

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

7th Sunday of Easter • June 1, 2025 10:00 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. Ron Obenchain Debbie Alverson, Liturgist

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Be Thou My Vision” The Handbell Choir arr. Mullaney

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice!

We tremble at God’s awesome works!

The heavens proclaim God’s righteousness!

The Lord is our guard and protector!

Light dawns and joy fills our hearts!

Rejoice in the Lord and give thanks!

✠ **HYMN 451** “Open My Eyes, That I May See” OPEN MY EYES

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you desire that the world might see your light shine through us. Yet we confess we are often too blinded by the glittering temptations of this world. We turn from your way, hurting the very ones we were called to serve, in our action and our inaction. We grow frustrated with each other, seeking to silence anything besides our own desires. We fail to see your righteousness and champion greed and discord in the name of power and popularity. Forgive us. Melt us and mold us into more faithful disciples, seeking your light, reflecting your mercy, and sharing your grace. Amen. *Silence for personal confession*

ASSURANCE 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.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Bradbury, arr. Mokebust

SCRIPTURE

SERMON by Rev. Ron Obenchain

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 370 “This Is My Father’s World” TERRA BEATA

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 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” The Chancel Choir Dorsey, arr. Schrader

✠ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People Depart to Serve

✠ HYMN 438 “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” TOPLADY

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE “Go Now in Peace” Besig

POSTLUDE “Diademata” Edward Mead

USHERS & GREETERS Libby Solak, Dave Lawall, Mark Schroeder, Kris Goff, Lynn McCauley

Pentecost is Next Sunday | June 8th

Don't forget to wear red as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. Red symbolizes the fire and energy of the Spirit—let's fill the Sanctuary with a vibrant sea of color!

RSVP for the Potluck Meal on June 29th

Join us in the Fellowship Hall right after the 10:00 am combined service. Help us with an accurate head count and RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/fpcjunepotluck>.

We'd love for you to bring a dish to share, if you're able.

Pub Theology

Looking for answers? Clarification? Affirmation? So are we. Join us at 7pm on second Monday's at Water Street Kitchen for fellowship and good company!

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. (June and August)*

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: by June 13th at fpcwinc.org/vbs

Questions? Contact: vbs@fpcwinc.org

Thank you! - Red Wagon Ministry

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed. Your continued generosity and commitment to helping those in need make a real difference. Please check back soon for the final totals and the impact your support had on the families served by the Red Wagon Ministry and CCAP.

Children's Ministry Committee

Children's Ministry needs your help for the next school year. This is not the same as a teaching role, and we'd love to have a youth representative! Expectations: attend at minimum 1 of 2 monthly meetings (1st Tuesdays at 7pm, 3rd Sundays at 9:45 am), respond to texts & emails to help plan/strategize, set up/volunteer for CM events. Contact Kelly to get involved or ask questions: children@fpcwinc.org.

Next Weekend is the Youth Fundraiser!

Saturday, June 7th 2pm -6pm – Family Carnival Join us for an afternoon of fun with a Dunk Tank, Popcorn, Snow Cones, Facepainting, and more!

Nametags have arrived!

If you've recently ordered a nametag, it's ready and waiting for you on the board in the Gathering Hall! There's also a nametag board in the Narthex of the Sanctuary—if you'd prefer to keep yours there, you're welcome to move it.

We are an Earth Care Congregation

"Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share life." His example challenges us to love and respect Creation as a gift from God. (Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, 2)

Care for Our Community

Your well-being means the world to us, and we are committed to ensuring you receive the support and care you deserve. If you know of anyone in the hospital, in need of a friendly visit, or if any concerns weigh on your heart, we encourage you to connect with us. Feel free to reach out to the church office, deacons, or connect directly with Pastor Amanda. Your information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, and we are wholeheartedly dedicated to offering the pastoral care needed. Your watchfulness and compassionate spirits are invaluable in shaping a community that looks out for one another. Thank you!

Faith Stretchers

We're reading *Hope: The Autobiography* by Pope Francis. Please join us for a discussion at Marge Toxopeus' apartment. The group typically meets the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 pm, however, for the month of May the group will meet Monday June 2nd due to Memorial Day. Last Meeting before Summer!