

# First Presbyterian Church



Founded  
July 16, 1788

Organized  
September 7, 1800

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# WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • August 18, 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

**PRELUDE** “Partita on St. Anne Theme and Adagio”

Paul Manz

### CALL TO WORSHIP

When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

**it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.**

When we our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

**it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.**

When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

**it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.**

✠ **HYMN 32** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

ELLACOMBE

### ✠ 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]

*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

"Creation Will Be at Peace"

Kelly Tierney, handbells

Anna Laura Page



## Helper Fund Silent Auction & Spooky Folk Tales | Oct. 27th

We're seeking donations for our upcoming Silent Auction and Storytelling Event in support of the Helper Fund, which assists those in emergency financial need within our community. We welcome contributions of items like crafts, gift baskets, artwork, and more! The event will feature veteran storyteller Ronnie Fulk, who will share some intriguing tales of strange happenings involving his relatives and community. To donate, please contact Pat Ritchie.

### Rally Day!

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 mark the beginning of Sunday school and youth group!

### Dig in and Donuts!

Youth and Children's Ministry Families & Volunteers: Rally Day is coming! Join us in Fellowship Hall on September 8th at 9:45 am for a morning of fun. We'll be planting seeds (literally!) and enjoying some delicious donuts. Don't miss out!

### Pastor Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC), which will recommend the candidate to be FPC's new Pastor. Submit a recent photo and a one-paragraph ministry description to Pat Grosso. Nominees must be active members and agree to be considered. The vote date will be announced after Shenandoah Presbytery's approval.

## In Christian Sympathy

Tony Hoffman passed Away August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Bob Kirk passed away August 8th, 2024.

If you'd like to donate light refreshments for Bob Kirks' funeral reception, please contact Jenny (540-327-6427) or Debbie (540-336-2292).

Thank you for your support.

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

### CCAP 50 for 50

CCAP is celebrating our 50th year of serving the community by collecting 50 items of donations to give out to our clients. **Personal Hygiene Products:** Shampoo & Conditioner, Lotion & Sunscreen, Feminine Items, Razors & Shaving Cream, Diapers, Body Wash, Soap, Deodorant, Oral Care, Wipes **Clothing:** Underwear, Shoes, Socks, Coats & Jackets for all ages. **Grocery Items:** Canned Goods Pantry Items, Meat, Produce, Dairy Items, Snack Items, Desserts, Bread, Cereal, Infant & Baby Food. **Household Items:** Kitchen Tools, Paper Products, Utensils, Laundry Detergent

### Church Fair

Join us on September 29<sup>th</sup> for an exciting opportunity to explore the various groups, teams, and councils you might want to get involved with. Bring a friend, coworker, or family member who hasn't yet experienced a worship service—we'd be delighted to welcome them!

Don't forget, we're also hosting a potluck-style cookout! Please bring your favorite sides to share.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### Women's Faith Study

The Women's Faith Study will gather for fellowship on 9/4 and resume its lively discussions on 9/11 with "Fear of the Other" by William Willimon. The group meets Wed AMs 9:30-11 in the Graham Room. For more info, see the Friday Newsletter or email [cheryl.gracey@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.gracey@gmail.com) or [patgrosso@comcast.net](mailto:patgrosso@comcast.net).