



First Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

19th Sunday after Pentecost • September 29, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in this place
seeking to live in faithful community
and asking God to guide us.

Lord, revive our souls,
that we might lift each other up.

Lord, revive our souls,
that we might order our communities
in ways that lead us toward love.

Lord, revive our souls!

⌄ **SONG** “Oh, How Good It Is”

⌄ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, give us each wisdom to recognize our part in bringing your kingdom to life here on earth. May those in positions of power use their influence for the benefit of all. May those with the knowledge to heal give freely of their gifts. May those with imagination work to enact justice. May we all join in telling the world of your work among us. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

⌄ **SONG** “You Are My All in All”

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.

⌄ **SONG** “Crown Him With Many Crowns” (Majesty)

SCRIPTURE *Mark 9:38-50*

SERMON "Off the Page Hope" by the Rev. Michael Hafele

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 "Undivided" MiKayla Hatfield and Praise Band

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The People Depart to Serve

✠ **HYMN 667** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI

BENEDICTION

USHERS Mark Schroeder, Charles and Kathy Uphaus, Dave Lawall

Session calls a Congregational meeting today, Sunday, September 29th.

Following the worship service, 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.

*Active members must be in attendance for the meeting to be eligible to vote. There will not be proxy voting or voting online. Also, the congregational meeting will not be broadcast online.

State of the Church with Pastor Michael

Join us Sunday, October 13th at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall
for an update on the life of our church.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from Pastor Michael
and engage in meaningful conversation!

Refugee Resettlement Team

The team is looking for volunteers to help move furniture for new arrivals. No commitment needed—just respond when you're available! Moves take 1-2 hours, and it's a great way to have fun while making a difference. We also need help with home setup, cooking, and organizing. Contact: Karen Hughes

Women's Faith Study

Our next book will be *Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of Revelation* by Nancy Guthrie.

The group meets Wed. 9 – 11 am in the Graham Room. For more info, contact Cheryl Gracey at cheryl.gracey@gmail.com.

Volunteers Needed for Oct. 5th

The Winchester Pride event is on October 5th at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley! If you'd like to help staff our table, please contact Ell Miller at ell.kattt13@gmail.com

CCAP Celebrates 50 years!

CCAP is celebrating 50 years of community service with a gala on Thur., October 24, at the George Washington Hotel. FPC has been asked to collect boxes of tea and pet supplies. Please donate items in the hallway through September.

Silent Auction & Spooky Stories

Join us on Oct. 27th at Noon to benefit the helper fund! The program is called, "Ghouls, Ghosts, and other things!" Please contribute auction items such as crafts, gift baskets, artwork, and more. Contact the church office or Pat Ritchie to pitch in!

Faith Stretchers | Oct 28.

Faith Stretchers is a book club that meets monthly on the last Monday at 7:30pm. Locations may vary, so please contact Charles Uphaus or the church office to receive email updates. The October read is *Reading Genesis* by Marilynne Robinson.

Mark Your Calendars

- World Communion Sunday | Oct 6th
- Commitment Sunday | Oct 20th
- Jackson Caesar's Christmas Jazz Concert | Dec 8th 3pm

Church Fair Today! | Sept. 29

Join us after the service for a Church Fair and Potluck in the Fellowship & Gathering Hall!

Men on a Mission! Sat. Nov. 2

Registration is open, and tickets are on sale this Sunday in the gathering space! Tickets are available at the church office or from any Board member every Tues. morning at HFP.

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

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Made possible by donations and volunteers. A big thank you to all our volunteers and donors who make this possible! We're currently seeking help with taking calls for home deliveries. For more information, please contact Bob Cleaver at (540) 252-5301 or Bill Stewart at (540) 686-1301. Stay tuned for future updates!

Mission Trip Review | Oct 6.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour as mission trip participants share their experiences from this past summer's trip!

Pub Theology | Oct 14.

Looking for a sign to join Pub Theology? This is it! Join us at 7pm on second Monday's at Water Street Kitchen for fellowship and good company!

Congregational Life

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 7pm in 12 East Cork. Please contact Pastor Amanda for details.

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.