

First Presbyterian Church

Founded
July 16, 1788

Organized
September 7, 1800



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

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WINCHESTER

7th Sunday after Pentecost • July 27, 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 Lynn McCauley, Liturgist

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) UPDATE Colleen Stearns

PRELUDE “This Is My Father’s World” Robert Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP

As the sun rises in the morning,
As the cool breeze ushers in the evening,
As the heat of the noonday sun spreads across the land:
God is present with us.
Let us worship God.

✠ **HYMN 22** “God of the Sparrow” ROEDER

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we know that you created us in love, to enjoy this world and You, to serve your creation and your children. And we know that we do not do your will.
With clenched hands, we can neither give nor receive.
With eyes tight shut, we cannot see pain or beauty.
With feet of clay, we cannot dance in joy or run to help.
We ask for your help and your power to change. Open our hands and eyes, move our feet, toward grace and hope and trust in You.
This we pray in Jesus’ name. 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

“God of All My Days” Katie Volkmann and Sofia Aikens Amy Bowman, piano Hall and Igram

SCRIPTURE *Genesis 1: 20-31*

CREATION CARE SERMON SERIES

“Creation Care: All God’s Critters Have a Place in the Choir” 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 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

DIX

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.



Every 4th Sunday, we collect a special offering called, "4 Cents a Meal." This is a program to help battle against hunger and poverty. We invite every member—of all ages—to contribute a few cents at every meal for a month. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus’ command “You give them something to eat.”

OFFERTORY

“I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies” from “St. Paul” oratorio

Felix Mendelssohn

✠ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People Depart to Serve

✠ HYMN 20

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

ELLACOMBE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Postlude”

William Faulkes

USHERS & GREETERS

John Fisher, Fred Gall, Janet Thompson, Ed Touchstone

Pet Blessing today!

All are invited to a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, July 27, from 2:00–3:00 PM at the Loudoun Walking Mall entrance to the Sanctuary. All types of pets are welcome — or feel free to bring a photo if your pet is more comfortable at home!

August Sermon Series

Beginning in August, Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas will lead a new sermon series on the Women of the Bible, exploring the stories of Rahab, Miriam, Joanna, Mary Magdalene, and Phoebe.

Bright Futures Drive – date extended!

Donations for the annual Bright Futures supply drive can be dropped off on carts outside the sanctuary until the first Sunday in August. 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.

We are an Earth Care Congregation

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

Home Communion & Visitation

If you or someone you know would like a visit or to receive home communion, please reach out to one of our Deacons—Sandy Cleaver, Susan and Wayne Kagey, Jane Lawrence, Gerry Frye, or Phil Griffin—or contact Pastor Amanda. The next communion Sunday is August 10, and we’d be glad to bring the elements to anyone who can’t be with us in person.

Backpack Blessing at 8:30 & 10:00

Save the Date! August 17th, we invite all students, teachers, and school staff for a special blessing. If you are able, you may bring a backpack, bag of your choice, or briefcase to church.

Serving the Community for 225 years!

On September 7, 1800, Winchester Presbytery organized the congregation worshipping in Old Stone Church as the Presbyterian Church in Winchester, under the leadership of its first pastor, the Rev. Dr. William Hill.

Join us for one special service on September 7 in the Sanctuary, followed by a time of fellowship and celebration in the Fellowship Hall – we look forward to seeing you there!

Save the Date – Men on a Mission

Highland Food Pantry's Men on a Mission event will be here before you know it—November 1—so start digging through your recipe boxes for the perfect dish to prepare! While we haven’t chosen a theme yet, stay tuned. For now, mark your calendars for an evening of fun and fellowship at First Pres. Tickets are \$30, with proceeds going toward purchasing a ham or turkey for each client family in November—a wonderful treat for families in need. Thank you, as always, for your generous support!

Children's Ministry Committee

Children's Ministry is still looking for 2 volunteers for their committee! Help plan/create/staff CM events and other kid happenings at the church typically twice a month if you prioritize the next generation. Contact Kelly with questions or to join us: children@fpcwinc.org

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 August 13th at 10 am. We'll resume regular meetings on September 10th.