

# First Presbyterian Church

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# WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany • February 23, 2025 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. Amanda Maguire Thomas    Rev. Michael Hafele

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

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with your Love”

Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Every time we gather in God’s name,  
we learn something new.

**What will be God’s gift of revelation to us today?**

We enter this time of worship joyfully,  
assured of God’s new mercies.

**Celebrating these blessings to come,  
we bring our love to God.**

### ✠ HYMN 804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

MARION

### ✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O God, reconcile us to you by the power of your Holy Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, Amen.**

*Silence for personal confession*

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

**GLORIA PATRI** [Hymn 581]

### MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

“The Lord is My Strength”

Children’s Choir

Ruth Elaine Schram

## INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

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

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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.*



## Helper Fund Benefit Concert | March 2

Join us for a fantastic program featuring the versatile and multi-talented Shenandoah Singers in support of the Helper Fund! All four of our section leaders will take part, offering a diverse selection of music you won't hear on Sunday mornings. The program begins at 4:00 PM, and no tickets are needed—just come, enjoy, and contribute as you're able.



## Guatemala Trip

The Guatemala Team is returning to Guatemala from April 3–11, 2025, to work with the women of the Faith Stories Project, a collaborative effort that empowers women in Guatemala and the U.S. to share their faith journeys through storytelling and theatre. If you're interested in joining the trip or learning more, contact Pastor Amanda, Sandy Cleaver, Ell Miller, or Carolyn Thalman by March 4th.

## Ash Wednesday Service March 5th at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Join us for our Ash Wednesday Service on March 5 at 7 PM in the Sanctuary as we begin the Season of Lent with prayer, reflection, and the imposition of ashes. All are welcome.

## Weekly Prayer Service in Lent

Join us Wednesdays at 11:30 AM in the Chapel for our Weekly Lent Prayer Service. Afterward, gather in the Fellowship Hall for a simple soup with conversation. It's a time of reflection, prayer, and renewal as we journey through this season together. We hope to see you there!

## Youth Babysitting Night is Friday, March 21, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

Kids ages 3 (potty trained) through 5th grade are invited for a fun evening with games and a VeggieTales movie—just bring a packed dinner to enjoy! Cost is \$15 per child or \$25 for two, with all proceeds supporting the Youth Mission Trip to New Bern, NC. RSVP by March 17. Youth volunteers (6th–12th grade) are needed—contact Colleen by March 17 to help!

## Youth Sunday & Breakfast Fundraiser! Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

Join us for Youth-Led Worship at 11 AM in the Fellowship Hall, then stay for a delicious breakfast supporting the Youth Mission Trip! Give as you're able. RSVP by March 24: [colleen@fpcwinc.org](mailto:colleen@fpcwinc.org) Pancakes, juice, sausage, fruit, muffins, and coffee will be served.

## New Weekday School Hours until End of Year

To make up for recent snow days, the FPC Weekday School will extend its hours until 1:30 PM, Monday – Friday. Please note that this will be a busy time in the parking lot.

## Massanetta Springs Bible and Music Conference

Calling all music and worship lovers, from children to adults! We're registering for this year's conference at Massanetta Springs, happening July 20–26. Enjoy a week of study, choirs, and community. Contact Colleen for details and to register by March 24! [colleen@fpcwinc.org](mailto:colleen@fpcwinc.org)

## We are an Earth Care Congregation

*FPC Creation Care Team*

The *Green Bible* (New Revised Standard Version) is an excellent resource for those seeking to explore God's vision for creation and our role as caretakers of the earth and one another. Passages about creation are highlighted in green, and it includes insightful essays and teachings on caring for Creation. You can find *The Green Bible* online or at local bookstores.