

First Presbyterian Church

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July 16, 1788

Organized
September 7, 1800



“Serving Christ and Neighbor in the Heart of Winchester and Beyond.”

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany • February 8, 2026 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 blue prayer card.](#)

Worship Leaders

Rev. Ron Obenchain

Richard Byess, Liturgist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“We Praise You, O God”

Dale Wood

◊ HYMN 336

“We Gather Together”

KREMSE

OPENING PRAYER

O Lord, in this hour of worship,
help us give our minds to you,
That we may hear your gracious word.
Help us give our hearts to you,
that we may learn to love what you love.
Help us give our strength to your service,
that your will may be done by us
here on earth as it is in heaven.

OPENING LESSON Micah 6:6-8

◊ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have called us, through your prophet,
to be a servant people who do justice, love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
We confess that often we have missed our calling by following
the ways of the world and serving mostly ourselves.
Free us, O God, from our sin, and by your power moving in us,
may we do what must be done here on earth to build a community of
kindness, justice, humility, and salvation for all of your children.

The Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Silent Prayers of Confession

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

⊕ **GLORIA PATRI** [Hymn 581]

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

⊕ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Confident that God has made peace with us in Christ Jesus,
let us now make peace with one another.

The peace of our Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Let us now share the peace of the Lord with one another

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

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

Matthew 26:47-65

"Bringing Peace Through Violence"

⊕ **HYMN OF RESPONSE 65** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

CWM RHONDDA

THE AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH: 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"God and God Alone"

The Chancel Choir

McHugh, arr. McDonald

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

⊕ **HYMN OF PARTING 275**

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

EIN' FESTE BURG

THE CLOSING LESSON

Psalm 67

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Go Now in Peace"

Besig and Price

POSTLUDE

"God of Grace"

Paul Manz

USHERS

Fred Gall, Lucy Gay, Gordon Gay, and Patti Keeton

Babysitting Night | February 14th

Open for any children aged 3 (potty trained) through 7th grade! Non-potty trained, please reach out to Colleen- we may be able to make some exceptions depending on chaperone numbers. Please pack a dinner for your child! We will play games, eat dinner together, and watch a short Veggie Tales movie. Suggested Donation is \$15 for one child, \$25 for two, and extra donations are always appreciated! Everything earned from this fundraiser will go towards our Summer'26 Youth Mission Trip! Questions? Contact colleen@fpcwinc.org

Where Has Jesus Been with You? #WHJBWY #JesuswithFPC

Pick up a "Jesus" coloring sheet at the CM Table, decorate it (optional: write your name on the back and drop it in the church office mailbox to be laminated; you can pick it up from the basket on the CM Table outside Loudoun Hall), then take Jesus with you! Share photos in the FPC Facebook group using #jesuswithfpc and/or email photos to children@fpcwinc.org for the bulletin board!

February Mission Council Sunday

Each week in February we will focus on a different area of our church's mission and ministry. February 8 is local missions, February 15 creation care, and February 22 international missions. All are encouraged to attend and learn more. For questions, contact Bob Lizer, 2026 Mission Council Moderator.

Faith Stretchers | Monday, Feb 23rd at 7:30 pm

The group typically meets on the last Monday in of the month at Marge Toxopeus' apartment. This month's book is, "Children of Light, Children of Darkness: A Vindication of Democracy and a Critique of Its Traditional Defense" by Reinhold Niebuhr. Two copies are available on a first come first served basis in the church library.

Pub Theology * Location Correction *

Every second Monday at 7 pm at El Centro. Join us for Pub Theology, a time of fellowship and good company. All are welcome.

Share Your Prayer Needs

Have a prayer request, hospitalization, or other concern? Please contact the Deacons, the church office, or email info@fpcwinc.org to keep us updated so we can support you and our church family

BBT - Breaking Bread Together

Each meal (lunch or dinner) brings together 8 people—couples or singles—in a member's home. If you host once, you'll be invited to three other meals. Guests bring one item to share (salad, vegetable, dessert, etc.). Hosts select a date within a two-month window that works for most of the group. *We need more sign-ups!* Please fill out an interest card and place it in the drop box in the gathering hall to be added to the schedule. We're hoping to plan several dates before summer, then we'll take a break until the fall.

VBS: *Exploring the Nature of God*

June 22-26 | Age 3 (potty trained) - 5th grade
Volunteers: 6th grade and up!

Registration will open in Early-Mid April

Bible and Church Music Conference | July 19-25

Calling all music lovers, child, youth, and adult! A week of music, worship, and fellowship! Registration closes March 20th. Contact Colleen to register. *Financial aid is available.*

Footsteps in Fellowship Sunday School

The group meets in the Sutton Room during the Sunday School hour. We also plan occasional service projects and time together outside of worship. All are welcome.

14th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction!

Thursday, March 26, 2026 | 5 to 6:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

This is the biggest fundraiser of the year! It largely supports our scholarship fund to assist with tuition for families who are in need for the following school year.