

# 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

All Saints Sunday • 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • November 2, 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

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

The Handbell Choir

Emily Mullen, violin

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The changing colors of leaves, the flowers and trees that become food for foraging creatures

**Lord, your creation boasts of your goodness.**

The Sunday school teachers who taught us your Word, the stranger who asked us if we were okay, the parent who showed us right and wrong, the neighbor who dropped by to say hello:

**Lord, your creation boasts of your love.**

Let us join together as a community and worship our Creator, the author of everything that is beautiful.

**Let us worship our God!**

### ✠ HYMN 301

“Let Us Build a House” v. 1 choir only

TWO OAKS

### ✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, you are the author of every good thing. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of the beautiful story you invite us to step into. You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves. You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another; we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of ugliness, from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us. We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope. Hear our silent confessions now. *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.*

**SCRIPTURE** Isaiah 25:6-9

**SERMON** 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.

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*The People of God Respond in Faith*

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| ✠ | <b>HYMN 177</b> | "I Will Come to You" | YOU ARE MINE |
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**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.

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| <b>OFFERTORY ANTHEM</b> | "Find Us Faithful" | The Chancel Choir | Jon Mohr, arr. Schrader |
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✠ **THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

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*The People Depart to Serve*

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| ✠ | <b>HYMN 326</b> | "For All the Saints" | SINE NOMINE |
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**BENEDICTION**

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| <b>CHORAL RESPONSE</b>       | "Twofold Amen"                                  | Dresden     |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>              | "For All the Saints"                            | Charles Ore |
| <b>USHERS &amp; GREETERS</b> | Lucy and Gordon Gay, Pat Grosso, Mark Schroeder |             |

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## **Congregational Meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup>**

A called meeting of the congregation will be held at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary for the purpose of electing the slate of nominees, which includes Elder nominees Terry Frye, John Crandell, David Baxa, Beth Kane, and Ann Burkholder, and Deacon nominees Carolyn Thalman and Jenny Bousquet.

## **FPC's Newest Mission: Malawi Preschool**

Learn about FPC's mission to help support the education, nutrition, and health programs for two preschools with over one hundred orphans and vulnerable children. An exciting first activity was the participation of FPC's Youth Ministry in gathering books for the development of Children's Libraries at both schools and the connection with the Mount Olive Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. Please join us after the service in the Gathering Hall before and after services to learn more.

## **Making Spirits Bright | December 5 – 7:30 pm**

The Valley Chorale returns to First Presbyterian Church in Winchester with Making Spirits Bright, a jubilant Christmas concert featuring fresh takes on timeless classics, sacred hymns, and holiday surprises. Accompanied by piano, percussion, fiddle, and string quartet, this 80-minute program (with intermission) is family-friendly—kids and tots are welcome! Admission is free for ages 25 and under; tickets for 26+ are \$18 in advance (available starting October 30 at [TheValleyChorale.org](http://TheValleyChorale.org)) or \$20 at the door.

## **Caring for One Another**

Your well-being is important to us, and we are committed to providing care and support. If you know of anyone in the hospital, in need of a friendly visit, or if you have concerns on your heart, please reach out to the church office, the deacons, or Pastor Amanda. All information will be treated with confidentiality as we work together to care for one another and nurture a compassionate community.

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## **FPC Movie Night**

Everyone is invited to a double feature in Fellowship Hall with pizza and snacks on Monday, 11/3, starting at 6:15pm with *The Lorax*, followed by *Monsters, Inc.* at 8:00pm; come for both films or just one.

## **CCAP Thanksgiving Drive**

We applaud the work that our church does for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner and hope that you lend your support. We also hope that you have room in your shopping cart for a can(s) of green beans and can(s) of corn this week for CCAP. Yes, First Presbyterian, we are asked to be the succotash for CCAP. These items are not considered part of the Food Bank but need to be on every recipient's Thanksgiving table. Please consider loading me up this the final week of our drive with all the green beans and corn that you can muster. Grateful thanks.

-Lynn McCauley, CCAP representative

## **Community Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **– “A Gift to the Community”**

The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be provided on Thursday, November 27, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. with pickup and delivery only. This special meal is made possible through the combined efforts of many local organizations, volunteers, and donors. You can support this community tradition by sponsoring a pie or making a monetary donation. Donations may be sent to First Presbyterian Church, 116 South Loudoun Street, Winchester, VA 22601, with notation for “Community Thanksgiving Dinner,” or given online at [fpcwinc.org](http://fpcwinc.org). Thank you for helping us share this gift with the community.

## **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. The last two classes are *Embrace Simplicity* and *Unplug*.