



W E L C O M E

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 1, 2021

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



WORSHIP LEADER

The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas



LITURGIST

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. As we begin initial phases of re-gathering for indoor worship, we invite you to continue to worship with us at fpcwinc.org/virtual

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

If viewing this leaflet online, please download and open this document in your device's PDF program. Connect spiritually online at fpcwinc.org/virtual and our prayer community at fpcwinc.org/prayer

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Please see our recent eNotice for the current virtual faith formation groups over Zoom.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, WORSHIP

7:30 AM outside on the Sanctuary grass lawn with Holy Communion. Outdoor chairs can be provided or bring your own. | 9:00 AM parking lot service (please bring your own chairs) | 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary. You must preregister to attend this worship at fpcwinc.org/register

If weather is hospitable, the 7:30 AM and 9:00 AM worship services will be outside and no preregistering is required. However, you can preregister for these services in case of inclement weather.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

Are you having trouble connecting or accessing the church. . . whatever it is, we want to help! Please contact the church office either through e-mail [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.

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

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WE ARE RE-GATHERING

If you missed it, we sent out a special e-mail with details about an initial phase for re-gathering for indoor worship. Please contact the office if you need the e-mail to be resent to you. To worship in our upcoming indoor worship services in April, please preregister at fpcwinc.org/register.

USHERS NEEDED!

Will you help? Please consider being an usher or greeter. [Please sign up online at fpcwinc.org/usher](https://fpcwinc.org/usher). You can also express your interest in ushering or greeting by emailing Deb Carper dcarper@msn.com or Paige Lineweaver pblineweaver@comcast.net. Diane Jones from our Infectious Disease Task Force will be leading an in-person training on Tuesday, March 30th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you cannot attend the training, directions will be sent. Thank you for helping us welcome everyone back safely.

PORCH VISITS

Would you like a visit? We've had a lot to process over the past year and if you find yourself desiring some extra conversation and prayers, we are here to help. If you'd like a porch or drive way visit with Pastor Amanda, please feel free to email here at amanda@fpcwinc.org or call the church office and leave a message on her extension, dial 1-6.

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 AND INDOOR WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday • April 1, 2021 • 7:00 PM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WINCHESTER

In-person Worshippers Thank you for joining us for worship today. To ensure the safety for everyone present, please review below the following COVID-19 worship

protocols:

- Worshippers and worship leaders will be masked and distanced
 - Ushers will seat worshippers with proper distancing in mind
 - Worshippers may softly sing hymns with the song leader or leaders
 - Worshippers may softly speak responsive or unison prayers
 - Worshippers may “pass the peace” with a wave or an “air hug” or another appropriate gesture
 - Persons with COVID-19 symptoms or who have been in contact with a person with COVID-19 symptoms in the past two weeks are asked to remain home and worship virtually
 - Persons attending worship in Fellowship Hall are asked to enter and exit the space through the Fellowship Hall’s South Loudoun Street doors (walking mall)
 - Persons attending worship in the Sanctuary are asked to enter and exit the sanctuary through the South Loudoun Street blue doors (walking mall). ADA Accessible entry and exit located at the Fellowship Hall doors on South Loudoun Street (walking mall)
 - Following worship, please visit outdoors with your neighbors but please do so at least six feet apart
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GATHERING *The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as People of God*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “Were You There?”

Amy Bowman, piano

arr. Jan Sanborn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are Jesus’ disciples, following him even as he moves toward the cross.

All: Even as he wraps a towel around his waist. Even as he kneels to wash the filth from the feet of his friends.

Leader: We are Jesus’ disciples, longing to be faithful even as the night grows dark.

All: Even as betrayers loom. Even as the powers that oppose the way of Christ press in around us.

Leader: We are Jesus’ disciples, struggling to love others even as Jesus loved us.

All: We are Jesus’ disciples, gathered here to worship God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Merciful God, we confess that so often our discipleship has been weak ...
when we have failed to serve as Jesus served;

All: Forgive us.

Leader: When we have failed to love one another as Jesus loves us;

All: Forgive us.

Leader: When we have been happy to proclaim our devotion to Jesus with our lips
and then denied him by our actions;

All: Forgive us.

Leader: Merciful God, empower us by your Spirit to be steady and true to you in every time of trial;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *(based on John 12:47; 13:1)*

Leader: Jesus said: *"I came not to judge the world, but to save the world" and "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end"*

The good news therefore is this: In Jesus Christ, we are loved and we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN "What Wondrous Love is This?"

Jessica and Allie Swiger, vocals

WONDROUS LOVE

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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

SCRIPTURE *John 13:1-17, 31b-35*

Before the Festival of Passover, Jesus knew that his time had come to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them fully.

² Jesus and his disciples were sharing the evening meal. The devil had already provoked Judas, Simon Iscariot's son, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew the Father had given everything into his hands and that he had come from God and was returning to God. ⁴ So he got up from the table and took off his robes. Picking up a linen towel, he tied it around his waist. ⁵ Then he poured water into a washbasin and began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he was wearing. ⁶ When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand what I'm doing now, but you will understand later."

⁸ "No!" Peter said. "You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't have a place with me."

⁹ Simon Peter said, "Lord, not only my feet but also my hands and my head!"

¹⁰ Jesus responded, "Those who have bathed need only to have their feet washed, because they are completely clean. You disciples are clean, but not every one of you." ¹¹ He knew who would betray him. That's why he said, "Not every one of you is clean."

¹² After he washed the disciples' feet, he put on his robes and returned to his place at the table. He said to them, "Do you know what I've done for you? ¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you speak correctly, because I am. ¹⁴ If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you too must wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example: Just as I have done, you also must do. ¹⁶ I assure you, servants aren't greater than their master, nor are those who are sent greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷ Since you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

³¹ When Judas was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Human One has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify the Human One in himself and will glorify him immediately. ³³ Little children, I'm with you for a little while longer. You will look for me—but, just as I told the Jewish leaders, I also tell you now—'Where I'm going, you can't come.'

³⁴ "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. ³⁵ This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples, when you love each other."

SONG "Once And For All" Allie Swiger, piano and vocals

SERMON "What Wondrous Love is This?" The Rev. Amanda Maguire Thomas

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

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Virtual Worshippers: You may set up a communion station with bread and the cup in your home and commune as a family so that our congregation is communing with one another and with the Risen Lord.

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.

SONG "Ah, Holy Jesus" Amy Bowman, piano arr. Jan Sanborn

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of grace, we give you thanks for the feast of redemption we have shared in the body and blood of our Savior. As you have nourished us with love, let our lives proclaim your great love for the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

POSTLUDE "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" Amy Bowman, piano arr. Jan Sanborn

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