

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 after Pentecost • June 29, 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. Amanda Maguire Thomas

Gene Foley, Liturgist

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“How Great Thou Art”

Dan Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

We are greeted in peace and in love.

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

We worship in hope and with grace.

Welcome this day to our community of faith,

Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.

Friends, let us worship God.

✠ HYMN 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

LAUDES DOMINI

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and merciful God, you know our hearts and you know our lives. We confess to you that which causes separation, that which causes pain, that which causes distress, and that which breaks down. We confess to you our part in those things. And in humility and hope, we ask for your help to do better, to reconcile, to heal, to soothe, to build up. So may we love you and neighbor, and follow our Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI [Hymn 581]

God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Alvin Amban

✠ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

MiKayla Hatfield, soloist

SCRIPTURE *Luke 5:17-26*
SERMON “Church in 4 C’s: Care” 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 519** “You Are My Strength When I Am Weak” x2 JERNIGAN

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 Amy Bowman, Piano

✠ **THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

The People Depart to Serve

✠ **HYMN 300** “We Are One in the Spirit” THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” Charles Callahan

USHERS & GREETERS Susan and Wayne Kagey, Gordon Stearns, Mark Schroeder

July 2025 School Supply & Food Drive

Donations for the annual Bright Futures supply drive can be dropped off on carts outside the sanctuary each Sunday in July. Want us to do the shopping for you? Checks or marked envelopes in the offering basket are also accepted and can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church, 116 S. Loudoun St., Winchester, VA 22601, with "Bright Futures" in the memo line. To see the full list of needs, please grab a handout after the service, check our weekly newsletter throughout July, or take a photo of the list on the bulletin board. Please reach out to Pam Brannon with any questions.

Women's Faith Study

The Wednesday Women's Faith Study is taking a summer break, but we'll still be gathering periodically! You're invited to join us in fellowship at the Hideaway Cafe on 7/9 and 8/13 at 10 am. We'll resume regular meetings on 9/10.

Home Communion & Visitation

Our Deacons are hard at work extending care and compassion to those in need at FPC. If you or someone you know would like a visit or home communion, please reach out to one of our Deacons (Sandy Cleaver, Susan and Wayne Kagey, Jane Lawrence, Gerry Frye, Phil Griffin) or Pastor Amanda.

July Sermon Series and Pet Blessing

Throughout July, Pastor Amanda will focus on scriptures that speak to the care of God's creation. As part of this series, all are warmly invited to a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, July 27, from 2:00–3:00 PM at the Loudoun Mall entrance. All types of pets are welcome — or feel free to bring a photo if your pet is more comfortable at home!

RSVP for the Potluck Meal on June 29th

Join us today at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall, right after the 10:00 AM combined service, for great food, fellowship, and fun!

We are an Earth Care Congregation

We use around 16 billion paper coffee cups each year in the U.S., most of which aren't recyclable due to their plastic lining. If just 1% of people switched to reusable mugs, we could save an estimated 65,000 trees annually. Glass, unlike most plastics, is 100% recyclable and can be reused indefinitely without losing quality. Most plastics, by contrast, can only be recycled once before being downcycled.

How can we help you?

If you need help connecting or accessing church, contact us through e-mail [info@fpcwinc.org] or leave a phone message. Please notify us regarding hospitalizations, rehabilitation, births, and deaths.

Vacation Bible School | Thank you!!

We are so grateful to everyone who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School a huge success! Thank you to the 100+ volunteers, especially our 50 incredible youth, who gave their time, energy, and love to serve. Because of you, we welcomed over 90 participants and shared a week full of faith, fun, and friendship. Your dedication made a lasting impact, and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ!