

BOYD CHAPEL WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 7:30 A.M.

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINCHESTER

Serving Christ and Neighbor in the Heart of Winchester and Beyond.



Welcome

Call to Worship

We have been gathered in this place for this time,

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On this day and each one to come,

may the words of our mouths, the meditations

of our hearts, and the actions of our lives proclaim our faith.

‡ **HYMN 157** "I Danced in the Morning"

LORD OF THE DANCE

Prayer of Confession

We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own. We turn away from the ideas of others and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life together with you. Most of all, we drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention, for we believe that we know better or would prefer to decide where we make her welcome. Forgive us, loving God. Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you. Show us how to walk in your ways and listen to your promise every day. This we pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen. *Silence for personal confession*

Words Of Forgiveness

Scripture: *Mark 8:27-38*

Sermon: "Discipleship Has a Cost" by the Rev. Michael Hafele

Apostles' Creed

**All: 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.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

‡ Benediction

The Session has called a Congregational meeting on Sunday September 29th following the one service of worship. The purposes of the meeting are:

1. For the congregation to vote via ballot on the Pastoral Nominating Committee to find our next Installed Pastor.
 2. For the Congregation to vote on the 2024-2025 Nominating Committee to find Elders for the class of 2027.
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Helper Fund Benefit Concert! Tickets are now on sale for the Red and Murphy Henry Concert featuring Casey and Christopher Henry, happening on September 21 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$40 per family, with children attending for free. All proceeds will benefit the FPC Helper Fund, which provides emergency assistance to those in need within the Winchester/Frederick area. **Congregational Life** Are you passionate about helping our congregation form connections and care for one another? Would you like to help build a stronger church community? If so, please consider joining our Congregational Life Council. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in 12 East Cork. Please contact Pastor Amanda for details.

Church Fair | Sept. 29 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! RSVP at: (<https://tinyurl.com/fpcchurchfair>) **Deriters Event** What do you know about your church building? Want to learn about the stained-glass windows and the building's history? Join us for a guided tour by Brent Miller on Wednesday, September 25, at 11 AM. Deriters will host this one-time tour for all interested. No fees or sign-up—just come and enjoy. We'll conclude with a brief meeting and lunch at Italian Touch.

