



# W E L C O M E

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 25, 2020

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



## OUTDOOR WORSHIP

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](https://fpcwinc.org/virtual)



## LITURGIST

The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

During this difficult time, please contact us if we can provide assistance and prayer. Our church office's e-mail is [info@fpcwinc.org](mailto: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](https://fpcwinc.org/stewardship/donate) or by mail, 116 South Loudoun Street, Winchester, Virginia 22601 (*please designate your giving*)

## EXPERIENCE FPC ONLINE – YOUR VIRTUAL CHURCH

This is a virtual worship leaflet. If the links do not work in your web browser, please download and open this document in your device's PDF program. Connect spiritually online, including video devotions and online worship at [fpcwinc.org/virtual](https://fpcwinc.org/virtual)

## HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

[Join our online prayer community](#) – submit your prayer requests. Your name and email will not be used or displayed.

## FAITH FORMATION

We have a Wednesday Women group and a monthly adult book study group call Faith Stretchers. See our latest eNotice for details on these groups' meetings.

## MATTHEW 25 ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

We are now a Matthew 25 Congregation, but what does that mean? Pastors Dan and Amanda will lead studies with an introduction to the Scripture underlying Matthew 25's vision for prayer, reflection, and action. All are welcome! Details for in-person and online studies in the recent eNotice. Study to download located at [fpcwinc.org/harvest](https://fpcwinc.org/harvest).

## 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 [\[info@fpcwinc.org\]](mailto: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. Full staff contact info online: <https://fpcwinc.org/about/staff>

## AUTUMN OUTDOOR WORSHIP

10 AM on Sundays in our parking lot off of South Cameron Street. Bring your own lawn/camping chairs, blankets, umbrellas, whatever items most comfortable to use for the duration of worship. Vehicles, please park in the city lots or on city streets (free on the weekends). Nearest city parking garage is Court Square Autopark off of Boscawen Street. Autumn Outdoor Worship services are weather permitting. Online worship is available on all Sundays on our website, Facebook page, and our YouTube channel.

## SERVING THE COMMUNITY - THANKSGIVING

During these unusual times, we continue to serve Christ and our neighbors in the heart of Winchester and Beyond. [Our Thanksgiving webpage](#) is up and running with a shopping list for donations to CCAP and details about 2020 Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you if you are able donate to these ministries.

## CHURCH OFFICE AVAILABILITY

At this time during the pandemic, staff continues to work on a hybrid schedule. There will be someone available in the church office to take phone calls on *most* Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. If your phone call goes to voicemail, staff may have stepped out of their offices, so please leave a message so they are aware that you have called and can return your message. If you require building access, please schedule ahead of time with the church office or with the staff person you are meeting with - either through a phone call or email.

## LET'S BE FRIENDS

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



# VIRTUAL & OUTDOOR WORSHIP

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 2020 • 7:30 AM on YouTube • 11:00 AM on Facebook

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINCHESTER

2020 Harvest Season – “Peace is *DOING*, not *WAITING*.”

*CONNECT* with Harvest Season as we introduce our theme, based on our acceptance of the invitation to be a Matthew 25 Church in a Matthew 25 Presbytery! Information about what it means to be a Matthew 25 Church, our season’s bookmarks, and upcoming activities is available at <https://www.fpcwinc.org/harvest> [this webpage is continuously updated]

**ORANGE HEADER: VIRTUAL WORSHIP ONLY**

**GREEN HEADER: OUTDOOR WORSHIP ONLY**

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

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**PRELUDE** “My Heart Ever Faithful” Pat Byers, organ

J.S. Bach

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

**All: On these two commandments hang all of the law and the prophets.**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONG** “Awake My Soul”

[Autumn Outdoor Worship Song Sheets available online](#)

MiKayla Hatifield, vocals

**HYMN** “Come! Live in the Light!”

WE ARE CALLED

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### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: we have neither love our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds turning us toward our lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us. Amen.

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Brothers and sisters, God who promises forgiveness to those who seek the good hears our confession. As the crucified and risen child of God, our Redeemer, Christ, fully knows our sorrow and our desire for reconciled relationships. We are forgiven. In that promise is the power to love our neighbors and ourselves as beloved of God who created all that exists.

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

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**SONG** “This Little Light of Mine” Children’s Bell Choir

**SONG** “Wonderful Peace” Kelly Tierney

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT** Todd Bowman

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 22:34-40 read by Amanda Simmons and her nieces

### **Great commandment**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had left the Sadducees speechless, they met together. One of them, a legal expert, tested him. "Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

He replied, "*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself. All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.*"

**SERMON** "An Enduring Question" The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.

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

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

*[...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** "As the Deer" Jen Galang, flute

**SONG** "Into the Night"

*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](mailto:administrator@fpcwinc.org) Thank you.*

*[\[https://fpcwinc.org/stewardship/donate\]](https://fpcwinc.org/stewardship/donate)*

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

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### **BENEDICTION**

*Franciscan Benediction*

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. Amen.

**SONG** "For Everyone Born"

[\*Autumn Outdoor Worship Song Sheets available online\*](#)

MiKayla Hatfield, vocals

**POSTLUDE** "A Mighty Fortress"

Pat Byers, organ

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