



W E L C O M E

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 15, 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



PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF

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 at fpcwinc.org/virtual

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

[Join our online prayer community \[go to our website\]](#)

– submit your prayer requests. Name/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.

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 \[go to our website\]](#) is up and running with a shopping list for donations to CCAP and details about 2020 Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you for your support!

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.

LET'S BE FRIENDS

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MARY DAVISON

Mary Louise Davison, 87, was received into the arms of Christ on Monday, November 9. Mary was received into FPC membership on June 14, 1970. Please keep Mary's family in your prayers. It is in grief that we mourn, and in hope that we rejoice in the resurrection to new life in Jesus Christ.

GIVING SUNDAY

If you have been following our "Jesus, Money, and Me" series in your email, you'll know that this is FPC's first global pandemic, physically distanced stewardship campaign. If you need access to the series, contact andrea@fpcwinc.org - she'll be happy to help.

November 15 is Giving Sunday. We invite you to prayerfully consider your own response to God's grace and as one of God's stewards make your pledge to the work of God in and through First Presbyterian Church in 2021 using the pledge card mailed to our households in the mail - [and you can submit pledge online securely and confidentially \[fpcwinc.org/pledge\]](#)

MEN ON A MISSION

Men on a Mission will not be held this year due to the pandemic, but YOU can help today to support Highland Food Pantry by becoming a sponsor! Can you be a Hunger Hero? www.highlandpantrywinc.org

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, staff may have stepped out of their offices, so please leave a message so they are aware you have called. If you require building access, please call or email to schedule.



VIRTUAL & OUTDOOR WORSHIP

24th Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020 • 10:00 AM in our parking lot and online

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINCHESTER

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

We are a Matthew 25 Church in a Matthew 25 Presbytery! <https://www.fpcwinc.org/harvest>

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

PRELUDE “I Surrender All” Amy Bowman, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS CCAP, Giving Sunday, Advent Bags

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clothe yourselves with faith and love,

All: Be confident in your salvation in Christ Jesus.

Leader: The Lord is with us!

All: Let us worship God!

HYMN “Take My Life and Let it Be”, vv. 1-4, 6

HENDON

1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to wander. Hear our confession, and meet us with your loving kindness that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Children of the light, because we belong to our Lord Jesus Christ, we need not fear- for he lived for us, he died for us, he was raised for us and prays for us. 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

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:14-30

Parable of the valuable coins

"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability. Then he left on his journey.

"After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, 'Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I've gained five more.'

"His master replied, 'Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.'

"The second servant also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I've gained two more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You've been faithful over a little. I'll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.'

"Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven't sown. You gather crops where you haven't spread seed. So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what's yours.'

"His master replied, 'You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven't sown and that I gather crops where I haven't spread seed? In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don't have much, even the little bit they have will be taken away from them. Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.'

SERMON "Ever, Only, All for Thee" 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, 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 "Open Hands" Mikayla Hatfield, vocals | Amy Bowman, piano

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

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 "I Will Follow"

Intro

Where You go I'll go
Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow

Verse 1

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight
High above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go I'll go | Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move | I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love | How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose | I will follow You

Verse 2

Light into the world
Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
In You alone

Repeat Chorus

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow

Repeat Chorus 2x

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