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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 25, 2026/Reformation Sunday @ 11:00am
A Service for the Worship of God

Prelude #81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" *Dr. Renee Huff*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

Introit #175 "Seek Ye First"

Words of Praise Psalm 90 selected verses *Sharon Wilson*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place,
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting,
you are God.
Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands!

***Opening Hymn #1** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

***Opening Prayer** *Unison*

God of all ages, today as we celebrate our Reformed heritage, we are thankful for your faithfulness throughout these years, even though we confess that we have not always faithfully followed your ways.
Even within your church, reformation and renewal is needed.
Today we are thankful for our past, content with our present, and we look forward to the future for where you will lead us next in your faithfulness.
Center and transform our hearts once more, O Lord, with your ever-speaking words of life.

***Assurance of God's Grace** Ephesians 2:8-9

Hear the good news! 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!

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 7

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem "Upon the Rock"

by Dr. Renee Huff 10/21/2026 based on Matthew 7

Sermon "Logs, Doors, and Rocks" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***Hymn of Response #275** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Scots Confession (1560)* *Unison*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.

Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory #688 **"**Spirit of God"

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

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***Closing Hymn #2** "Come, Thou Almighty King"

***Blessing & Sending** John Wesley (1703-1791)

You are never tired, O Lord, of doing us good.

Let us never be weary of doing your service.

But as you have pleasure in the well-being of your servants,

let us take pleasure in the service of our Lord,

and abound in your work, and in your love and praise evermore.

Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude #353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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Announcements

All Saints Day Sunday, November 1 As part of the November 1st All Saints Day worship, we will be reading names of church members and loved ones who have passed away in the past year. If you would like to have your loved one's name read, please submit names to the office by Thursday, Oct. 29th. Thank you!

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

Fall Back Sunday, November 1! Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 1. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Alice Herbst; Denise Lowman; Hugh Sproul; Molly Cox; Family of Ann Weiland; Floyd Buran; 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.