

# First Presbyterian Church



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July 16, 1788

Organized  
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12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • August 11, 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.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Meet and Greet Leigh Phillips

**PRELUDE** “God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Felix Mendelssohn

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

There are many ways to say I love you. There are many ways to say I care about you.

Many ways, many ways, many ways to say *I love you*.

**Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God.**

You'll find many ways to say I love you. You'll find many ways to understand what love is.

Many ways, many ways, many ways to say *I love you*.

**Let us worship God and share God’s love with all we meet!**

✠ **HYMN 223** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving and Everlasting God, even though there are many ways to express our love to our neighbors, we confess that all too often we turn a blind eye to those in need. All too often we turn away from our neighbors and towards desires of our own hearts. All too often we intentionally or accidentally hurt the people we love the most. Forgive us, oh God, when we let hatred and selfishness overcome love and compassion. Open our eyes and hearts to turn towards others and strive to share your love and grace with them. Keep us mindful of all the ways we can express love. We pray in your Holy name. Amen.

*Silence for personal confession*

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

**GLORIA PATRI** [Hymn 581]

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

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**BACKPACK BLESSING**

Heavenly Lord, We thank you for these students and educators and we lift them up to you as a new school year is about to begin. We pray your blessing upon each of these students and their backpacks that they will take with them to school each day. Help our students discover and develop their gifts and strengths and show them how to use them for your purposes. Help them know that you are with them each and every day, and that you have a plan for them to learn and grow and make new friendships. We pray for these educators, that you might guide them with your grace. Give them patience, lead them through every challenge, and help them share your love with students and co-workers each and every day. Amen.

✠ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

*Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.*

**MUSIC FOR WORSHIP** “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” Casey Joiner, soloist

Gabriel

**SCRIPTURE**        *Luke 9:1-6*

**SERMON**            “Send: Reliance” 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.

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*The People of God Respond in Faith*

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**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**    “Finale” from Sixth Sonata

Felix Mendelssohn

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

## **THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

### **INVITATION**

### **HYMN 716**

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

BEACH SPRING

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND LORD’S PRAYER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks

**All: It is right to give our thanks**

to the Lord our God.

**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.

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## The People Depart to Serve

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✠ HYMN 697

“Take My Life”

HENDON

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“March”

Kern

**USHERS**

John Fisher and Pat Grosso

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### IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Bob Kirk passed away August 8th, 2024. Bob has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for over 51 years, joining in September of 1972 with his wife, Wynonna.

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

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#### [PNC Nominations](#)

The Nominating Committee are taking nominations of those active members who are interested in serving on the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC). The PNC is the search committee with the mandate of discerning and recommending the candidate to be FPC's new Pastor. If you are nominating yourself, please send a recent picture of yourself and a one paragraph description of your ministry at FPC. If you would like to nominate someone else, the person must be an active member of the church and must agree to be nominated to be considered. *A photo and one paragraph ministry description must be sent to Pat Grosso, in order to be considered as an official nomination.*

There was a training of all nominees regarding the PNC process yesterday, August 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Congregational vote to compose the PNC will be announced when the Shenandoah Presbytery announces we can move forward with the vote.

#### [Silent Auction Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at Noon](#)

We're seeking donations for our upcoming silent auction to support our Helper Fund, which assists those in need within our community. Please contribute any items such as crafts, gift baskets, artwork, and more. Your support is appreciated. Contact: [mschroed51@comcast.net](mailto:mschroed51@comcast.net)

[\\*Reminder: Please beware of scams, no one on FPC's staff will ever reach out and solicit for funds or assistance.](#)

#### [Welcome to the World!](#)

Clifford Davis Taylor and Jameson Charles Taylor, identical twins, were born on July 26, 2024, to proud parents Xandra and Brandon Taylor!

#### [Rally Day – Back to Church!](#)

Rally Day on Sunday, September 8th, as we return to our regularly scheduled worship services. Join us at the 7:30 Chapel service, the 8:30 New Stone Gathering, or the 11:00 Sanctuary service.

Rally Day will also mark the beginning of Sunday school and youth group. We encourage you to bring a friend!

#### [Women's Summer Gathering](#)

Ladies, join us for a Women's Faith Study Summer Check-In next Wednesday at 10 AM at Hideaway Cafe! Enjoy coffee, fellowship, and uplifting conversation.

#### [CCAP 4th Annual Benefit Bike Ride](#)

August 24, 2024 at 8:00 AM. Online Registration Deadline: Saturday, Aug 17, 2024 at 11:59 PM. Experience a scenic, self-paced ride through Northern Shenandoah Valley, starting at Valley Health Wellness Center in Winchester. With 5 routes available, this event caters to cyclists of all levels. All proceeds will go to the Congregational Community Action Project.

#### [Red & Murphy ft. Casey and Christopher Henry](#)

Save the Date! Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. Please keep an eye out for tickets on sale at [fpcwinc.org](http://fpcwinc.org) very soon. We look forward to sharing a night of fellowship and music that benefits the Helper Fund! All proceeds go directly towards local community emergency assistance to members of our community who have exhausted all other resources, and still need a little more to keep the lights on, pay their rent, or pay for other financial emergencies.