

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

4th Sunday of Easter • May 11, 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 Courtney Warner, Liturgist

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

PRELUDE “What Wondrous Love Is This” Emily Mullen, violin Duane Funderburk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

✠ **HYMN 410** “God Is Calling through the Whisper”

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ’s righteous path.

Guide our steps in mission and ministry. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI [Hymn 581]

ORIGINAL SONG “God Will Always Be There” written and performed by Grace Terzian

God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song

COMMISSIONING OF 2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Bruce Carter Glaize

✠ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.

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

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP “On the Other Shore” Reese Holahan, soloist Steven Mark Kohn

SCRIPTUREPsalm 23

SERMON“The Shepherd’s Voice” by 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 801

“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”

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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 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” The Chancel Choir Hassler, arr. Rouse

✠ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People Depart to Serve

✠ HYMN 839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

ASSURANCE

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE “Christ, We Do All Adore Thee” Dubois

POSTLUDE “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” Setting by Michael Burkhart

USHERS Charles and Kathy Uphaus, Gene Foley, Susan Kagey

Called Congregational Meeting

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

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!*

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

"Odd as I am sure it will appear to some, I can think of no better form of personal involvement in the cure of the environment than that of gardening. A person who is growing a garden, if he is growing it organically, is improving a piece of the world. He is producing something to eat, which makes him somewhat independent of the grocery business, but he is also enlarging, for himself, the meaning of food and the pleasure of eating." --Wendell Berry

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

Faith Stretchers | Last Meeting before Summer!

This month's book is *Hope: The Autobiography* by Pope Francis. We'll be meeting at Marge Toxopeus' apartment. The group typically meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 pm, however, this month the group will meet Monday June 2nd due to Memorial Day.

Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC)

The committee has completed the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP), which was approved by Session and sent to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for review and (hopefully) approval at their June meeting. Once approved, it will be available for potential pastor applicants.

We expect a third training session with the Presbytery soon to prepare for reviewing applications and conducting interviews. Stay updated by checking the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

The Red Wagon Ministry

had a great kickoff on Apple Blossom Sunday—thank you for your generous donations! With Mother's Day coming up, consider donating diapers or wipes in honor of a mom in your life. She—and the ministry—will appreciate the gesture. Peggy Clark shared that sizes 2, 4, 5, and 6 are especially needed. You can also send a check to the church office (payable to First Presbyterian, memo: Red Wagon Ministry), and we'll purchase the most needed sizes. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of so many little ones. ~ L. Lynn McCauley, CCAP Rep.

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.