



# W E L C O M E

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 17, 2021

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



## WORSHIP LEADER

The Rev. Dr. Dan McCoig Jr.



## LITURGIST

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](https://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](mailto:info@fpcwinc.org).

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## OFFERING ENVELOPES

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

## WATTS

Dear Church Family – it is that time again to think about how we can serve Winchester Area Temporary Thermal Shelter (WATTS)—but it will look different this year. Our week to serve is January 23-30 at the former First United Methodist Church location in downtown Winchester. We will need volunteers, meals, and financial donations. A Sign-Up Genius link is available on our website, [fpcwinc.org/watts](https://fpcwinc.org/watts) and in our latest eNotice.

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

## PLEDGE CARDS

Friends in Christ: Thank you for your commitment to First Presbyterian Church and its ministry and mission, especially amidst the pandemic. Our stewardship campaign in the fall was 'Our Money Story: Jesus, Money, and Me'. Money and what we do with it is one measure of what matters to us. If you pledged toward our 2021 spending plan, thank you. Many did -- some kept their pledge at their 2020 level, some increased their pledge over their 2020 level, some pledged for the first time, and some have yet to pledge. It is never too late to pledge. You may do so using the "Ministry and Programming Support" card, which you can find <insert address> Simply complete the card and mail it to our business manager, Jennifer White, at First Presbyterian Church, 116, So. Loudoun St., Winchester, VA 22601. You may also pledge online at [fpcwinc.org/pledge](https://fpcwinc.org/pledge)

## HUG A HEALTHCARE WORKER!

Oh wait, it's COVID-19, we can't hug our heroes.... **But they need us right now!** Mission Council is collecting "Dear Hero" love notes, financial donations for care packages (designate "Nurse Care Packages"), and collecting baskets. 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

Second Sunday after the Epiphany • January 17, 2021 • 10:00 AM  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINCHESTER

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

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” Amy Bowman, piano

arr. Marilyn Ham

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and see the grace of God,

**All: Christ our teacher and our friend.**

Leader: Come and see the son of God,

**All: Christ our healer and salvation.**

Leader: God is moving in this place.

**All: Come and see! Come and see.**

**HYMN** “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

HERE I AM

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Go and live with the love of God. Amen.

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

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**CHILDREN’S MOMENT** Todd Bowman

**SONG** “Another in the Fire” Aikens Family with New Stone Ensemble

**SCRIPTURE** John 1:43-51 and 1 Samuel 3:1-20

The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, “Follow me.” Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph’s son, from Nazareth.” Nathanael responded, “Can anything from Nazareth be good?” Philip said, “Come and see.”

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, “Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”

Nathanael asked him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered, “Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.”

Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are God’s Son. You are the king of Israel.”

Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these! I assure you that you will see heaven open and God's angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One."

### **Samuel's Call**

Now the boy Samuel was serving the Lord under Eli. The Lord's word was rare at that time, and visions weren't widely known. One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the Lord's temple, where God's chest was.

The Lord called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said.

Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

"I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So he did.

Again the Lord called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

"I didn't call, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down."

(Now Samuel didn't yet know the Lord, and the Lord's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.)

A third time the Lord called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

Then Eli realized that it was the Lord who was calling the boy. So Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down where he'd been.

Then the Lord came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening."

The Lord said to Samuel, "I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle! On that day, I will bring to pass against Eli everything I said about his household—every last bit of it! I told him that I would punish his family forever because of the wrongdoing he knew about—how his sons were cursing God, but he wouldn't stop them. Because of that I swore about Eli's household that his family's wrongdoing will never be reconciled by sacrifice or by offering."

Samuel lay there until morning, then opened the doors of the Lord's house. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel, saying: "Samuel, my son!"

"I'm here," Samuel said.

"What did he say to you?" Eli asked. "Don't hide anything from me. May God deal harshly with you and worse still if you hide from me a single word from everything he said to you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him.

"He is the Lord," Eli said. "He will do as he pleases."

So Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him, not allowing any of his words to fail. All Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was trustworthy as the Lord's prophet.

**SERMON** "The Lord is Speaking, Are We Listening?"

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 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** "Jesus, Friend of Sinners" Phil Griffin and the New Stone Ensemble

Mark Hayes

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>]

## BENEDICTION

Go now as a light to the nations.  
Honor the Lord;  
tell others of what you know of the risen Christ,  
and fulfill all righteousness.  
And may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;  
May Christ Jesus bring forth justice for you and among you;  
And may the Holy Spirit alight on you  
and affirm you as God's beloved ones.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

POSTLUDE    "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Amy Bowman, piano

Mark Hayes

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**FROM WATTS**    There are three ways to volunteer on-site if you are comfortable going into the shelter:

1. Serving dinner from 5:30-8:30 pm each evening: This group stays in the kitchen, wearing masks and gloves and prepares disposable plates with the meal and places the prepared plates in the serving window. Volunteers in this group are not in contact with the guests. A few guests will eat at tables, but most will eat at their cots. They do not want to be near the volunteers for fear of contracting Covid-19. Thus far in the season, to our knowledge, no guests have had Covid-19. This group of volunteers picks up prepared food either at a restaurant or at FPC and then brings it to the shelter where they serve it. We need four volunteers in the kitchen each evening.
2. Registration and General Helpers: We need at least five volunteers to help with the check-in (registration) process, which is like intake/registration in previous years. Volunteers will wear masks and gloves. Guests entering the shelter will wear masks. No one is admitted unless they are wearing a mask. Intake/Registration is usually finished within 30-45 minutes.
3. Serving breakfast from 5:30-7:30. We need 2-3 volunteers to serve breakfast and make coffee. Many guests immediately have coffee and may take the grab and go breakfast and leave. All leave by 7am. Volunteers wear masks and gloves while preparing and serving breakfast.

Throughout all of this time in the shelter (7 am- 7pm) paid managers will be on-site to deal with guests directly. They are also doing mandatory COVID-19 surveys and temperature checks for everyone (volunteers and guests) upon entering the shelter. Please sign up via sign up genius or contact me if you feel you can help on-site this season.

If you are not comfortable serving this year, please send us recommendations of others who you think might be comfortable. We need all hands-on deck.

Thank you! Kathy Ganske [kathryn.ganske@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.ganske@gmail.com) 540-539-0553

- [WATTS Supplies 2021](#)
- [WATTS Guest Services 2021](#)
- [WATTS Meals 2021](#)

**NOTE: We will have a drive-thru WATTS collection for donations in the church parking lot on Saturday, January 16 from 2pm-3pm, and Thursday, January 21 from 4pm-5pm.**