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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 30, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

“He”

by Richard Mullan and Jack Richards © 1945 AVAS Music Pub.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT #847

“Our Hope, Our Life”

Dr. Renee Huff

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 118 selected verses

Donna Goble

O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good;

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

***OPENING HYMN #692**

“Spirit, Open My Heart”

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God, you bring justice to the oppressed and give bread to the hungry.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You free the prisoner and restore sight to the blind.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You support the downtrodden and protect the stranger.

Forgive us when we do not follow you.

You block evildoers and help orphans and widows.

God, forgive us when we do not follow you.

Grant us your grace. Embolden us as your people to stand where you stand.

***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!

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

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

That true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

***CLOSING HYMN #236** “The Strife Is O’er”

HOME GOODS PANTRY On Wednesday, August 19, the Home Goods Pantry handed out 153 full bags and 12 partial bags, totaling 165 bags. This assisted 381 individuals. Second Presbyterian Church, as well as First, donated many items that were used for special requests. Thank you very much for your continued support! It is greatly appreciated.

Names will be removed after 6 weeks unless otherwise requested.