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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.



September 6, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

*"The Impossible Dream" Dr. Renee Huff
by Joe Darion & Mitch Leigh (Man of La Mancha) © 1965 Andrew Scott, Inc.*

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT

*"We Are His Hands"
by Mark Gersmel © 1988 Word Music, Inc.*

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 149 selected verses

Margaret Armstrong

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise God's name with dancing,

making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.

For God takes pleasure in his people;

The Lord adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory;

Praise the Lord!

***OPENING HYMN #819**

"Be Still, My Soul"

***OPENING PRAYER**

Unison

Gracious God, your mercy and goodness have sustained us through sorrow, pain, and distress.

You have healed and restored us, you have preserved and guided us.

On this day, as we celebrate the fruits of our labor, and the tireless efforts of those surrounding us, may we be thankful for your ever-present love and support, encouragement and nourishment.

Enable us, by your Spirit, to live in a way that demonstrates our gratitude for all the blessings you have lavished upon us.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

Friends, the good news is that our labor is not in vain, as imperfect as it may be. God continues to receive and redeem us, flaws and all.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and given rest.

Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE #581** “Glory Be to the Father”

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 37 selected verses
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM #383 "Dream On, Dream On"

SERMON “Joseph” Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #498** “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY #834 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” *arr. by Dr. Huff*

***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

***CLOSING HYMN #542** “God Be With You Til We Meet Again”

*BLESSING & SENDING

Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

To God be all glory, honor, and praise.

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

by Fanny Crosby and Chester G. Allen, 1869

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

KEEP A FOSTER CHILD WARM THIS WINTER Many foster children who pass through and reside at the Presbyterian Home for the Highlands (PCHH) leave home without any belongings. As winter approaches, foster care facilities and new foster families see a rise in the need for warm winter clothing – especially coats. Our church is collecting new or gently used coats as well as hats/scarves and gloves in sizes ranging from infant to men’s 4XL for these children. Please place donated items in the collection bins in the Sanctuary narthex or just outside the chapel in Fraser Building. To give funding for this project, please put PCHH in the memo line of your check or put cash in an envelope marked PCHH. Thank you for your love and generosity!

- The Missions and Outreach Committee

UPCOMING OFFICE SCHEDULE The church offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day. Heidi will be off Tuesday, Sept. 8-Friday, Sept. 11, returning Monday, Sept. 14.

PW CIRCLE will not meet at our church this month, but will join 2nd Pres. Women's group at their church at 10am on Tues., Sept. 22. No food will be served. Regular PW meetings will resume in October in the library at First. Thank you!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER The deadline for submissions for the October 2026 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, September 17.

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!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Family of Fay Knicley; Hugh Sproul; Molly Cox; Mona Tate; Kim Young; Timmy Plummer; Mary-Faye Sproul Browning; Ben Rice; Frank Villafana; Betty Patton; Teresa Anson

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.