



W E L C O M E

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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



PREACHING TODAY

The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

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



LITURGIST TODAY

The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.

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*)

THIS IS A VIRTUAL WORSHIP LEAFLET

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EXPERIENCE FPC ONLINE – YOUR VIRTUAL CHURCH

Connect spiritually online at fpcwinc.org/virtual

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

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

PASTOR ONLINE DEVOTIONS

Pastors Dan and Amanda upload devotion videos weekdays on Facebook, and they are saved on our [Virtual Church webpage](#).

CONNECTING WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS - SUNDAYS

Most Sundays we host a ZOOM video chat, a virtual coffee hour, at NOON. Please refer to your weekly eNotice, our virtual church webpage, or our social media for the ZOOM link.

FAITH FORMATION OVER ZOOM

Wednesday Morning Women Faith Study - contact Kelly Tierney; Faith Stretchers – contact Dan McCoig.

LET'S BE FRIENDS

In addition to our website, find us on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram.

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Serving Christ and our neighbors in the community and beyond.

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AUTUMN OUTDOOR WORSHIP

10 AM on Sundays, beginning on September 13, 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 (they are 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 still available on all Sundays on our website, Facebook page, and our YouTube channel.

RESUMING WORSHIP TOGETHER SURVEY

Friends: We need your input! [Please complete and submit the survey](#) no later than 9/8 | one per household. Details in a letter from Session and the pastors delivered via USPS & in the eNotice.

FLU SHOT CLINIC BY CVS OF AMHERST ST @ FPC

Epidemiologists say if you can avoid the flu this year, you will help reduce the burden on our healthcare system because COVID-19 and influenza can share many of the same symptoms. Protect yourself and others, and get your flu shot. We have partnered with CVS of Amherst St, and the clinic is September 12th, 1pm-5pm in the FPC parking lot (rain or shine). You will need to bring your insurance card/prescription benefit card with information on them. Sign-up at fpcwinc.org/flu Appointments are every 15 minutes. Please social distance and wear a mask, and a short sleeve top (no long sleeves). A consent form by CVS will need to be completed, available electronically at fpcwinc.org/flu (some paper copies will be available the day of the clinic). Flu shots available to those older than 9 yrs. Call your insurance co. verify coverage.



V I R T U A L W O R S H I P

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

7:30 AM on YouTube • 11:00 AM on Facebook

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINCHESTER

Our Harvest Season begins – “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! More 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 will be updated as Harvest Season content is created and available]

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

PRELUDE “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” Pat Byers, organ arr. Robert Powell *based on HOUSTON*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord Calls out to us, offering life!

All: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God.

Leader: Walk in the paths of God’s commandments with delight.

All: Teach, lead, turn us to your ways, O God. With our whole heart, we will turn to you and live!

HYMN “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?” THE SERVANT SONG

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From evil, even when it masquerades as good, Merciful God, deliver us. From selfishness and vain desires, Merciful God, deliver us. From irresponsible behaviors, quarreling, and jealousy, Merciful God, deliver us. From hurtful disagreements and irreconcilable differences, Merciful God, deliver us. Turn us away from the death sin inflicts. Lead us into the abundant life Christ brings. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to forgive, through Jesus Christ, amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news! The saving is sure and worthy of whole acceptance that Christ came into the world to save sinners like us. 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*

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING Todd Bowman, Annie Pompelia, the Revs. Amanda Maguire Thomas & Dr. Dan McCoig Jr. [First Presbyterian Church Education Heroes – click for list](#)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Todd Bowman

SCRIPTURE Matthew 18:15-20 read by the Holmes Family

Sinning brother or sister

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you've won over your brother or sister. But if they won't listen, take with you one or two others so that *every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses*. But if they still won't pay attention, report it to the church. If they won't pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."

SERMON "We Need to Talk . . ." 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 Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.

[...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, giving is an act of gratitude and a practice of our faith in God and God's reign in the world. Giving is also an act of worship. Let us all use this time of offering to reflect on the generosity of God and all God has given us. Let us give generously to the work of God through this congregation with gratitude and thanksgiving.

SONG "Abide With Me" Colleen Stearns, vocals | Amy Bowman, piano

EVENTIDE | Lyte, Monk

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. Thank you. [https://fpcwinc.org/stewardship/donate]

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

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Variations on Kum Ba Yah" Pat Byers, organ

arr. John Behnke

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