

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

11th Sunday after Pentecost • August 24, 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

Richard Byess, Liturgist

The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Allen, arr. Dorsey

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Bliss

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Priere a Notre Dame” from SUITE GOTHIQUE

Boellmann

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:

it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.

When we our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:

it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.

When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:

it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.

✠ HYMN 475

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

✠ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and Everlasting God, even though there are many ways to express our love to our neighbors, we confess that all too often we turn a blind eye to those in need. All too often we turn away from our neighbors and towards desires of our own hearts. All too often we intentionally or accidentally hurt the people we love the most. Forgive us, oh God, when we let hatred and selfishness overcome love and compassion. Open our eyes and hearts to turn towards others and strive to share your love and grace with them. Keep us mindful of all the ways we can express love. We pray in your Holy 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 108.

✠ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you!

Friends, you are encouraged to pass the peace.

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Sandy Tromm and Brian Hobbs

Stuart Townsend

SCRIPTURE *Luke 5:1-11 and 1 Peter 1:3-9*

SERMON 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 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

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."*

ORGAN OFFERTORY

"My Task"

Ashford

✠ THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 606, AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People Depart to Serve

✠ HYMN 438

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

NYLAND

BENEDICTION

Congregational Meeting September 7th

A called meeting of the congregation will be held at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary to commission the Elder Nominating Committee members: Brooklyn Campbell, Suzi Hicks, Patti Keeton, Debbie Lawall, Lynn McCauley, Rossi Seltzer, and Charles Uphaus

Serving the Community for 225 years!

We invite you to join us in worship for one special service on **September 7th at 11 a.m.** in the Sanctuary, followed by a time of fellowship and a potluck in the Fellowship Hall – Please plan to bring picnic-themed sides! Youth Ministry is selling commemorative t-shirts and stickers that will benefit the youth budget, please contact colleen@fpcwinc.org to order!

A Special Invitation

You are invited, wanted, and needed! We are now wanting to add more singers to our Chancel (adult) Choir and ringers for our bell choir. You do not need to be a trained musician. If you love our Lord, like to make "a joyful noise," and are willing to give a little of your time, please join. Contact Roger Callis: roger@fpcwinc.org

Come Sing with us!

Ever wondered what it's like to play or sing with the New Stone Praise Team? Join us Tuesday, August 26, 6:30–7:00 p.m., for a fun music-making session! We'll explore some favorite New Stone songs, and if you enjoy it, we'd love to have you join our rotation for the 8:30 AM worship service. Questions or want to join? Email amy@fpcwinc.org.

Helper Fund Hymn Sing – September 28

Join us after the 11 a.m. service for a potluck and Hymn sing benefiting the Helper Fund!

Youth Mission Trip Recap's

September 2 (6:30–7:00 p.m., Opequon) and October 5 (10:00–10:30 a.m., FPC).

August 31st is our next 5th Sunday

This is our last 5th Sunday service at 10 a.m. before we shift back to our regular worship schedule. On September 7, we will gather for one special service at 11:00 a.m. Beginning the following week, services return to their regular times of 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. All future 5th Sunday services will also be held at 11:00 a.m. Don't forget your name tag for the single services—it's a great chance to connect with those who usually attend a different service. Going forward, 5th Sunday combined services will be held at 11 a.m. Parents: WOW (Wee Ones Worship) will still be offered on 5th Sundays.

Guatemala Market and Presentation

September 21st – The Mission Trip team will be selling handmade items brought back from their April travels before and after worship. All proceeds will go directly to support the women who created these items. To hear more about their trip, join the team during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall!

Wee Ones Worship Room has moved!

The WOW classroom will be relocated to Room 108 this year to accommodate a severe nut allergy in one of the Weekday School classrooms.

Children's Choir Kick-Off!

The FPC Children's Choir will begin rehearsals on September 10. We rehearse every Wednesday from 4:30-5:30. We are a wonderful community of children who have a great time singing and playing together! Children ages 4 through 5th grade are welcome to join us! For more information please contact amy@fpcwinc.org

Stewardship Report Now Available

Copies in the gathering hall pamphlet holder.
We will replenish if copies run out!