



W E L C O M E

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 18, 2020

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



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

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

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*)

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

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.

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.

"SHAMELESS" WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

Join us Monday afternoons in October at 4pm for a "Shameless" by Nadia Bolz-Weber book study, OUTSIDE on the lawn north of the Sanctuary (weather permitting). This is a faith study option for women who may need face-to-face fellowship. Bring your own lawn/camping chair.

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 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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

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

PRELUDE “Majesty” Amy Bowman, piano

Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May we remember. **All: That God created.**
Leader: May we remember. **All: That God liberated.**
Leader: May we remember. **All: That God fed.**
Leader: May we remember. **All: That God is still creating, God is still liberating, and God is still feeding us.**
Leader: Let this be our story. **All: Let this be where we begin.**
Leader: Let us worship holy God.

CONGREGATIONAL SONG “I’ll Fly Away” [Autumn Outdoor Worship Song Sheets available online](#)

HYMN “God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we admit to remembering the wrong things. We remember worldly lessons like, “Everyone for themselves,” “An eye for an eye,” and “All is fair in love and war.” And yet, we forget to forgive 70 times seven, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to live like the body of Christ. Why is it so hard to remember the right things? Release us from our muscle memory and re-center us in a new place, a fresh place, a space grounded in your love. Help us to receive your word anew, and to consider stewardship not with the world’s rules, but with your rules. Help us remember. With hope we pray, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Todd Bowman

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:15-22 and Exodus 16:1-18

Question about taxes Then the Pharisees met together to find a way to trap Jesus in his words. They sent their disciples, along with the supporters of Herod, to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are genuine and that you teach God’s way as it really is. We know that you are not swayed by people’s opinions, because you don’t show favoritism. So tell us what you think: Does the Law allow people to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”

Knowing their evil motives, Jesus replied, “Why do you test me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used to pay the tax.” And they brought him a denarion. “Whose image and inscription is this?” he asked. “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” When they heard this they were astonished, and they departed.

Wilderness food: manna and quail The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Sin desert, which is located between Elim and Sinai. They set out on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left the land of Egypt. The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. The Israelites said to them, “Oh, how we wish that the Lord had just put us to death while we were still in the land of Egypt. There we could sit by the pots cooking meat and eat our fill of bread. Instead, you’ve brought us out into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I’m going to make bread rain down from the sky for you. The people will go out each day and gather just enough for that day. In this way, I’ll test them to see whether or not they follow my Instruction. On the sixth day, when they measure out what they have collected, it will be twice as much as they collected on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “This evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt. And in the morning you will see the Lord’s glorious presence, because your complaints against the Lord have been heard. Who are we? Why blame us?” Moses continued, “The Lord will give you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning

because the Lord heard the complaints you made against him. Who are we? Your complaints aren't against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole Israelite community, 'Come near to the Lord, because he's heard your complaints.'" As Aaron spoke to the whole Israelite community, they turned to look toward the desert, and just then the glorious presence of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

The Lord spoke to Moses, "I've heard the complaints of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat. And in the morning you will have your fill of bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening a flock of quail flew down and covered the camp. And in the morning there was a layer of dew all around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the desert surface were thin flakes, as thin as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" They didn't know what it was.

Moses said to them, "This is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Collect as much of it as each of you can eat, one omer per person. You may collect for the number of people in your household.'" The Israelites did as Moses said, some collecting more, some less. But when they measured it out by the omer, the ones who had collected more had nothing left over, and the ones who had collected less had no shortage. Everyone collected just as much as they could eat.

SERMON "A Call to Remember" 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. 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 "Crown Him (Majesty)" Lisa Pluska, vocals

SONG "I'd Rather Have Jesus"

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.

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

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

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 "Jesus on the Mainline" [Autumn Outdoor Worship Song Sheets available online](#)

POSTLUDE "Rejoice the King is King" Amy Bowman, piano

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