

First Presbyterian Church

Founded
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Organized
September 7, 1800



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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

7th Sunday after Pentecost • July 7, 2024 11:00 AM

When this symbol (✠) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Ushers collect blue prayer requests during the first hymn.

Worship Leaders Rev. Michael Hafele Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Americana” Medley

God Bless America,
Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam
God bless America, My home sweet home.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Festival Fanfare and Prelude on God of Our Fathers"

Setting by Wayne Kerr

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 150

We ponder Your steadfast love, O God,
and our praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Tell the next generation:
Our God will be our guide forever.
Come, let us rejoice.

✠ **HYMN 367** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" vv.1-4

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the mysterious garden that flourishes when we least expect,
You do not perceive the world as we do. In the smallest seed, You see a home for a host of
creatures. From among the overlooked and forgotten, You call disciples to carry out your will.
Enable us to regard each person not through the prejudices that have shaped us, but through
the love of Jesus Christ, the first fruit of your new creation. Amen.**

Silence for personal confession

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI [Hymn 581]

God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song

✠ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Jaclyn Lawall, soloist

Spiritual/arr. Edward Boatner

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:20-21

SERMON

"Equip: Complete in Everything Good" by the Rev. Michael Hafele

APOSTLES' CREED

**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

✠ HYMN 643

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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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.

OFFERTORY

"A Prayer for the Protection of Our Armed Forces"

Robert Powell

✠ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People Depart to Serve

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

“Postlude on America the Beautiful”

John Dixon

USHERS

Pat Grosso, David Baxa

[Youth Mission Trip to New Bern, NC](#)

Our mission trip team was commissioned during the New Stone service and is now on the road! We invite you to grab a prayer bookmark at the entrances to the Sanctuary and keep the group in your thoughts and prayers throughout the week. This year, First Presbyterian Church and Opequon’s Youth have come together to form an inspiring group of 27 participants! Let’s support them as they embark on this meaningful journey. Thank you for your support and prayers!

[2023 Stewardship Report Available](#)

We are pleased to announce that the 2023 Stewardship Report is now available for review. You can find copies at the pamphlet station in the gathering hall, located to the left of the library. If the copies run out, please let us know!

[You’re Invited to visit an FPC Council!](#)

Did you know that anyone can visit or join a council at FPC? Our councils—Administrative, Mission, Congregational Life, Worship and Discipleship, and Facilities—are always seeking new members. For more information, speak with our Elders or Pastors. You can find a list of our Elders on the wall by the offices or by visiting fpcwinc.org/about/our-team.

[Save the Dates!](#)

- Women’s Group at Hideaway Café | July 10th 10 am
- Interview with a Pastor | July 14th Sunday Morning
- Church Picnic | August 4th 12 pm
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- Last Sunday on Summer Schedule | Sept 1st
- Sunday School & Youth Group are back! | Sept 8th
- Women’s Connection Dinner | Sept 13th at 6 pm
- Red & Murphy Henry Bluegrass Concert | Sept 21st 7pm
- World Communion Sunday | Oct 6th
- Spooky Folk Tales & Silent Auction | Oct 27th 12pm
- Jackson Caesar’s Christmas Jazz Concert | Dec 8th 3pm

[Refugee Resettlement | Current Needs](#)

Women’s Hygiene Products: Deodorant, Shampoo, Feminine products, and twin fitted sheets.

[Bright Futures School Supplies Drive](#)

Find the shopping list in our weekly newsletter or on the table outside the Sanctuary. Please drop off items in the designated area outside the Sanctuary throughout July. Fill a large high school backpack and receive a Dunkin’ Donuts token, courtesy of H.N. Funkhouser & Co.~ Handy Mart in Winchester! To have us shop for you, mark checks to FPC with "Bright Futures" in the memo. Questions? Contact Pam at 540-303-0506.

[A Warm Welcome](#)

Tours of our historical facilities will be scheduled on specific days and times, to be determined based on feedback. Volunteers are needed to greet visitors and lead tours (instructions provided). If you’re interested in being part of this initiative, please contact Brent Miller at BRMillerPCSI@protonmail.com or (540) 533-9374 (no texts, please). Don’t forget to mark your calendars for our first FPC tour meeting on July 9th at 7 pm in the Graham Room. This meeting will provide more information and opportunities to get involved!

[Community Care](#)

Your well-being means the world to us, and we are committed to ensuring you receive the support and care you deserve. If you know of anyone in the hospital, in need of a friendly visit, or if any concerns weigh on your heart, we encourage you to connect with us. Feel free to reach out to the church office, ruling Elders, or connect directly with Pastor Amanda or Pastor Michael. Your information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and we are wholeheartedly dedicated to offering the pastoral care needed. Your watchfulness and compassionate spirits are invaluable in shaping a community that looks out for one another.