

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

18th Sunday After Pentecost • October 1, 2023, 11:00 AM

WORSHIP LEADER

Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Gift of Finest Wheat”

Kreutz/Rotermund

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Welcome to this place:

**All: where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
 where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
 where God has been, is, and always will be.**

Leader: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

**All: where we find God's love,
 where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
 where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

Leader: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

**All: where we bring our hunger, and find food;
 where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;
 where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.**

HYMN 401

“Here in This Place”

GATHER US IN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ You have called us to live as loving neighbors, but we have thought of ourselves instead. Instead of sharing our resources, we keep them for ourselves. Instead of supporting our neighbors around the world, our hearts have stayed home. Please forgive us. Though we are scattered in different places, speak different words, and descend from different races, we are all Your children. Give us a common passion so that we may be one people, who actively serve under Your guiding purpose.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: When we come before God in humility and honesty,

God draws near to us with forgiveness
and renewed blessing. Be at peace with God and your neighbor.

WORD *God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12: 4-22 (CEB)

SERMON “Paddling Together”

THANKS *The People of God Respond to God’s Word*

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God”

The Chancel Choir

Mueller

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

HYMN 526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

LINSTEAD

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. . .

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

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.

SENDING *God Blesses Us and Sends Us to Live as God's People in the World*

HYMN 761

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

BEECHER

BENEDICTION

Leader: Friends, you were called to this table. You were fed at this table. You were united at this table. Now, you are sent from this table into all the world. Go therefore into the world, with courage. Set a place for all who hunger. Fill the cup of all who thirst. And as you go, May the Spirit of power and love attend you, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ uphold you, and may the great faithfulness of our God sustain you, now and forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Sevenfold Amen”

Stainer

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on “This Is the Feast”

Charles Callahan

USHERS

Charles and Kathy Uphaus, Libby Solak, Dana Carlton

MEN ON A MISSION | NOVEMBER 4TH

You can easily fill out the chef form online, and all event details are on highlandpantrywinc.com. Our client numbers are rising, and so is the cost of pantry food. We're counting on a fantastic turnout and your invaluable support. We can't succeed without our chefs! Tickets are available at the church office or from any Pantry board member. There will be a table set up next Sunday to purchase tickets as well. Let's make this event a huge success together. Thank you for being part of it!

WOMEN'S FAITH STUDY

We are currently reading, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*. Join us for a morning of fellowship every Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Graham Room. Your presence would brighten our day, and we can't wait to share some quality time together. See you there!

WOMEN'S CONNECTION DINNER

Reconnect or make new connections with us every first Thursday at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP to sarah at sarah@fpcwinc.org with your choice of chicken salad, ham, or turkey sandwich. Or, use the google form in our newsletter!

5TH SUNDAY | TRUNK OR TREAT | OCT 29

Mark your calendars for a morning of **breakfast** trunk-or-treating as well as a **reverse** trunk-or-treat table for refugee resettlement items in the parking lot at 8:30! Sunday school will be canceled. A single service will take place after breakfast at 10 am. So, dress up and bring a friend to breakfast or volunteer to decorate your trunk! Contact Nicole Sergent if interested. Check out our Sign-up genius in our newsletter or via the QR codes in the pew!

REVERSE TRUNK OR TREAT ITEMS:

HYGEINE: Toothbrush, Soap, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Razor, Shaving Cream, Shampoo, Toilet Paper, Feminine Hygiene Items

CLEANING SUPPLIES: All Purpose Spray Cleaner, Dish and Laundry Soap, Pot Holders, Paper Towels, Sponges, Dish Soap Kitchen Hand Towels

OTHER NEEDS: Small Bedside or Bathroom Rugs, Kids Wall Décor, Food Storage Containers, Can-Openers, Scissors, First Aid Kits, Fire Extinguishers.

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