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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.



August 23, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Somebody Bigger Than You and I”
by Johnny Lange, Hy Heath and Sonny Burke © 1951 Bulls Eye Music, Inc.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #764

“For the Troubles”

Dr. Renee Huff

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 89 selected verses

Amanda Avery

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;
With my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
Who walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance;
They exult in your name all day long,
And extol your righteousness.

***OPENING HYMN #837** “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

***OPENING PRAYER**

Unison

O God, light of the hearts that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, and to abide in you is to stand fast forever.

Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything of you, grant us your grace and blessing as we seek your presence once again in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE** 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good.

I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

SCRIPTURE READING Job 38-41 selected verses
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

I believe in Almighty God, who guided the people in exile and in exodus, the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon, the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean, who was born away from his people and his home, who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger, and returning to his own country suffered the oppression of the tyrant Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power, who then was persecuted, beaten, and finally tortured, accused and condemned to death unjustly. But on the third day, this scorned Jesus rose from the dead, not as a foreigner but to offer us citizenship in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races.

*CLOSING HYMN #625 “How Great Thou Art”

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