



First Presbyterian Church

Winchester, Virginia
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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

Commitment Sunday • October 20, 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

“How Great Thou Art”

Dan Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

God’s greatness is beyond our understanding,
yet we proclaim . . .

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

God stretched the heavens across the sky;

let us marvel at the stars that fill it.

God raised mountains above the depths;

let us gather in wonder before them.

Let us worship God!

☩ HYMN 8

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

MELITA

☩ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

No one can compare to you, O God. Human language cannot fully describe You. Still, You became human, and with words we could understand You called us to serve one another and showed us love even to death. Forgive the frailty and sin we cling to and restore to us the joy of serving You! Invite us once more into this mystery of our faith, that we may all, in our own ways, offer ourselves to one another. For this we pray in the name of Christ our Lord, Amen.

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.

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

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

“A City Called Heaven”

MiKayla Hatfield, soloist

Casey Joyner, piano

Leonard de Paur

SCRIPTURE*Mark 10:35-45***SERMON**

"Hope in Humility" 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 30**

"O God, in a Mysterious Way"

DUNDEE

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

"Bring Us Together, Lord"

The Chancel Choir

McCabe

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

The People Depart to Serve

⌘ **HYMN 299**

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

HENDON

BENEDICTION**RESPONSE**

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Lutkin

POSTLUDE

"God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

USHERS

Pat Grosso



Commitment Sunday | Oct 20th 2024 Grins, Ghosts, and Other Things!



Join us on Oct. 27th at Noon to benefit the Helper Fund! The program is called, "Grins, Ghosts, and other things!" This event will feature veteran storyteller Ronnie Fulk, who will share some

intriguing tales of strange happenings involving his relatives and community. Contact the church office or Pat Ritchie to pitch in! RSVP a dish to share online, via the newsletter link, or in person in the hallway!

Mark Your Calendars

- o Commitment Sunday | Oct 20th
- o Youth Group is canceled! | Oct 20th
- o Helper Fund Jazz Concert | Dec 8th 3pm

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.

Creation Care Sunday School

Please join the Creation Care team for adult Sunday School beginning October 20* for a 5-week series 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 in our Sunday School class!

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.

All Saints Sunday | Nov. 3