

First Presbyterian Church

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"Serving Christ and Neighbor in the Heart of Winchester and Beyond."

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

3rd Sunday in Easter • May 4, 2025 11:00 AM

When this symbol (✠) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Ushers collect blue prayer card requests during the first hymn.

You can also sign up for our Friday newsletter on the back of the prayer card!

Worship Leaders

Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

Ethan Judd, Liturgist

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

PRELUDE

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Robert Powell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

You have turned our mourning into dancing;

You have taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy!

Our souls may praise you and not be silent!

O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever. Let us worship the Risen Lord!

✠ HYMN 250

“In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

PROMISE

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our hearts are hard, O God

Soften them with your love.

Our hands are clenched, O God

Open them with your grace.

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God

Invite us to dance with you.

Our lives are not our own, we know

Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI [Hymn 581]

God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

Afterward, Kindergarten and younger children may leave for Wee One's Worship in Room 106/107.

✠ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30, Acts 9:1-6(7-20)

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 727

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

THE SERVANT SONG

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

"Because He Lives" MiKayla Hatfield, soloist

Gaither

⌄ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People Depart to Serve

⌄ HYMN 295

"Go to the World!"

SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

Healey Willan

USHERS

Libby Solak, Barb Strite, Pat Grosso, Richard Creasey

Called Congregational Meeting

May 18, 2025, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary to elect a new elder to fill the current vacancy on the session.

Save the Date! 5th Sunday Potluck Meal in June

It's a 5th Sunday Potluck! Join us in the Fellowship Hall right after the 10:00 AM combined service. Bring a dish to share and come hungry for good food and great company! *Hats off to the Congregational Life Council for cooking up this great fellowship event!*

May 11th is Confirmation Sunday!

Join us on Sunday, May 11th as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday — a meaningful milestone in the faith journey of our confirmands. Come support and encourage these young members of our community as they affirm their faith and take this important step. All are welcome!

Mother's Day Sunday Schedule

7:30 am: Chapel

8:30 am: Fellowship Hall

9:45 am: Sunday School

11:00 am: Sanctuary

Summer Worship Times June 1st – Sept. 7th

8:30 am: Fellowship Hall

10:00 am: Sanctuary

5th Sundays: *One Combined Service at 10:00 am in alternating locations.*

We are an Earth Care Congregation

I've seen spring come to the orchard every year as far back as I can remember and I've never grown tired of it. Oh, the wonder of it! The outrageous beauty! God didn't have to give us cherry blossoms, you know. He didn't have to make apple trees and peach trees burst into flower and fragrance. But God just loves to splurge. He gives us all this magnificence and then, if that isn't enough, He provides fruit from such extravagance. --Lynn Austin

Register for Vacation Bible School!

True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World will be June 16-20, 4:30-8pm and is for ages 3 (potty trained) through completed 5th grade. Register: fpcwinc.org/vbs Questions? Contact: vbs@fpcwinc.org

Honor Mother Earth this Mother's Day

Join the Creation Care Team on Sunday, May 11 at 9:45 AM in the Graham Room for a one-time Sunday School class featuring Nature's Best Hope by Doug Tallamy. Learn how native plants can help restore our environment — starting in your own backyard!

The Red Wagon Ministry

Red Wagon Ministry back at FPC- Since 2008 the Red Wagon Ministry, a CCAP affiliate, has been collecting diapers, wipes, adult diapers and storybooks. In 2024 CCAP distributed 77,200 diapers to deserving families who could not afford the increased cost of diapers. For the entire month of May, the Red Wagon will be parked in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall to collect these most needed and sometimes overlooked items. First Presbyterian has a rich history of giving to the Red Wagon ministry. Please consider contributing this May.

Many thanks ~ Lynn McCauley, FPC CCAP Representative

Youth Ministry Fundraisers!

Saturday, May 24th 2pm - 5pm – Car Wash

Support this summer's mission trip to New Bern, NC! Come get your car cleaned and help us reach our fundraising goal. Location: FPC parking lot

Saturday, June 7th 2pm -6pm – Family Carnival

Join us for an afternoon of fun, games, and activities for all ages! Bring the whole family and enjoy a day of community celebration in support of the Youth Ministry Budget.

How Can We Help You?

Are you having trouble connecting or accessing the church online through our website, emails, the worship videos . . . whatever it is, we want to help! Please contact the church office either through e-mail [info@fpcwinc.org] or leave a message on extension 11. Also, notify us if you know of someone who is in the hospital, rehabilitation, births, and deaths.