

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

13th 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"

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"

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!

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

"Creation Will Be at Peace"

Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.

Kelly Tierney, handbells

Anna Laura Page

ELLACOMBE

Paul Manz

SCRIPTURE1 Kings 19: 1-15SERMON"Send: What Are You Doing Here?" by the Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

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 69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

HERE I AM (Schutte)

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	"Beautiful Terrible Cross" Duet: Sandy Tromm and Brian Hobbs Casey Joiner, piano OGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION	Smith, Wood, and Cates
The People Depart to Serve		
🕈 HYMN 295	"Go to the World!"	SINE NOMINE
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"	Paul Manz

USHERS Laurel Tschirgi, Mark Schroeder, and John Fisher

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 oneparagraph 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 10th, 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 29th 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 or patgrosso@comcast.net.