

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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MAY 21, 2017  
6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please join in those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

When this symbol (⚡) precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Ushers will collect prayer requests during the first hymn. Blue prayer cards are located in pews.

Listening assistance devices are available. Please see an usher.

We welcome children learning to worship alongside their adult family members and with their church family. Worship bags are available in the hallway outside the sanctuary for use by children, as well as the Children's Own Worship Library bookshelf for children to borrow a book to aid them in worshipping. We also offer childcare during the worship services for infants and toddlers up to age 2 in RM 106. Children ages 3 through kindergarten may stay with family or can be escorted by a parent to room 106 when it is time for Wee One's Worship.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

#### THOUGHT UPON ENTERING

According to the Psalmist (66:8-20), God brought the people through trials, tests, burdens and pain to a spacious place of life, breath and salvation. God heard their prayers and opened them to deliverance. Where have you felt such a spacious place? What story do you tell of the ways God is blessing you? What story does your faith community tell of the ways in which God is blessing them?

*Worship symbols have been added to the bulletin to make it more friendly for children to engage in the worship service. These symbols will help children follow along with the order of worship.*

### GATHERING



**PRELUDE**

Prelude on "Down Ampney"

*Henry Ley*



**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS**



**MOMENT FOR MISSION** Massanetta Music Conference



**CELEBRATION OF THE 2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**



**INTROIT** "A Gladsome Hymn of Praise" *Austin C. Lovelace*



**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 66:8, 9; Acts 17:24)

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!  
**Let the sound of praise ring out.**  
Come and hear what the Lord has done,  
**The Lord has made everything!**  
Let us sing God's praise!



✦ **HYMN 366** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL



✦ **CALL TO CONFESSION** (Psalm 66:20; Acts 17:30)

Sisters and brothers, God not only asks us to repent, but also assures our forgiveness.  
**let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.**  
Let us pray together...



✦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (I Peter 3:16, 21; John 14: 15, 21)

**Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life, that we may live again, through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*



✦ **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** (I Peter 3: 21, 22; John 14: 15, 21)

Brothers and sisters, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ.  
**We know that we are forgiven and can be at peace.**



✦ **CHORAL RESPONSE** Hymn 581 "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.**

Wee One's  
Worship (W.O.W)  
Parents are  
welcome to escort  
children ages 3  
through  
kindergarten to the  
W.O.W room (106)  
for the remainder of  
the worship hour.

During the passing  
of the peace of  
Christ, you are  
encouraged to stand  
and greet nearby  
neighbors.


Our Father, who  
art in heaven, hal-  
lowed 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 Doxology is  
Hymn 606 in the  
Hymnal.


## THE WORD

 (11 a.m.) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**  
(Children may leave for Wee One's Worship)

 **✠PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

 **CHORAL PREPARATION** "I Long for Your Commandments"

 **SCRIPTURE READINGS** Acts 17: 22-31 Psalm 66:8-20  
I Peter 3: 13-22 **John 14: 15-21**


 **SERMON** "God's Empowering Spirit"  
The Rev. Dr. Phil Sommer

## THE RESPONSE

 **✠HYMN 291** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" **SPIRIT**

 **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

 **THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES**

 **OFFERTORY:** "If Ye Love Me" **Thomas Tallis**


 **✠THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## SENDING

 **✠HYMN 839** "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!" **ASSURANCE**

 **✠CHARGE AND BLESSING**

 **✠CHORAL RESPONSE** "Amen"

 **POSTLUDE** "Toccata on Gaudeamus Pariter" *Setting by James Biery*

8:30 Ushers: Carolee & Jack Klimek, Tom Scully

11:00 Ushers: Louise Nelson, Pauline & Bob Wells, Susan & Bob Claytor

THE FLOWERS ON THE WORSHIP CENTER  
ARE IN LOVING MEMORY OF THOMAS G. SCULLY  
GIVEN BY HIS FAMILY

**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 21:**

**Sunday, May 21:**

- 7:30 a.m. Worship Service with communion—Boyd Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service—Fellowship Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Graduates Reception—Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 12:00 noon Safe Sanctuary Training—Fellowship Hall

**Monday, May 22:**

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—Graham Room (followed by Staff Lunch)
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts—Scout, Stine & Rumble Rooms
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Mission Trip Meeting—Loudoun Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Faith Stretchers—Off Site

**Tuesday, May 23:**

- 8:15 a.m. Men's Coffee—Chick-fil-A
- 4:30 p.m. Refugee Team—Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts—Scout, Stine & Rumble Rooms
- 7:00 p.m. New Stone Rehearsal—Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, May 24:**

- 9:15 a.m. Women's Faith Study—Graham Room
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir Party—Off Site
- 7:30 p.m. Zumba—Rumble Room

**Thursday, May 25:**

- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Appreciation Dinner—Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Pub Theology—Off Site

**Friday, May 26:**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study—Graham Room

**Saturday, May 27:**

- Youth Choir to Hershey Park
- 9:30 a.m. Jubilee Kitchen—Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, May 28:**

- 7:30 a.m. Worship Service with communion—Boyd Chapel
- 8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service—Fellowship Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Safe Sanctuary Training—Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 12:00 noon Congregational Meeting

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP IN THE CHILDREN, YOUTH, ADULT AND MUSIC EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES.** Today at all worship services we want to give thanks for you and all that you have done in leadership in our children, youth, adult and music educational ministries over the past nine months. We want to thank you for your Commit- "MINT"!!!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 28** The members of The First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, are called to a Special Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, May 28, 2017, immediately following the 11am Service of Worship in the Sanctuary for the purpose of: To concur in the resignation of the Rev. Maren Sonstegard-Spray as Associate Pastor as of June 25, 2017; and to ask Shenandoah Presbytery to do the same; To concur in the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig as Associate Pastor as of June 4, 2017; and to ask Shenandoah Presbytery to do the same; To communicate the dissolution of the Associate Pastorate vacated by the Rev. Maren Sonstegard-Spray as of June 25, 2017.

**PLEASE NOTE: ONE WORSHIP SERVICE ONLY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

**THE INSTALLATION SERVICE OF DAN MCCOIG** The Presbytery of Shenandoah will install the Rev. Dr. Dan M. McCoig, Jr. as pastor/head of staff of First Presbyterian Church Sunday, June 4, at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Carrie Burslem Evans will preach the sermon. Special music will be presented by the Chancel and Youth Choirs and the New Stone Ensemble. Guest special music will be presented by bluegrass recording and performing artists who are friends of Dan. Dan was elected by the congregation on April 30. Presbytery concurred with the congregation's election on May 9.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our High School graduates: Lizzy Bacha, Trilby Brown, Emma Callanan, Tarian Cowgill, Richard Catlett, Megan Kane, Kyle Kremer, Hayley Lawrence, Emma Pearson, Angela Riemer, Sarah Snow, and Josie Sydnor.

**HOSPITAL** If you know of friends or family who are in the hospital, please let the church office know at info@fpcwinc.org or 662-3824.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY?** A Stephen Minister is compassionate, trusting, full of faith, has good listening skills and can provide comfort to those in need. For more information call First Presbyterian Church to speak with one of our Pastors 540-662-3824, or a Stephen Minister Leader Jan Smith 540-662-7979, Patti Keeton 513-490-5677, Sandy Cleaver 540-550-3584 www.stephenministries.org.

**RED WAGON MINISTRY** Each month over 300 families request diapers and wipes at CCAP. The average cost of diapers and wipes for families is more than \$60 each month. For a single mother, who is working full time and making minimum wage, the cost of diapers can be more than 6% of mom's gross income. The current goal of the Red Wagon Ministry is to provide families in need with at least one week's worth of diapers per month. During the month of May, First Presbyterian is hosting the Red Wagon to help "diaper the need". Please be generous in your support of this worthy cause.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER CLASS** Join us today in the Donegal House (yellow building on the walking mall) for a Sunday morning class (9:45-10:45am) exploring the practices of contemplative prayer and Christian meditation taught by Maren Spray and Dan McCoig. Centering/contemplative prayer can be a helpful practice for those who find it difficult to quiet their mind in general, those who don't find words a particularly helpful way of praying, people who struggle with obsessive thinking or anxiety or dealing with chronic health issues, those who have difficulty sleeping, and people who are just looking for a new way to experience God's presence.

**SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!** If you have never attended a Safe Sanctuaries training or you are due to be retrained, join us at one of the trainings scheduled this fall. All volunteers must have training before serving in ministries to young people, and renew their training every three years to remain in good standing! Email todd@fpcwinc.org with any questions. Dates: Today, May 21– Noon in Fellowship Hall; or Sunday, May 28– 9:45AM. All trainings last about one hour. Child care can be provided if requested.

**CONSIDER ATTENDING MASSANETTA SPRINGS THIS SUMMER!** If you're looking for a summer camp for your child and he/she is interested in music and making life long connections, this camp would be perfect for you. Are you an adult interested in deepening your faith through music or bible study and coming together in fellowship? This week long opportunity is what you've been looking for. Massanetta Springs is hosting it's 94th annual Bible and Church Music conference the week of July 23rd-29th. We attend this conference as a church and can offer a \$150 incentive for anyone attending. For more information, please contact Giovanna at giovanna@fpcwinc.org.

**WORKING SESSION ABOUT WELCOMING REFUGEE FAMILIES** Interested members of faith communities in the Winchester area are invited to meet on Tuesday, May 23, from 4:30 to 6:00 at First Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall. The purpose is to acquaint those wishing to help welcome refugee families with the details of what sponsorship will involve. The meeting will consist of a panel of members of the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church core team who welcomed the six-member Alnajar family that arrived here in August 2016, and Church World Service Executive Director, Jim Hershberger, of the Harrisonburg office of CWS who guided that welcome. In advance of the session, those attending are urged to read the document "Welcoming Refugee Families to Winchester". It is available by e-mail from valleyinterfaithcouncil@gmail.com or sherwood8@gmail.com.

**COMING SOON: Discovering FPC Summer Edition** This class begins Sunday June 4, 2017 in Loudoun Hall with Beth Kane & Bob Lizer. It is a four-week exploration of the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church for persons who may sense a call from God to unite with the congregation as a partner in mission. To register or get more information please contact Beth Kane at [bethkane@fpcwinc.org](mailto:bethkane@fpcwinc.org)

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN—SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC** 2017 Summer Gathering June 15-18, 2017, featuring The Rev. Denise Anderson & The Rev. Lynn Miller at Massanetta Springs Camp & Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA. For more information, workshop listings, and registration, visit the PW page on our website: <http://shenpres.org/presbyterian-women/>.

**EVERYONE NEEDED TO HELP CREATE VBS DECORATIONS!** You are needed to help create VBS decorations on SATURDAY, June 3rd from 11AM-1:30PM. We want to have ONE BIG DAY of creating VBS decorations to get us ready for VBS this summer, and we need EVERYONE'S HELP! No special skills needed! There will be a PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN of volunteers and a FREE LUNCH for all volunteers and kids! Those children third grade and older can help decorate or help as assistant leaders for the kids programming. Just remember to wear clothes that can get paint on them! Plan to join us for this intergenerational opportunity for fellowship and service. RSVP to [todd@fpcwinc.org](mailto:todd@fpcwinc.org) to let us know you plan to attend so we can make plans and have a lunch count.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIRGINIA DICKSON** On June 9, 2017 Virginia Dickson will celebrate her 98th birthday. If you would like to wish her a "Happy Birthday," her address is 517 Virginia Ave., Winchester, VA 22601.

**HELP???** Highland Food Pantry needs a 8x10 or larger outside canopy for the summer. Our children play outside and need to have some shade from the hot sun while their parents are getting food. The big tree that has always provided this shade had to be cut down. If you have an old one in your garage you would like to get rid of, please call Jenny Callis at 723-0262 (home); 327-6427 (cell).

**JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AND EXERCISE!** Debbie Spangler will offer a Zumba class free of charge on Wednesday, May 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the Rumble Room. Childcare will be offered. For more information, please contact Giovanna at [giovanna@fpcwinc.org](mailto:giovanna@fpcwinc.org).

**SAVE THE DATE! MEN ON A MISSION!** The annual event will be held on November 4 here in Fellowship Hall. Please mark your calendar now! All men who have been Chefs for us in the past are welcome to sign up again as well as any who would like to be new Chefs. Our own Brian Corsnitz will be the Chef Team Leader again so feel free to contact him. As a reminder, 100% of ticket sales and funds collected by Chefs which includes the night of in their "Tip Jars", is spent by the pantry to purchase food for clients. Thanks to the First Prez family who has gone over and above to support this event in years past and thanks in advance for this years support. If you would like to help with this event in any way, please contact Vicki Laird at 540-533-1950.

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** is June 18-22. Our theme will be *Maker Fun Factory*. Registration is open and may be completed on Sunday mornings, online, or in the church office during business hours.

**COME TO VBS DECORATING DAY-** Saturday, June 3rd from 11AM-1:30PM we will be creating VBS decorations to get us ready for VBS this summer. There will be a PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN of volunteers and a FREE LUNCH for all volunteers and kids! RSVP to [todd@fpcwinc.org](mailto:todd@fpcwinc.org) to let us know you plan to attend so we can make plans for the kids program and lunch

**SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR 4TH GRADERS** Children's Ministry is offering a special program only for 4th graders during the Sunday School hour entitled, "I Am A Child of God". The second and final session will take place today in the Stine Room. We want this to be a very intentional opportunity to help 4th graders understand their identity in Christ and all that it means to be a child of God just before many of them head into middle school and a season of trying to understand who they are.

**GO TO CAMP PROMOTION** For information about the First Presbyterian \$100 Camp Registration incentive or Scholarships visit the Camp Table in the Gathering Hall.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** for 5-12th Graders: Sunday School Sunday school meets weekly from 9:45-10:45am through early June. The 5-6th grade class meet in room B08, the 7-8th grade class will meet on the 1st floor of 12 East Cork, the 9-10th grade class will meet in the big room on the 2nd floor, and the 11-12th grade class will meet in the classroom on the 2nd floor. Breakfast will be available for you on Sunday mornings upstairs at 12 East Cork and in the 5-6th grade classroom.

**REGISTER FOR HIS WEEK!** For current 4<sup>th</sup> graders through current 6<sup>th</sup> graders! Monday, June 12 through Friday June 16, 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. (9:00 a.m.- early bird drop off). Each day we will gather in 12 E. Cork and head out into Winchester and beyond to serve! Service projects may include: working at a community garden, helping out at Highland Food Pantry, playing with children at a local preschool, providing assistance at small local churches, learning about hunger in Winchester and more! Cost is \$50—this covers the cost of a T-shirt, snacks, travel and supplies for the week (checks made out to the church or cash, please!). **ADULTS**-we need your help on these projects too! Every day we will need a couple extra drivers and pair of eyes and ears for a little bit. Please consider joining us for a day, an afternoon or the whole week! To get registration forms or for questions: contact Kelley Connelly at [kelley@fpcwinc.org](mailto:kelley@fpcwinc.org) or 540-662-3824. Registration deadline is May 15!

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**SUNDAY MORNINGS, 9:45 A.M. TO 10:45 A.M.**

**Sycamore Class: Graham Room—Marge Toxopeus & Cindia Stewart**

A small group of adult learners dedicated to intensive book studies of books of the Bible, classical Christian literature, and doctrines of the Christian faith. They have begun a new study of Philippians. The book they are using is “Dwelling with Philippians: A Conversation with Scripture through Image and Word.” This book uses art and poetry as well as commentary in the study of Philippians.

**Art and Faith: Rumble Room—Hannah Garrity**

Join other artists (we are all artists) in creating art for use in worship. The leader is artist, art teacher, and Montreat Artist-in-Residence Hannah Garrity.

**Contemplative Prayer: Introduction to the practice — Dan McCoig and Maren Spray**

Will meet May 21 and 28 in the Donegal House (the yellow building on the walking mall, in the larger meeting room)

### **Daily Readings May 22-27**

**Monday** Morning Psalms 97; 145 | Deuteronomy 8:1-10 | James 1:1-15 | Luke 9:18-27 | Evening Psalms 124; 115

**Tuesday** Morning Psalms 98; 146 | Deuteronomy 8:11-20 | James 1:16-27 | Luke 11:1-13 | Evening Psalms 66; 116

**Wednesday** Morning Ps. 99; 147:1-11 | Deut. 19:1-7 | James 5:13-18 | Luke 12:22-31 | Evening Psalms 9; 118

**Thursday** Morning Ps. 47; 147:12-20 | Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28(b) | Heb. 2:5-18 | Mt. 28:16-20 | Evening Ps. 68; 113

**Friday** Morning Psalms 96; 148 | Ezekiel 1:28-3:3 | Hebrews 4:14-5:6 | Luke 9:28-36 | Evening Psalms 49; 138

**Saturday** Morning Psalms 92; 149 | Ezekiel 3:4-17 | Hebrews 5:7-14 | Luke 9:37-50 | Evening Psalms 23; 114

Find these readings at [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily)