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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.



October 18, 2026 @ 11:00am

A Service for the Worship of God

Prelude "Jesus Is Lord of All" *Dr. Renee Huff*
by William and Gloria Gaither © 1973 William and Gloria Gaither

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

Introit "Surrendered, Completely Surrendered"
by Stephen Adams ©1982 Pilot Point Music

Words of Praise *Psalm 99:1-5* *Mary Meade*

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!
God sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The LORD is great in Zion;
God is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is the LORD!
Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
Extol the LORD our God; worship at God's footstool.
Holy is the LORD!

***Opening Hymn #708** "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

***Opening Prayer** *Unison*

God of majesty, you continue to draw near to us, to teach us your ways, yet we turn away time and time again. Within your kingdom of abundance and joy, we choose to dwell on scarcity and fear. Empower us by your Spirit to be faithful followers of Jesus, who taught us by word and example how to live as your children, so that we may rejoice in your glory.

***Assurance of God's Grace** 1 Timothy 1:15

Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus 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.
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 #443** "There Is a Redeemer"

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 6
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "The Lord's Prayer"
by Sister Janet Mead © 1973 Sister Janet Mead

SERMON "Seek First the Kingdom" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #835** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)* *Unison*
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REPORT *Cindy Cooke*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY **"**How Long Has It Been"
by Mosie Lister © 1956 renewed 1984 Mosie Lister Songs

***DOXOLOGY #606** **"**Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #619** "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

***BLESSING & SENDING**
Go from this place assured that we are loved.
We are forgiven of our sins.
We are called to follow the risen Christ.
We are sent to proclaim the good news of God's love for the world.
Go out into the world to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE #765 "May the God of Hope Go with Us"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 There will be a Congregational Meeting today, Sunday, October 18, immediately following worship in the sanctuary for the purpose of electing church officers. We hope you can join us!

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

SACKS OF LOVE MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH On Monday, October 19, Sacks of Love will be packing school bags for area students. They will meet at 6:00pm at First Baptist Church in Staunton in their fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to help with the packing. Please join us!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Alice Herbst; Denise Lowman; Hugh Sproul; Molly Cox; Family of Ann Weiland; Floyd Buran; Simon Marsh; Mona Tate; Kim Young; Timmy Plummer; 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.