18th Sunday After Pentecost



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINCHESTER

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



Welcome

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.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-22 (CEB)

Sermon: "Paddling Together" by The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

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!