



W E L C O M E

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 31, 2021

We are an inclusive, mission-minded, Christian congregation where everyone belongs.



WORSHIP LEADER

The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas



LITURGIST

The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.

BEYOND WALLS, A PLACE FOR ALL

In these unprecedented times, we invite you to make First Presbyterian Church your spiritual home. While we are unable to worship in our interior worship spaces, we are so glad you have found us online, fpcwinc.org/virtual

During this difficult time, please contact us if we can provide assistance and prayer. Our church office's e-mail is info@fpcwinc.org.

Through your donation, we thank you for your generosity so FPC can continue to provide comfort, support, and ministry to all. Donations can be done securely and confidentially online, fpcwinc.org/stewardship/donate or by mail, 116 South Loudoun Street, Winchester, Virginia 22601 (*please designate your giving*)

EXPERIENCE FPC ONLINE – YOUR VIRTUAL CHURCH

If viewing this leaflet online, please download and open this document in your device's PDF program. Connect spiritually online at fpcwinc.org/virtual and our prayer community at fpcwinc.org/prayer

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Envelopes that were not picked up at the church in December have been mailed via USPS.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join our Pastors over Zoom after live-streamed worship service on Sundays at 11:30 AM, every Sunday through March 28. [Click here to join the Pastors for Zoom coffee or type in your web browser https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83016861178](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83016861178)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please see our recent eNotice for the current virtual faith formation groups over Zoom.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Are you having trouble connecting or accessing the church online through our website, emails, the worship videos . . . whatever it is, we want to help! Please contact the church office either through e-mail [info@fpcwinc.org] or leave a message on extension 11. Also, notify us if you know of someone who is in the hospital, rehabilitation, births, and deaths.

LET'S BE FRIENDS

Find us on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram. 116 S. Loudoun St. • Winchester, VA • 22601

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There are more announcements and details emailed weekly. Please contact the church office for assistance.

CALLED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

2021 meeting via Zoom: Sunday, February 14 at 11:30 a.m. Annual report is linked in the recent Friday's eNotice. The business before the meeting includes:

- Annual reports of councils and staff
- Annual treasurer's report
- Presentation of the Session-approved 2021 budget
- Action on proposed changes to terms of call of the pastor and associate pastor [a 2% COLA]

The meeting link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83067907438>

CCAP ASSISTANCE NEEDED

CCAP has a need for a driver and/or helper to pick up donations from 4 local merchants on Saturdays. These are morning runs that being at 8:30 a.m. and can take between 2 to 4 hours. There is some lifting involved. If interested or for more information please contact Lynn McCauley at 667-3550 or

lmccauley@winchesterim.com or Jim Taylor at CCAP at 703-403-5264 or annjimtaylor@verizon.net.

HUG A HEALTHCARE WORKER!

Mission Council is collecting "Dear Hero" love notes and financial donations for care packages (designate "Nurse Care Packages"). Details on how to help are in the recent edition of the eNotice, or call Rossi Selzer, 540.303.2769.

CHURCH OFFICE AVAILABILITY DURING COVID-19

The Staff continues to work on a hybrid schedule. There will be someone available to take phone calls on most Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. If your phone call goes to voicemail, please leave a message so they are aware you have called. If you require building access, please call or email to schedule.

VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany • January 31, 2021 • 10:00 AM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINCHESTER

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "Berceuse" Pat Byers, organ

Louis Vierne

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

All: God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.

Leader: God embraces the wounded and broken.

All: God knocks down the walls of division and strife.

Leader: God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

All: God is the light of our lives.

Leader: God is the one who makes all things new.

All: Praise be to God, now and forevermore!

HYMN "Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Friends in Christ and in Christ alone, we are forgiven. Amen.

WORD *God Speaks to Us in Scripture, Preaching, and Song*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Todd Bowman

SONG "I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness" Morgan Myers, soprano

Dvorak

SCRIPTURE *Deuteronomy 18:17-20; Mark 1:21-28*

The Lord said to me: What they've said is right. I'll raise up a prophet for them from among their fellow Israelites—one just like you. I'll put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. I myself will hold accountable anyone who doesn't listen to my words, which that prophet will speak in my name. However, any prophet who arrogantly speaks a word in my name that I haven't commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods—that prophet must die.

Jesus and his followers went into Capernaum. Immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and started teaching. The people were amazed by his teaching, for he was teaching them with authority, not like the legal experts. Suddenly, there in the synagogue, a person with an evil spirit screamed, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are the holy one from God."

"Silence!" Jesus said, speaking harshly to the demon. "Come out of him!" The unclean spirit shook him and screamed, then it came out.

Everyone was shaken and questioned among themselves, "What's this? A new teaching with authority! He even commands unclean spirits and they obey him!" Right away the news about him spread throughout the entire region of Galilee.

SERMON "What's This?" The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

THANKS *The People of God Respond to God's Word*

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.

OFFERTORY

Friends, our giving is one way of saying thank you to God for what God has given us. It's an act of gratitude. It is also an act of worship. Just as we present our words in liturgy and song and prayer to God, we present a portion of the fruit of our work to God, our money. May we reflect on what we have been given and respond by giving generously to the work of God through this community.

SONG "Let There Be Peace on Earth" Morgan Myers, soprano

Miller & Jackson

You can send your offering via USPS [116 S. Loudoun St., Winchester, VA 22601] or you can give electronically using the "Donate" button on our website. If you use the PayPal app, send it to administrator@fpcwinc.org Thank you. [<https://fpcwinc.org/stewardship/donate>]

SENDING *God Blesses Us and Sends Us to Live as God's People in the World*

BENEDICTION

Friends, go out into the world in peace,
Have courage;
Hold onto what is good;
Return no one evil for evil;
Support the weak,
Help the suffering,
Honor all people,
Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Pat Byers, organ

Paul Manz

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