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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 13, 2026 @ 11:00am

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PRELUDE

"O Praise Him (All This for a King)"

Dr. Renee Huff

by David Crowder © 2003 Worshiptogether

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

INTROIT

"Again, I Say Rejoice"

by Israel Houghton & Aaron Lindsey © 2004 Integrity's Praise

WORDS OF PRAISE

Psalm 114:1-8

Scott Wilson

When Israel went out from Egypt,

the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

Judah became God's sanctuary,

Israel God's dominion.

The sea looked and fled;

Jordan turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams,

the hills like lambs.

Why is it, O sea, that you flee?

O Jordan, that you turn back?

O mountains, that you skip like rams?

O hills, like lambs?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD,

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

who turns the rock into a pool of water,

the flint into a spring of water.

***OPENING HYMN #442**

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

***OPENING PRAYER**

Unison

God of the endless stars, we seek your guidance and provisions once again, as we venture through the wilderness, as we encounter you at our most vulnerable state. Forgive us for when we doubt your intentions for our living and well being. May we learn to trust in your ways, and for our lives to reflect your ways for others around us.

Nourish us and fill us with your grace once again, O Lord, our redeemer.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE**

Friends, the good news is that because of God’s unending grace in the waters of creation, in the waters of baptism, and in our daily lives, we are forgiven and made new!
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 READING Genesis 41 selected verses
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM “The Strength of the Lord”
by Phil McHugh © 1987 River Oaks Music

SERMON “On Dreaming” Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #93** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles’ Creed* (Ecumenical Version) Unison
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY “I’m Praying for You”
by Dick and Melodie Tunney © 1993 BMG songs

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #643** “Now Thank We All Our God”

***BLESSING & SENDING** Colossians 3:12-14

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved,
May we clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, and patience.
Forgive one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.
And above all these things, may we put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE “Dream Medley”

(I Can Dream, Can't I? by Sammy Fain & Irving Kahal 1937/I Have Dreamed by Rodgers and Hammerstein II, 1951 (The King and I)/Once Upon a Dream by Sammy Fain & Jack Lawrence (from Tchaikovsky) © 1952 Walt Disney (Sleeping Beauty)/A Dream is a Wish Your Heart Makes by Mack David/Al Hoffman/ Jenny Livingston, © 1948 Walt Disney (Cinderella)

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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

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

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

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: 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.