

# First Presbyterian Church

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

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The Third Sunday of Easter • April 19, 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.**

**Friends, check in or sign up for our Friday newsletter using the back of the blue prayer card.**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

David Cherwien

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**Because he inclined his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.**

When the path before us feels uncertain,

**God draws near and walks with us still.**

When our hearts are slow to see and understand,

**God speaks a word that gives life and hope.**

Come, let us gather at the place where Christ meets his people,

**and open our hearts to the presence of the living Lord.**

Let us worship God!

✠ **HYMN 233**

“The Day of Resurrection!”

LANCASHIRE

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, you come near to us again and again, yet we confess how often we fail to recognize you. We become so certain of our own understanding that we cannot see beyond it. We cling to our expectations of how life should unfold, and when those expectations are unmet, we assume you are absent or distant. We search for you in what is clear and obvious, and we overlook the quiet ways you are already present. We turn away too quickly, we trust too little, and we forget that you are always at work, even when we do not perceive it. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to your presence, soften our hearts to your word, and lead us again into the life you are giving us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Silence for personal confession*

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead meets us with mercy and grace.

**In Christ, we are given new life and a living hope.**

Even when our eyes are slow to see, God does not turn away from us.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.**

This is the good news of the gospel: Christ is present among us.

**We are forgiven and restored to new life.**

So now let us live as those who belong to Christ!

✠ **GLORIA PATRI** [Hymn 581]

## 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

"Into My Heart/Fairest Lord Jesus" Sandy Tromm, soprano; Brian Hobbs, baritone Clarke/Saetveit

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 24:13-35

### SERMON "Hidden in Plain Sight"

## COMMISSIONING THE GUATEMALA MISSION TEAM

### 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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### ✠ HYMN 500

"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread"

ST. FLAVIAN

### 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. *Every 4th Sunday, we collect a special offering called, "4 Cents a Meal." This is a program to help battle against hunger and poverty. We invite every member—of all ages—to contribute a few cents at every meal for a month. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus's command "You give them something to eat."*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"I Am His Child"

The Chancel Choir

Moses Hogan

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

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*The People Depart to Serve*

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✠ **HYMN 248**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

HYMN TO JOY

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

“Stay With Us” (based on Luke 24:29)

Egil Hovland

**POSTLUDE**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Robert Powell

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**Helper Fund Benefit Concert featuring  
Robbie Limon and Michelle Dupwe!**

Thursday on May 14 | Fellowship Hall

Doors open at 6:30 pm, Show begins at 7:00 pm. Join us for an evening of live music to benefit the Helper Fund, featuring two of the Shenandoah Valley’s favorite performers, Robbie Limon and Michelle Dupwe!

Refreshments will be sold and tickets can be purchased on our website or using the QR codes in the pews and common areas!

**Weekday School Fundraiser**

Join us at Cafe Del Sol on Tuesday, April 28 (all day).

Looking for an excuse to invite someone to lunch, meet for a catch up, or enjoy a date night? This is it! Use code “FIRST PRES” when ordering online or with your server and 25% of your purchase will support our church, so spread the word and bring a friend.

**Movementation | Tai Chi classes at FPC**

Did you know we have a Tai Chi class on Saturday’s in the Rumble Room? Learn more at [movementation.org](http://movementation.org)! (501(c)(3) nonprofit with a mission to empower people through the teaching and practice of movement as first medicine; they do this through the ancient arts of tai chi and qigong. )

**WISE Event | April 23**

On Thursday, April 23, the Winchester-Area Interfaith Stewards of the Earth (WISE), a local group focused on environmental care, invites you to hear Dr. P. Ruess present findings from the Virginia Climate Assessment and its impact on the Northern Shenandoah Valley. Join us in the Fellowship Hall or live on our YouTube page, 6:30–8:00 pm. All are welcome. Please be mindful of leaving parking lot spaces available for choir participants, thanks!

**Directory Update in Progress!**

Submit a horizontal family or individual photo (.jpg, .jpeg, or .png) with names to [directory@fpcwinc.org](mailto:directory@fpcwinc.org), or sign up for photo taking using the sign up sheets available on the counter during the week. Sunday photo sessions: May 3 with Kelly Thompson; May 10 and 17 with Chuck Alverson; May 24 with Chuck Alverson and Kelly Thompson. Sign up next Sunday, April 26, no cost, free will donations to the Helper Fund are welcome and appreciated!

**Parking Fundraiser | April 24 & 25**

Park with us for the Artisan Market & Wine Fest! Proceeds will be split between Weekday School and Youth Ministry. Spots are \$20 per day until April 23; tickets purchased the day of will be \$25 each. Please let Colleen know which day(s) you’d like!

**Deriters Event | April 21**

The Emil & Grace Shihadeh Innovation Center is a modern Career & Technical Education facility, opened in 2021 in the renovated former John Kerr Elementary building, where John Handley High School students gain career-ready skills for high-demand jobs. Parking available in the lower lot or at 536 Jefferson St. behind John Handley High School.

**Faith Stretchers | Apr 27**

Join us at 7:30 pm at Marge Toxopeus’ apartment at Westminster Canterbury. This month's book is "Sacred Clowns" by Tony Hillerman. 2 first-come, first-served copies are in the library.

**Highland Food Pantry**

Every 2nd Tuesday, FPC provides volunteers! Join us from 5:45 - 7:45 pm. (Ages: 14+ )

Questions? Please contact Jenny Callis