

First Presbyterian Church

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

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The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 9, 2026 • 10:00 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.*

Worship Leaders

The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith

Richard Byess, Liturgist

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

arr, Wilbur Held

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 17)

O give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name. Make known his deeds among the peoples.

We come to remember the God whose faithfulness endures through every generation.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, the promises he has kept,
and the mercy he has shown.

**We gather with grateful hearts, trusting that the God who has been
faithful will be faithful still.**

Come, let us seek the Lord with all our hearts.

We will worship the Lord with joy and thanksgiving.

Let us worship God!

✠ HYMN 13

“The Mighty God, with Power Speaks”

KINGSFOLD

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, we confess that we are quick to remember our worries and slow to remember
your goodness. When life becomes uncertain, fear often speaks louder than your promises.

**We spend so much energy trying to control tomorrow that we lose sight of your presence
today. Forgive us, O Lord. Renew our trust in your steadfast love. Lift our eyes to the One
who is always with us, and teach us to rest in your grace rather than our own strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** *Silence for personal confession*

✠ WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

the God who has been faithful through every generation has not forgotten you. In Jesus Christ,
God's mercy is new every morning, and nothing can separate us from his steadfast love.

Thanks be to God, whose faithfulness never fails.

Receive this good news with joy, and walk in the peace of Christ,
who goes before you and remains beside you.

We will trust in the Lord with thankful hearts.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

✠ GLORIA PATRI [Hymn 581]

BACKPACK BLESSING

Prayer Written by Amanda M. Rohrs | Edited by Colleen Stearns

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

"Holy Spirit" Jen and Katie Volkmann

Townend and Getty

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON "Before the Storm Ends"

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.

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.

CHORAL OFFERTORY

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
Sandy Tromm, soloist

Gabriel, arr. Sponberg, Smith, and Hall

✠ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

HYMN 822

"When We Are Living"

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

All: And also with you.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

The Thanksgiving continues. . .

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

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN 647

“Give Thanks”

LIVING GOD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

The People Depart to Serve

HYMN 775

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

WALK WITH ME

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Charles Callahan

USHERS

Lynn McCauley, Mark Schroeder, Laurel Tschirgi, Fred Gall

Inquirers' Class

Join Pastor Evan for a four-week Inquirers Class beginning August 2nd, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service in Loudoun Hall. Whether you are considering membership, have joined recently, or simply want to learn more, this class will explore Presbyterian beliefs, the history and ministry of First Presbyterian, church governance, discipleship, and what it means to become an active part of our congregation. No advance reading is required.

Just bring your questions and curiosity!

Church Picnic | August 30th

"Behind every legendary potluck dish is a cherished recipe waiting to be shared!" Join us on August 30 at 11:00 a.m. for a Youth-Led Worship Service followed by our church potluck. Bring your favorite cookout side, appetizer, or dessert, plus a lawn chair or two. The church will provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Fellowship Hall will be our rain plan.

Sign up to bring a dish or volunteer in the Gathering Hall or online at fpcwinc.org.

Save the Date | Children's Choir with Mrs. Amy starts Sept 2nd

Wednesdays at 4:30 pm. Ages 4 – elementary school. Email amy@fpcwinc.org for more info!