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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 8, 2026 @ 11:00am

A Service for the Worship of God

Prelude #767 "Together We Serve" *Dr. Renee Huff*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome & Announcements *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

Introit #632 "People of the Lord"

Words of Praise Psalm 78:1-4 *Dick Cox*

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation;
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.

***Opening Hymn #372** "O for a World"

***Opening Prayer** *Book of Common Prayer (*St. Giles Cathedral, 1637)
Unison

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us than we are to seek them.
You are more willing to give than we desire or deserve.
Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us;
in the name of Christ Jesus, our one true hope.

***Assurance of God's Grace**

God's grace strikes us with amazement,
and yet at the same time dwells within us constantly.
In faith, we embrace the paradox of living as children of God:
we are made new each day, and unceasingly loved!
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 #568** "Amen"

Scripture Reading Philippians 2:1-18

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Anthem #727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Sermon "Shine Like Stars" *Rev. Dr. Jeff Binder*

***Hymn of Response #2** "Come, Thou Almighty King"

***Affirmation of Faith** *Iona Abbey Worship Book* *Unison*

We believe and trust in God:
Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We are called to be the church:
To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve
others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

Offertory "The Light of the World is Jesus"
by Philip P. Bliss, 1875

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

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***Closing Hymn #300** "We Are One in the Spirit"

***Blessing & Sending** *Iona Abbey Worship Book*

May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall,
and in the crossing of the sea,
guide your feet as you go.
May God, who is with us when we sit and when we stand,
encompass us with love and lead us by the hand.
May God, who knows your path and the places where you rest,
be with you in your waiting, be your good news for sharing,
and lead you in the way that is everlasting.
Alleluia! Amen.

Postlude #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

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Announcements

The Administration Committee Will Meet today, Sunday, November 8, immediately following worship in the library.

Flowers The flowers in the sanctuary today, Sunday, November 8, are given in loving memory of Fulton B. Kegley (1931-1981) by his family Betty, Mary Huffard, Sarah, and Fulton B. Kegley II.

Newsletter Deadline The deadline for submissions for the December 2026 issue of First Impressions is Thursday, November 12. The early deadline is due to the fact that Heidi will be off starting Wednesday, November 25 for Thanksgiving week. Please submit any info you would like to include by then. Thank you!

The Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Fall Concert will take place Saturday, November 14, at 7:00pm in our sanctuary. The concert is free, and donations are gratefully accepted. All are welcome!

Christmas Decorating in Sanctuary Nov. 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!

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.