

First Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

26th Sunday after Pentecost • November 17, 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. Amanda Maguire Thomas Rev. Michael Hafele

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “My Lord, What a Mornin’” Setting by Harry Burleigh

CALL TO WORSHIP

To you, O God of the heavens, we lift our eyes.

Have mercy on us!

God has been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

Hear us when we call!

From everlasting to everlasting, God is with us.

We will magnify your holy name!

⌄ **HYMN 32** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” ELLACOMBE

⌄ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, too often we settle for the way things are. We embrace what is comfortable and disengage from the work of necessary change. We fail to hope for a new day and a new world because our present reality feels good enough. Forgive us. Have mercy upon us. Fill us with the passion to live and work towards a world made just and equitable and new. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI [Hymn 581]

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP “Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing” Children’s Choir Bailey & Mayo

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

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

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.

SCRIPTURE *Mark 13:1-8*

SERMON “Now What!?” 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 821

“My Life Flows On”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

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

“Come, Peace of God”

The Chancel Choir

Butler

⌄ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People Depart to Serve

⌄ HYMN 541

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

RANDOLPH

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

“Go Now in Peace”

Besig and Price

POSTLUDE

“All My Hope on God Is Founded”

Michael Burkhardt

USHERS

Pat Grosso, Mark Schroeder, Charles and Kathy Uphaus

Advent Adult Sunday School Class

Starting on December 1st and throughout the Sundays of Advent, please join Rev. Michael in Loudoun Hall at 9:45AM as we journey with reflections of famed 20th Century theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The class will be guided by the book, *God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas*. Limited Copies Available in the office: \$10

Wreath Making & Decorating

Join us for wreath-making and Sanctuary Window Decorating on Saturday, Dec. 7th at 8:30 a.m. in Loudoun Hall! We need help collecting greens earlier in the week on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Donations of Boxwood, Yew, Leland Cypress, Pine, and Magnolia are welcome, as well as volunteers to cut and collect greens. Please contact Rossi Selzer or Emily Skiles with questions!

Pie It Forward: Spread Holiday Cheer!

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner (CTD) is Made possible by the generosity of our volunteers and donors—thank you all for making this happen! If you'd like to sponsor a pie, head to the CTD event page on fpcwinc.org and click the "Sponsor a Pie" link, or submit a check with "CTD Pies" in the memo line. Each pie sponsorship is \$7.00.

Weekday School Help Wanted!

FPC Weekday School Chapel Leader Volunteer Needed! 2-4 hours a month based on your availability on Tuesdays and Wednesdays using the Godly Play curriculum. Contact Kelly Tierney for more info:

kellytierneycm@outlook.com

Faith Stretchers | Nov. 25th

Our next Faith Stretchers book is *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger. A few copies have been ordered and will be in the Library. Jan Smith will be hosting on November 25th at 7:30 pm. Please contact the office for the address details.

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm Children's Ministry Service | Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Youth Ministry Service | Fellowship Hall

9:00 pm Candlelight Service | Sanctuary

Picnic at the Playground!

You're invited to pack a picnic and bring a blanket to the playground at Jim Barnett Park on Sat, 11/23 at 12pm for an outdoor Children's Ministry "Friendsgiving."

Get Your Jazz Tickets Today!

On Sunday, December 8th, at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall we'll welcome back Jackson Caesar for a Christmas Jazz Concert. Tickets are on sale now, and all proceeds will support the Helper Fund.



Every Pledge Counts!

If you haven't had a chance to pledge yet, no worries—you're invited to be part of this season's stewardship!

Visit the Sanctuary Entrance off of the Gathering Hall to pick up a pledge card and drop it in the secure box. Next to the box, you'll find our stewardship display, where you're encouraged to add a note sharing your hopes in this period of transformation. We're now at 51% of our goal, just 32 pledge cards away from filling our second balloon! Our campaign display includes three balloons, each representing 33% of our goal, which will fill with color as we progress. Your commitment helps shape the future of First Presbyterian Church and strengthens our community in faith.