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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, we confess that we are prone to shifting from the sure foundation of Christ to the unstable sands of the world; we often build ourselves up with pretense and possessions that will not withstand the test of time, much less the spiritual test of your Spirit and your Word. Turn our eyes, we pray, from looking at vanities; turn our hearts to serve you alone. Forgive us, and turn away the disgrace that we dread; give us life in your ways, for truly your ordinances are good, and in the righteousness of Jesus Christ you give us all things needful for life. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

L: In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins, through the blood of Jesus, shed on the cross.

P: Though all the powers of sin and evil are too strong for us, Christ our strength has rescued us with godly power and righteous obedience.

L: Let the young rejoice and sing!

P: Let the aged celebrate and be glad!

L: In Christ Jesus, our saving Lord, we are forgiven, renewed, and restored!

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Into My Heart

CH 485

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Come in today, come in to stay. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
JuBELLation Handbell Choir

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

NT LESSON

John 5: 1-9

SERMON

What is the Real Question?

The Rev. Melissa Harmon

HYMN

My Jesus, I Love Thee (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

CH 79

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING

Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

PRAYERS

Prayer Concerns

Charlotte Dale

Nita Wimer

Martha Wilkerson

Stewart Sherwood

Linda Queen

Linda Lickliter

Dick Hippeard

D. W. Sensabaugh

Sue Gochenour

Shut-Ins

Charlotte Dale – Brightview Senior Living

Tim Clemmer – The Legacy

Jean Flower – The Legacy

Birthdays

23 Melissa Dice

Anniversaries

26 Linda & Jim Sargent

Serving Our Country

Scott Dice – Son of Melissa and Harry Dice

Nick Dubyk – Grandson of Betty and the late Willis Clemmer

Christopher Todd – Grandson of Ralph and the late Ruth Weller

Matthew Witcofsky – Son of Janet and Joe Witcofsky

QUICK REMINDER

Please call the Church Office (885-8159) if you or someone in your family goes into the hospital. This is the only sure way that we will know of your situation, so visits and other support can be given.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today May 22

10:30 AM Worship

NO Chancel Choir practice today

Greeters & Ushers: Chuck & Pat Blackley and Jerry & Linda Fry

Thursday May 19

NO JuBELLation Choir practices until fall

Next Sunday May 29

10:30 AM Worship

Chancel Choir practice immediately following worship

Greeters & Ushers: Jerry & Kayla Siford, Mary Rainey and Debbie Sedr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

We extend a special welcome to our guest minister, The Reverend Melissa Litrel Harmon. Melissa's hometown is Richmond, VA. She was pastor of the Parish of the Maples (three churches) from August 2008 until October 2015. Since leaving the parish, Melissa has been a member at large. Her current ministry is being available for churches when they need someone to fill the pulpit. Melissa lives in Staunton with her two wonderful daughters. She loves to create things and do crafts that range from stained glass to making embossed cards. It is a blessing to have Melissa with us today.

GREETERS & USHERS

The sign-up sheets for greeters and ushers for the last week of May and for the month of **June** are on the table in back of the sanctuary. Thanks so much for your help.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Donna Cook who married Brent Harman on March 24, 2022 in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

WRE INFORMATION

A few years ago, the Weekday Religious Education Program ceased being taught in Staunton schools. There are some people who are interested in bringing it back. If you would like to learn more, on the back table is information about the history of the Weekday Religious Education Program and a petition for reinstating the program in Staunton City Schools.

THE SESSION

Class of 2022

Mark Robertson
Nancy Swisher
Paul Wolfe

Class of 2023

Frank Brown
Mary Rainey
Debbie Sedr
Jerry Siford

Class of 2024

Amanda Harris
Jim McKenna
Rick Myrah
Sherrill Robinson

Evan R. Smith, Moderator

Nancy Swisher, Clerk

TRUSTEES

Class of 2021

Ralph Weller

Class of 2022

Dick Hippeard

Class of 2023

Betty Clemmer

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Moderator.....Mary Rainey
Vice-Moderator.....Pat Blackley
Secretary.....Talitha Hippeard
Treasurer.....Sue Gochenour

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Christian Education/Worship.....Mary Rainey & Jim McKenna
Membership & Outreach.....Debbie Sedr & Sherrill Robinson
Mission & Community Service.....Frank Brown & Amanda Harris
Stewardship and Finance.....Mark Robertson
Property..... Paul Wolfe & Rick Myrah
Personnel.....Pam Snyder

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....The Rev. Dr. Evan R. Smith
Secretary.....Kay Waitier
Music Director.....Pam Snyder
Organist.....Mary Jo Ramsey-Smith