

First Presbyterian Church



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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

14th Sunday after Pentecost • August 25, 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

PRELUDE Casey Joiner, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Come, let us worship the Lord!

✠ **HYMN 1** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

NICAEA

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and righteous God, we confess that like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips. But it is not only unclean lips we possess, we are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken our relationship with you and with our neighbors, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness and idolatry. Transform our hearts from stone to flesh and reveal anew the glory of your righteousness as we now acknowledge our sins in your holy presence.

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 "Calvary's Love" Reese Holahan, soloist

Nelson & McHugh

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 6:1-8*

SERMON "Send: Who Will Go?" 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 412** "God, Reveal Your Presence"

ARNSBERG

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

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

The People Depart to Serve

✠ **HYMN 312** "Take Us as We Are, O God" v. 1, Leader vv. 2-4, All

ENDLESS FEAST

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

USHERS Laurel Tschirgi, Mark Schroeder, and Diane Jones

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. The event will be held at noon on Sunday morning and will feature veteran storyteller Ronnie Fulk, who will share some intriguing tales of strange happenings titled "Grins, Ghosts, and Other Things." We welcome contributions of items like crafts, gift baskets, artwork, and more! To donate Silent Auction items, please contact Pat Ritchie.

Rally Day! | Sept. 8th

Rally Day on Sunday, September 8th, marks the beginning of Sunday school and youth group! Join us as we return to our regularly scheduled worship services: the 7:30 Chapel service, the 8:30 New Stone Gathering, or the 11:00 Sanctuary service.

Dig in and Donuts! | Sept. 8th

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

Children's Choir | Sept. 11th

Children's Choir will begin rehearsing on September 11. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30p.m. and sing in worship about once a month. All children ages 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to attend! Contact amy@fpcwinc.org with questions.

Hospital

If you know of family or friends who are in the hospital, please let the church office know at 662-3824 or info@fpcwinc.org.

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 Sunday September 29th at noon for a potluck and exciting opportunity to explore the various groups, teams, and councils here at FPC. Bring a friend, coworker, or family member. It's a potluck, cookout style! Please bring your favorite cookout dish to share.

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's 9:30-11a.m. in the Graham Room. For more info, see the Friday Newsletter or email cheryl.gracey@gmail.com or patgrosso@comcast.net.

Special Invitation

Choir rehearsals will resume after Labor Day on Thursday, September 5th at 7:30p.m. If you enjoy praising the Lord through song, the Chancel Choir wants you! We sing a variety of styles of music and have a great time doing so. Please join us any week for rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:30p.m. All voice parts are welcome, especially sopranos and altos. For more information, contact roger@fpcwinc.org