

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
Martinsville, Virginia

*Second Sunday after Epiphany*  
January 18, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



I waited patiently for the Lord;  
He inclined to me and heard my cry.

Psalm 40:1

**Sermon based upon 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 and Psalm 40:1-11**

**Our Mission**

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

The Service for the Lord's Day  
*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

One: I waited patiently for the Lord;

**All: He inclined to me and heard my cry.**

One: He drew me up from a desolate pit, out of the miry bog,

**All: And set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

One: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**All: We worship and sing praises to our Lord!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

GTG 39

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Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain:*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning, new mercies I see.*

*All I have needed thy hand hath provided.*

*Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

God of Glory,

**You sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us from our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

*Silent prayers of confession may be offered.*

CONFESSATIONAL 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

*Psalms 40:1-11*

(OT pg. 513)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

*Spirit of the Living God*

GTG 288

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Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

***(repeat once)***

Second Reading:

Pastor

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

(NT pg. 165)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

***All: Thanks be to God.***

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.**

**We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*How Great Thou Art*

GTG 625

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Oh Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great  
thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul,  
my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, *[Refrain]*

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin! *[Refrain]*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!" *[Refrain]*

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.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Liturgist

Call to Offering

Offertory

\*The Doxology

GTG 606

**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

Liturgist

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

POSTLUDE

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

\*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

**The sympathy of the congregation** is extended to the family of Kathryn “Kitty” Campbell Tuggle Neil who passed on Tuesday, January 13th in Black Mountain, NC. Kitty was Minister of Music at FPC from 1969-1973 and Director of Adult Music from 1989-1995.

**The sympathy of the congregation** is extended to the family of Kathryn Judson who passed on Sunday, January 11th at King’s Grant in Martinsville, VA. The service will be private. The white rose at the lectern is in loving memory of Kate.

**The Session has called a congregational meeting TODAY** (1) to consider and approve incorporation of the church as a Virginia non-stock corporation, (2) to approve transfer of real property, investment assets and office leases in the Community Office Wing to the new corporation, (3) to request Presbytery’s approval of real property transfers, and (4) to approve Pastor Bea’s terms of call for 2026.



**Join us for a 2nd Cup.** Come enjoy coffee and refreshments in the fellowship hall after the worship service each week.

**The church office will be closed Monday, January 19th** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The WDS will be closed Monday and Tuesday.

**The next Session meeting is Monday, January 26th** at 4:00 PM in the session room.



**Join us at Forest Hills Presbyterian (725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville) on Sunday, February 1st at 11:00 AM** for a community worship service of gratitude and farewell as we celebrate the retirement of Pastor Cheryl Peebles and Forest Hills’ final worship service. A reception in the Fellowship Hall with sandwiches and other finger foods will follow the service.

**Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center** (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (Creamed Corn 15 oz.)** (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.



***Registration begins Sunday, January 25th***

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Kathryn Campbell Tuggle Neil, Family of Kathryn Judson, Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Liz Jackman (daughter of Nancy Davis), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller’s daughter), Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Cecil Robbins, Sandra Roberts (sister of Kat Walker), Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, , Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas devastated by severe weather.

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Friday – 9:30 – 2:00 PM**

**If pastoral care is needed, please call 276-734-8830**

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
<b>January 18</b>	Joe Williams	Joe and Jerri DeVault
<b>January 25</b>	Pearl Minter	Bob Wuestefeld, Barbara Duncan
<b>February 1 @ Forest Hills</b>	No liturgist needed	No ushers/greeters needed
<b>February 8</b>	Barbara Duncan	Randy and Martha Rollins
<b>February 15</b>	Cindy Edgerton	Billy and Sharon Kirby
<b>February 22</b>	Janet Fentress	Monty and Joan Montgomery

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

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### **Sunday, January 18**

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Congregational Meeting

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday –Friday Weekday School**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM School in Session

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch Buddies

### **Monday, January 19 Office Closed in Observance of MLK Jr. Day**

### **Sunday, January 25**

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, January 26**

4:00 PM

Session Meeting