

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

22nd Sunday after Pentecost • November 9, 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

225 YEARS OF JOYFUL GIVING Mission Council

PRELUDE Prelude on “Old Hundredth” Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

We will break forth into joyous song, and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord;

Make a joyful noise with trumpet and the sound of the horn.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

The floods clap their hands and the hills sing out together;

Let us join in the joyful song of creation.

Let us worship the Lord!

✠ **HYMN 8** “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” MELITA

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that we are too easily influenced by peddlers of despair and alarm, too quick to sink into numbness and apathy, too tired to imagine another way. Our hopes have crumbled, and our hearts are faint. Breathe new life into us, we pray. Help us to be mindful of your promises, your faithfulness, and your presence as we face the challenges of our lives. Restore our vision and give us courage to live in your truth. Amen.

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 Mark 12:38-44
SERMON “Stewardship is Mission” 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 314** “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness” vv., 1-4 CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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 “Alleluia. Sing Praise” The Chancel Choir J.S. Bach

✠ **THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The People Depart to Serve

✠ **HYMN 741** “Guide My Feet” vv., 1-5 GUIDE MY FEET

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE “Threefold Amen” Danish

POSTLUDE “Tuba Tune in D Major” C.S. Lang

USHERS & GREETERS Ed Ransom, Terry Ransom, and Mary Hester

Giving Sunday is Next Week! Sunday Nov. 16th

Join us as we celebrate 225 years of joyful giving and thank God for the generosity that sustains our church's mission. If you haven't received a pledge card in the mail, extras will be available at the service. Let's come together in gratitude and faith as we aim to receive 225 pledge cards in honor of 225 years of joyful giving! Please wear your 225 FPC t-shirt, or any FPC t-shirt if you have one!

CCAP Thank You and Food Drive Update

CCAP is Knee Deep in Succotash: Thanks to your generosity, FPC exceeded its goal of providing green beans and corn for Thanksgiving. However, a visit to the CCAP pantry showed that shelves are nearly bare. With reduced government assistance, CCAP relies heavily on community donations. Please consider adding a few items—such as spaghetti, sauce, canned chicken, rice, cereal, crackers, baby food, mac and cheese cups, canned fruit, or condiments—to your shopping cart this week to help feed our neighbors in need.

Christmas for All | Bright Futures Chrismon Tree

Bright Futures partners with area schools to aid families throughout the school year. At Christmas time they organize a community drive to help families have gifts to give their children. Our church will be sponsoring several families. Please consider taking a tag from the tree in the Gathering Hall. Purchase the gift listed and return it (unwrapped!) with the tag to the tree by November 30. Questions? See Amy Bowman amy@fpcwinc.org.

Winchester Area Stewards of the Earth (WISE)

Will Winchester and Frederick County have enough clean water, given drought, development, and proposed data centers? Winchester Area Stewards of the Earth (WISE) is sponsoring a panel discussion on this timely topic on Thursday, November 20, at Braddock Street Methodist Church from 7:00 to 8:30. If you are interested in learning more, please plan to attend.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 27th – “A Gift to the Community”

The annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 27, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. for pickup and delivery only. Made possible by local organizations, volunteers, and donors, this special meal celebrates our community's generosity. You can support this tradition by sponsoring a pie or donating to First Presbyterian Church, 116 South Loudoun Street, Winchester, VA 22601 (memo: Community Thanksgiving Dinner), or give online at fpcwinc.org.

Making Spirits Bright | Dec. 5 – 7:30 pm

The Valley Chorale returns to First Presbyterian Church 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; 26+ are \$18 in advance (TheValleyChorale.org) or \$20 at the door.

A Season of Song in Winchester

The Arts Chorale of Winchester presents its fall concert, Gloria—featuring works by Vivaldi and Rutter—on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Winchester (tickets: \$20 adults, \$18 seniors/students). Join us again for the annual Messiah Sing-Along on Sunday, November 30, 2025, at 7 p.m.—sing with the orchestra and soloists! Admission is free with a freewill offering and donations of nonperishable food for the Highland Food Pantry. Details at artschoralewinchester.org