

First Presbyterian Church

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Winchester, Virginia

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

23rd Sunday after Pentecost • October 27, 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

“Softly and Tenderly , Jesus Is Calling”

John Ferguson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Where there are winners
there are losers.

**If we looked in a mirror
would we see the same person our friends see?**

Or family see?

Or the person that God sees?

We come transparent to God,
nothing is secret from God;
and yet we have nothing to fear from God.

We come as we are:

**beloved of God,
treasured and unique.**

**So come and be loved,
just as you are.**

⌄ **HYMN 275** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

EIN' FESTE BURG

⌄ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you made each one of us and you know us inside and out. You delight in us and long for us to be honest with you and ourselves. You invite us to look in the mirror, to see our beauty and our flaws. You wish us to realize that we are not perfect even though we are deeply loved by you. Merciful God, help us to accept our faults and failings, help us to see them clearly and to choose to let you help us to wash them away and receive the clean heart you offer. Teach us your wisdom, let our spirits be broken so that our mouths might proclaim your praise. So be it. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI [Hymn 581]

✠ **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.

Children Kindergarten and younger may leave for Wee One's Worship in Room 107.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

"King David"

Brian Hobbs, soloist

Howells

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52

SERMON

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 418**

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

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

"The Morning Trumpet"

The Chancel Choir Thomas Jones, trumpet

arr. LeDoux

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

The People Depart to Serve

✠ **HYMN 649**

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

AMAZING GRACE

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

"Sevenfold Amen"

Stainer

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress"

Creation Care Sunday School

Please join the Creation Care team for an adult Sunday School Called Electrifying! In the next 5 years, you may upgrade your heating and cooling systems, appliances, or vehicles and consider shifting to renewable energy. Explore this topic with us!

Christmas Jazz Concert benefiting the Helper Fund

Mark your calendars for this holiday jazz concert featuring Jackson Caesar! The Concert will be Sunday, December 8th at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will go on sale November 15th. Donations & Ticket sales will go to The Helper Fund to provide emergency financial assistance in Winchester.

Let's Be Friends

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More announcements and details emailed weekly in our Newsletter. Please contact the church office for help signing up or sign up using a blue welcome/prayer card!

New Member Connection

Have you recently joined FPC and are still looking for ways to connect? Have you been attending and would like to officially join FPC? You are invited to a get together during Sunday school hour in Loudoun Hall on Sunday, November 10th to connect with others & learn more about FPC.

Volunteer Opportunities

Jubilee Kitchen: Every Saturday | 10:00 am | Fellowship Hall **Highland Food Pantry:** Every 2nd Tuesday | 5:45 - 7:45 | Ages: 14+

Visitation Team: We meet in the library the first Wednesday of the month at 1:15pm to connect, communicate, and support one another.

All Saints Sunday | Nov. 3

We will honor your loved ones with the lighting of a candle and the ringing of a bell during the 11 am sanctuary worship service.

Men on a Mission! Sat. Nov. 2

Registration is open, and tickets are selling out! 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. Tickets are available at the church office or from any Board member every Tues. morning at HFP. **FPC Youth will be providing babysitters** for parents/guardians attending or cooking for Men on a Mission! Children age 12 or younger are invited to come have dinner and participate in activities while parents participate in Men on a Mission! Money fundraised will go towards our '25 Youth Summer Mission Trip! Please contact Colleen with questions!

colleen@fpcwinc.org

CCAP Thanksgiving Dinner List!

Frozen Turkeys/Hams, Disposable Aluminum Roasting Pans, Stuffing Mixes/Boxes of Stuffings, Cans of Gravy, Boxes of Mashed Potatoes/Boxed Potatoes (Scalloped/Au Gratin), Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Fruit, Boxed Desserts (Jello, Brownies, Puddings), Cake Mixes & Cake Icings, Marshmallows. Please bring donations in Now – Nov. 8. Giveaway is planned for November 20th 10am – 1pm.

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.

Faith Stretchers | Oct 28.

Faith Stretchers is a book club that meets monthly on the last Monday at 7:30pm. The October read is *Reading Genesis* by Marilynne Robinson. This month, the group is meeting at Marge Toxopeus' apartment at Westminster Canterbury.