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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.



November 22, 2026 @ 11:00am

A Service for the Worship of God

Prelude "Thank You" Medley *Dr. Renee Huff*
(#647 – Give Thanks; #648 – Thankful Hearts; #649 – Amazing Grace)

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

Introit #614 "Great Are You, Lord"

Words of Praise Psalm 100:1-5 *Donna Goble*
Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is the LORD that made us, and we are his; we are God's people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter the LORD's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.
Give thanks to the LORD, and bless God's name.
For the LORD is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

***Opening Hymn #363** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

***Opening Prayer** *Unison*
Eternal God, you sent Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. Some days, we seem to do a good job, but other days, we come up short.
May we be reminded of your eternal love and grace, as we respond in thankfulness to our daily blessings.
By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, to listen to those without voice, and to minister to all in need.
May your kingdom come, Lord.

***Assurance of God's Grace**
God has rescued us from the power of evil and claimed us for the realm of Jesus Christ our king, in whom we have redemption.
In the name of 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 #568** "Amen"

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "Praying a Song" *Matt Whitney*
original song by Matt Whitney, 1997

SERMON "Thanksgiving" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #240** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostles' Creed* *Unison*
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,
and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE *Cindy Cooke & Scott Wilson*

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY **"**True Vine" *Matt Whitney*
by Steven Kapp Perry, © 1984 Steven Kapp Perry

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

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

***CLOSING HYMN #367** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

***BLESSING & SENDING**
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us.
Christ, be in our hearts.
May the love of God surround us.
God, be in our minds.
May the Spirit move throughout our lives.
Spirit, breathe on us new life today and forever more.
Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE #643 "Now Thank We All Our God"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE WECOME MATT WHITNEY TO WORSHIP TODAY! Matt Whitney is our guest performer today. Welcome Matt!

CHRISTMAS DECORATING IN SANCTUARY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 We will be decorating the sanctuary for Advent & Christmas Tuesday, November 24, at 6:00pm. Pizza and dessert will be served at 5:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Please join us!

SHARE THE LOVE WITH A SENIOR IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON Our annual Christmas Giving Tree is only here for a short time in our sanctuary -- from the weekend following Thanksgiving through December 8. Please select an ornament tag and purchase the gift requested on it. All gifts should be unwrapped and in a gift bag with the ornament tag securely attached. Remember to sign the tag out so that we know who is working on which item. Gifts should be returned to the sanctuary or the church office **by December 9** to give Social Services time to deliver them by Christmas.Thank you for your generosity and for helping ensure our older neighbors feel remembered, valued, and cared for this season.
- The Missions and Outreach Committee

CHRISTMAS LUNCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 We will have our annual Christmas lunch immediately following worship on Sunday, December 6. All food and drinks will be provided by the church, so there's no need to bring anything! **Members and friends are asked to RSVP to the church office at stauntonfirst@gmail.com or 540-886-0704 by Tuesday, December 1**, so we will know how much food to order (we will have a fully catered event this year!) All are welcome!

Prayer List

Please send out prayers for: Alice Herbst; Denise Lowman; Hugh Sproul; Molly Cox; 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.