

# First Presbyterian Church

Founded  
July 16, 1788

Organized  
September 7, 1800



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# WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost • September 15, 2024 11:00 AM

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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

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*The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God*

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**    “Prelude in G Major”    J.S. Bach

**CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**    “Canon of Praise”    The Chancel Choir    Sleeth

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been gathered in this place for this time,  
**that we might hear the good news  
we can't help but share.**

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

**GLORIA PATRI** [Hymn 581]

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

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## ⌄ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader:    The Peace of Christ be with you!    *Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.*

**SCRIPTURE**    *Mark 8:27-38*

**SERMON**    "Discipleship Has a Cost" 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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### ✠ HYMN 722

“Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

CANONBURY

## 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 ANTHEM

“Find Us Faithful”

Mohr. arr. Schrader

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

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*The People Depart to Serve*

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### ✠ HYMN 718

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

BOURBON

## BENEDICTION

### RESPONSE

“Sevenfold Amen”

Stainer

### POSTLUDE

“Recessional”

G.F. Handel

### USHERS

Pat Grosso, Barbara Strite, Patti Keeton, David Lawall

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Flowers on our worship center have been designed and arranged by O. Vernon Joyner, retired educator, organist, floral artist and friend of First Pres.

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**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.

## 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.

## Mission Trip Review | Oct 6.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour as our mission trip participants share their experiences! If you can't make it on Oct. 6, we'll also have a review the following week at Opequon Presbyterian Church.

## 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.

## Disaster Preparedness Month

This is a great time to create a family plan. Key elements include receiving alerts, a shelter plan, evacuation options, and staying in touch if separated. A sample Family Plan is available at the Mission kiosk. For more info, contact Dave Thalman, FPC's Disaster Preparedness Coordinator ([dthalman@comcast.net](mailto:dthalman@comcast.net)).

## 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.

## Children's Sunday School

There is a combined class in Room 212 (upstairs in the Sunday School hallway, the room in the corner), also known as the Godly Play Room because we will be using the Godly Play curriculum! Please contact Kelly Tierney for the registration form [kellytierneycm@outlook.com](mailto:kellytierneycm@outlook.com)

## Church Fair | Sept. 29

Join us on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> 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>)



## Men on a Mission! Sat. Nov. 2

Registration is open, and tickets go on sale for \$30. Join us as a chef, sponsor, or attendee to support our Thanks 4 Giving theme, where every ticket purchased provides a ham or turkey for pantry clients in November. Bryan Corsnitz is the primary contact for Chef signup and Stacey Iden will be overseeing the Chef process this year. Thank you, FPC church family! Tickets are available at the church office or from any Board member every Tues. morning at Highland Food Pantry.

## CCAP Celebrates 50 years!

CCAP is celebrating 50 years of community service with a gala on Thursday, October 24, at the George Washington Hotel. The event will feature chef creations inspired by pantry items and a fashion show with garments from the Clothing House. For gala information or tickets, call CCAP. Baskets of items will be auctioned to raise funds. First Presbyterian has been asked to collect boxes of tea and pet supplies. Please donate these items in the hallway baskets through September.