

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
August 3, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation



Sermon based upon Luke 12:13-21 and Colossians 3:1-11

Our Mission

"Share God's love, embrace our neighbors, nurture each other."

*The Service for the Lord's Day
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday*

PRELUDE

There is a Green Hill Far Away

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

One: We are children of God, learning to walk.

All: Day by day, we are learning to be the church.

One: God is a loving parent, teaching us to walk.

All: God loves us, leads us, and feeds us.

*OPENING HYMN

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

GTG 716

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God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Eternal God,

**In whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our
offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires that with reverent and
humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.**

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

Kyrie

PH 572

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

We Are Forgiven

GTG 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

(repeat once)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading:

Liturgist

Colossians 3:1-11

(NT pg.201)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC

Were You There

Kat Walker, flautist

Second Reading:

Pastor

Luke 12:13-21

(NT pg.74)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor

The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)*

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees)

Let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]

Let us praise God together on our knees; (on our knees)

Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain].

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Liturgist

Call to Offering

Offertory

***The Doxology**

PH 592

***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-***

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor

Invitation to the Table

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power.

You made us in your image, setting us in your world to love and serve you and to live in peace with your whole creation.

From generation to generation, you have guided us, sending prophets to turn us from wayward paths into the way of righteousness.

Out of your great love for the world you sent your only Son among us to redeem us and to be the way to eternal life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor, and power and might, be to our God forever and ever!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. As one of us, he knew our joys and sorrows, and our struggles with temptation. He was like us in every way except sin.

In him we see what you created us to be. Though blameless, he suffered willingly for our sin. Though innocent, he accepted death for the guilt.

On the cross he offered himself, a perfect sacrifice, for the life of the world.

By his suffering and death, he freed us from sin and death. Risen from the grave, he leads us to the joy of new life.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit, unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Lead us, O God, in the way of Christ. Give us courage to take up our cross and, in full reliance upon your grace, to follow him. Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully, until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Serving of the Great Feast

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor

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.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands.
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone. Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress, helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

POSTLUDE

The Growing Season

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Welcome to our visitors today!

We are glad you are here and we hope you will join us for worship again. If you are interested in joining our church, there are three ways you may do so. They are letter of transfer from your church of previous membership, reaffirmation of faith if you have already been baptized; and baptism and affirmation of faith if you have not been baptized. If you are interested in joining, please ask our pastor, or one of our elders, for more details.

Need help hearing the service? Receivers connected to the sound system are available in the Narthex. Just ask an usher.

Please use the friendship register located in the pew to indicate your presence in worship. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please include your address, telephone number, and e-mail.

Let the children come to me: Children & Youth of all ages are welcomed and encouraged to actively participate in worship. For those desiring supportive materials, "sermon notes" for young children through older youth are available in the narthex. Clipboards and crayons are also available to take to your pew. Please return them to the narthex after the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome and thank Katherine Walker as our guest pianist this morning. You may have previously seen Kat playing handbells with the Sanctuary Ringers. Kat lives in Martinsville with her husband and daughter and enjoys working with the DaCapo music enrichment program.

Share the Parking Lot. In the coming weeks teachers and staff from Patrick Henry Elementary School will be using our parking lot. The school's parking lot will be undergoing extensive drainage issue repairs that will take several weeks to complete. Teachers and staff return on August 4th; open house on August 7th, and school begins August 12th so parents will be parked here as well on those days.

We are currently looking for music subs for our worship services until we are able to hire a new music director. If they only play piano that will be fine. If you have a suggestion of someone that might be interested, please contact Janet Fentress (276 618-0153) or Judy King (276 340-8101).

Steeple-Views will NOT be published the week of August 4th.

If you have timely announcements that need to go out contact the church office to see if an email blast is possible.

Steeple Views



August 31st will be a Music-Fest service. If anyone would like to provide special music for this service, please reach out to Pastor Bea, or Rita, and give them the details. Children and grandchildren are always welcomed to share their musical talents with us. Don't be shy, let your light shine!



Save the Date!!! The Food-Fun-Fellowship Committee invites you to a **Presbyterian Pool Party, Sunday, August 17th, 4-6:00 PM at Forest Park Country Club** (1821 Mulberry Road). This is a catered event and is open to all members from our four congregations. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside.

~Community Worship~

Light refreshments will be served following each service.

August 10th - Forest Hills at 11:00 AM (725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville)

September 14th - Grace at 11:00 AM (218 Fayette Street, Martinsville)

Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network** (applesauce 24-32 oz. OR 6 count, 4oz cups) (Other needs: toilet paper, deodorant, bath soap, toothpaste, feminine products, dish and laundry detergent) when you do your grocery shopping. Both agencies depend on us for assistance.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Cecil Robbins, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Angela Calaman Troxell (F. & F. Childress), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas devastated by severe weather.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 3

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Communion Sunday

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday, August 10

11:00 AM

Community Worship at Forest Hills (725 Beechnut Lane)

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 AM

Cooks Who Care

Saturday, August 16

8:00-9:30 AM

Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

Sunday, August 17

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

4-6:00 PM

Presbyterian Pool Party at Forest Park

Monday, August 18

1:00 PM

Session - Visioning

Sunday, August 24

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, August 23

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

Sunday, August 31

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
August 3	Cindy Edgerton	Joe and Jerri DeVault
August 10	no liturgist needed	Service at Forest Hills – no ushers
August 17	Sharon Kirby	Taylor Shank, Sandra Shank
August 24	Mark Linker	Ron Rebman, Judy King
August 31	Liz Ferrell	Bill and Suzan Kirby

If you cannot serve on the Sunday scheduled, please find a substitute.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.



Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM and CLOSED on Friday

If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.



Tell us your favorite hymn(s): _____

(tear off and submit during the offering)