

First Presbyterian Church



Founded
July 16, 1788

Organized
September 7, 1800

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

9th Sunday after Pentecost • July 21, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION Financial Update, Mike Thompson

PRELUDE "Sing Praise to God"

Paul Laubengayer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

✠ **HYMN 1** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

PCUSA Book of Common Worship, 1993

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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 "The Love of God" Cheryl Costello, soloist Lehman, arr. Mary McDonald

SCRIPTURE *Deuteronomy 6:1-9*

SERMON "Equip: A Legacy of Love" 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 687** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" vv. 1-4

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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 "But the Lord is mindful of His own"

Mendelssohn

✠ **THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The People Depart to Serve

✠ **HYMN 623** "I've Got Peace like a River"

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Heinrich Fleischer

USHERS Ed and Terry Ransom

Community Care

If you know someone in the hospital, someone in need of a friendly visit, or if you have any concerns weighing on your heart, we invite you to connect with us.

You can speak directly with Pastor Amanda or Pastor Michael, reach out to our ruling elders, or contact the church office. Rest assured, your information will be handled with confidentiality, and we are fully committed to offering the pastoral care you need. Whether it's a prayer request, a visit, or just someone to talk to, we are here for you.

Your attentiveness and compassion are essential in fostering a community that cares for one another. Together, we can create a nurturing environment where everyone feels valued and supported. Thank you for being a vital part of our First Presby church family.

Pub Theology Aug 12 at 7pm

Join us for Pub Theology—where the only thing more refreshing than the drinks is the conversation! Cheers to faith, fellowship, and a pint of insight!

Volunteer with FPC!

FPC meets every 2nd Tuesday from 5:45 – 7:45 pm at Highland Food Pantry. Ages 14+

FPC's weekend to provide volunteers for Jubilee Kitchen is every 1st Saturday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Jubilee Kitchen provides a hot sit-down lunch.

RSVP to volunteer on the home page of our website! fpcwinc.org

Bright Futures School Supply 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.

Save the Dates!

- Church Picnic | **POSTPONED** new date TBD
- Women's Group Hideaway Café | August 14th 10 am
- Last Sunday on Summer Schedule | Sept 1st
- Sunday School & Youth Group are back! | Sept 8th
- Women's Connection Dinner | Sept 12th at 6 pm
- Red & Murphy Henry Concert | Sept 21st 7pm
- World Communion Sunday | Oct 6th
- Spooky Folk Tales & Silent Auction | Oct 27th 12pm
- Jackson Caesar's Christmas Concert | Dec 8th 3pm

Refugee Resettlement | Current Needs

Women's: Deodorant, Shampoo, Feminine products, twin fitted sheets and light blankets.

In Christian Sympathy

Will Mason passed away on Friday, July 12, 2024. A service will be held on July 24th at 12 PM at Jones Funeral Home.

Doug Russell passed away on Thursday, July 11, 2024. Doug served as Director of Music for First Presbyterian from 1971-1987. A service will be held on August 17 at 2:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church.

It is in grief that we mourn, and in hope that we rejoice in the resurrection to new life in Jesus Christ.

Learn CPR this Fall with Diane

Anyone interested in taking a class can call me or email Diane Jones, Parish Nurse, at dgjones23@comcast.net or by phone at (540) 773-3660.