

First Presbyterian Church

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"Serving Christ and Neighbor in the Heart of Winchester and Beyond."

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

18th Sunday after Pentecost • October 12, 2025 11:00 AM

When this symbol (✠) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit. Ushers collect blue prayer card requests during the first hymn.

Visitors, check in or sign up for our Friday newsletter using the back of the prayer card!

Worship Leaders

Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

Richard Byess, Liturgist

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Liebster Jesu”

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather before God together,
imperfect but present.

**Let us worship God together earnestly,
with our whole selves.**

We gather before God together,
desiring deeper faith.

**Let us learn from God together
as we seek harmony between our words
and our actions.**

✠ HYMN 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ You have called us to live as loving neighbors, but we have thought of ourselves instead. Instead of sharing our resources, we keep them for ourselves. Instead of supporting our neighbors around the world, our hearts have stayed home. Please forgive us. Though we are scattered in different places, speak different words, and descend from different races, we are all Your children. Give us a common passion so that we may be one people, who actively serve under Your guiding purpose.

Silence for personal confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

✠ GLORIA PATRI [Hymn 581]

God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

Afterward, Kindergarten and younger children may leave for Wee One's Worship in Room 108.

✠ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP “By an’By”

Brian Hobbs, soloist

arr. Burleigh

SCRIPTURE Psalm 111, Luke 17:11-19

SERMON “Are We Thankful?” by Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come 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 life everlasting. Amen.

The People of God Respond in Faith

✠ HYMN 179

“Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn” First verse choir only

RADIANT CITY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

[...the petitions conclude...] And now as Christ taught us, we are bold to pray... Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Friends, our giving is an act of gratitude for what God has given us. Just as we present our words in liturgy, song, and prayer to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Majesty”

The Chancel Choir

Hayford, arr Schrader

✠ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People Depart to Serve

✠ HYMN 853

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

SIYAHAMBA

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Go Now in Peace”

Besig and Price

POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross”

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USHERS & GREETERS

Fred Gall, Doug Keim, Tom Scully, Mary Hester

*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of Gary Smith,
given and arranged by Vernon Joyner.*

CCAP Thanksgiving Collection

We are collecting donations of Frozen Turkeys and Hams, Halal Meats, Disposable Aluminum Roasting Pans, Stuffing Mixes, Cans or Jars of Gravy, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Boxed Scalloped or Au Gratin Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams, Canned Green Beans, Canned Corn, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Fruit, Boxed Desserts, Cake Mixes and Icings, and Marshmallows. Please bring all donations to the bin outside the Sanctuary by November 3rd, the giveaway will be held on November 22nd.

Breaking Bread together is back this Fall!

You're invited to Breaking Bread Together—a simple way for FPC members and friends to connect over lunch or dinner in a member's home. Groups of eight (couples or singles) share a meal, with guests bringing one item (salad, veggie, dessert, etc.). If you host once, you'll be invited to three additional meals. Rotations run Oct/Nov, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, and May/June, with hosts choosing a date within each two-month window. Sign-ups begin this September. Can't commit to all four? Join the substitute list! To be part of this time of good food and fellowship, contact Diane Jones or submit an interest card in the gathering hall.

Shenandoah Presbytery Mission Trip

Join us for the Shenandoah Presbytery's CMO for a Western North Carolina Mission Trip, October 26–November 1, 2025. A 20-person, ages 18+ team will lodge at Canton Presbyterian Church (mattresses, kitchen, showers); the Presbytery covers lodging, and volunteers cover food and transportation. After PDA/UMCOR orientation, we'll tackle hands-on repairs (e.g., drywall, gutting/repairing homes, painting/deck work, prepping campers for winter); one-year post-floods, help is still urgently needed. We also seek 1–2 volunteers to plan, shop, and prepare dinners. Registration details arrive in late September; questions or ready to serve? Please contact Dave Thalman.

Spiritual Discipline Sunday School

Join us for the Spiritual Disciplines Adult Sunday School in Loudoun Hall at 9:45 as we focus on the discipline of prayer, with sessions continuing on October 26, November 2, and November 9.

Men on a Mission coming soon!

Chefs, dust off your favorite recipe and sign up online at highlandpantrywinc.org. Tickets are available, please see Jenny Callis to purchase yours, and do not wait because they are going fast. November 1 will be here before you know it, and as we did last year, ticket money will be used to purchase turkeys and hams so that every family can be provided one or the other of their choice for their Thanksgiving table. We still need chefs, so sign up today. Reminder: chefs plus one helper are free, but all other friends and family must purchase a ticket. Due to illness, Bryan Corsnitz is unable to serve as MC this year, but we are grateful to Barry Lee, who has agreed to step in for this year only. Parents, babysitting run by the Youth Ministry will be available. Please contact colleen@fpcwinc.org

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Our training for Negotiating the Call (Stage 18) was completed as scheduled on October 5th. We have also received positive Presbytery Executive Checks (Stage 20) for the remaining candidates. Unfortunately, we have struggled making connections with people referred to us for Reference Checks (Stage 19) and so that is still in progress.