

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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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.

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Ron Obenchain

Richard Byess, Liturgist

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL PRELUDE

“In Christ Alone”

Getty & Townend, arr. Larson

Kimberly, Sofia, and Caroline Aikens

CALL TO WORSHIP

How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever?

Yet we will trust in your steadfast love and rejoice in your salvation.

When the road is uncertain and the future feels unclear, God remains faithful.

The Lord sees, provides, and sustains us in every season.

Christ calls us to lives marked not by fear, but by generosity, mercy, and grace.

We gather to worship the One who gives us life and leads us in hope.

Come, let us worship God!

⌄ HYMN 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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⌄ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful and loving God, we confess that we do not always trust your provision or your promises. We cling tightly to the things we fear losing and allow anxiety to shape our choices more than faith. Too often we live as though our lives belong only to ourselves, withholding compassion, generosity, and mercy from others. We grow impatient in suffering, doubtful in uncertainty, and reluctant to surrender fully to your care. Forgive us, O God. Teach us to trust you more deeply, to walk in the freedom of Christ, and to offer ourselves more fully in love and service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Silence for personal confession*

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

In Jesus Christ, we are no longer bound by sin or fear.

The mercy of God meets us even in our weakness and restores us to new life.

Through Christ, we are forgiven, strengthened, and made whole.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

✠ **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 "Softly and Tenderly" Sofia Aikens, soloist setting by Raymond Brown

SCRIPTURE Psalm 103

SERMON "4 Words Regarding Death"

The People of God Respond in Faith

✠ **HYMN 438**

"Rock of Ages"

TOPLADY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

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

"Be Still, My Soul"

Finlandia, arr. Larson

Kimberly Aikens, soloist; Bridget Aikens, piano

✠ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People Depart to Serve

HYMN 687	“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”	ST. ANNE
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	“Tuba Tune in D Major”	C.S. Lang
USHERS	Lynn McCauley, Fred Gall, Charles Uphaus, Kathy Uphaus	

In Christian Sympathy

Ronald F. Miller passed away on June 24, 2026.

A service will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 1 pm on Thursday, July 2nd, with an interment to follow at Mt. Hebron Cemetery.

It is in grief that we mourn, and in hope that we rejoice in the resurrection to new life in Jesus Christ.

Save the Date! Church Picnic | August 30th

On Sunday, August 30, please join us for a church picnic at the Rotary Shelter in the park following our single youth-led worship service at 11:00 a.m.

Both the service and the picnic will take place in the park.

Bring sunscreen, a dish to share, and your lawn chairs for an afternoon of food and fellowship!

A signup will be available on August 1st

2027 Guatemala Mission Trip

Contact Carolyn Thalman if you're interested in joining us on our next Faith Stories Project trip from Feb. 6th – 13, 2027! Email info@fpcwinc.org or call the office for Carolyn's contact info

Urgent Needs for Valley Haven Furniture Bank

New or Very Gently Used:

Bath Towel Sets

Drinking Glasses

Pot Holders

Cutting Boards

Pans (small, medium, and frying pans)

Bed Pillows (standard size)