*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “He Ransomed Me”
by Julia H. Johnson, 1916 lyrics by J. W. Henderson, 1916

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #326** “For All the Saints”

***BLESSING & SENDING** Micah 6:8
God has told us, O mortals, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of us, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE #384 “Soon and Very Soon”
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ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHRISTMAS IN JULY CHRISMON WORSHIP TODAY! 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: Today, 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 this afternoon for this fun activity!

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!

PASTOR JEFF WILL BE OUT Monday, July 20-Thursday, July 23.

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; Betty Patton
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.