

First Presbyterian Church

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"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. Dr. Evan R. Smith

Richard Byess, Liturgist

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” Dr. Steven Keister Shaner Gilbert Martin

CALL TO WORSHIP

Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

We come seeking the guidance of the Lord.

God meets us in our longing, our weariness, and our need.

We come trusting the One who gives life and peace.

The Lord is faithful from generation to generation.

We lift our hearts to the God whose promises endure.

Come, let us worship God!

✠ HYMN

“Come Praise God for Faithful People”
(see insert in back panel of the hymnal)

WINCHESTER NOW

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we are often ruled by impatience, appetite, and fear. We grasp for what seems urgent and forget what is holy. We try to carry life by our own strength, even when your way is before us. Forgive us, O Lord. Teach us to trust your word, to receive your mercy, and to walk in the life you give; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news: there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

In Christ, God meets us with mercy and grace.

The Spirit of God gives life where we are weary and peace where we are restless.

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made whole.

Believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

✠ 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

"What Shall I Give Thee, Master"

Grimes/arr. Young

Duet: MiKayla Hatfield, soprano; Brian Hobbs, baritone

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:1-11

SERMON "A Stronger Current"

The People of God Respond in Faith

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES (*leader*) Friends, our giving is an act of gratitude for what God has given us. It is also an act of worship. 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

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

Paul Manz

✠ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTOR EMERITUS RECOGNITION The Rev. Richard W. Reifsnyder

CHORAL PREPARATION "Jesus, Lord To Me" Sandy Tromm, soprano McSpadden and Nelson

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

HYMN 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks
and praise...**

The Thanksgiving continues. . .

Leader: *[...the petitions conclude...]*

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

All: 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 DISTRIBUTION

Please come forward when the ushers invite your row. Receive the bread, dip it in the chalice, and eat.

COMMUNION HYMN 647 "Give Thanks" LIVING GOD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Holy God, we thank you for this feast of grace and life. As we have been served, help us serve our neighbors. As we have been fed, help us to feed all who are hungry. As we have been loved, help us to love the world—because in Christ Jesus you have loved us. Amen.

The People Depart to Serve

HYMN 288 "Spirit of the Living God" (X2) LIVING GOD

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" David N. Johnson

USHERS Diane Jones, Mary Hester, Mark Schroeder, Laurel Tschirgi

Flower Dedication

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in honor of Pastor Rich, in grateful appreciation for his 21 years of servant leadership.

Flower Guild

The Worship and Discipleship Council would like to thank Ginny Kalbach, Leslie Covington, and Meg Sublett for helping renew the Flower Guild ministry. We also thank John and Lisa Fisher for agreeing to deliver the flowers to shut-ins following worship. If you feel called to assist with flower deliveries, please contact John Fisher at clerk@fpcwinc.org.

Children's Ministry Sweet Frog Fundraiser

Monday, 7/27 6-8 pm. Bring your friends and family and *make sure* to say you are there with First Pres Children's Ministry & we will receive 20%!

Bright Futures and FPC Weekday School Supply Drive

We know summer isn't over yet! While everyone is enjoying the season, we need your help to ensure that every student in our community starts the year ready to succeed. Please drop off items at the yellow school bus outside the Sanctuary (lovingly constructed by HIS Week volunteers).

Bright Futures:

- Composition notebooks (the ones with no spiral wire)
- Expo/dry erase markers
- 1" binders
- Deodorant for Boys & Girls
- Body Wash for Boys & Girls
- Monetary donations if you'd like us to do the shopping for you!

FPC Weekday School:

- Crayons
- Markers
- Colored pencils
- Glue
- Watercolors
- Cardstock
- Construction Paper