

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
July 5, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon Romans 7:15-25a and Psalm 145:8-14

Our Mission

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

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

Promenade

Gordon Young

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,

All: And proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

One: Your steadfast love endures forever.

All: Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.

One: Happy are those who sing your praise

All: And extol your righteousness all the day.

*OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Gracious God,

Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFSSIONAL 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
Psalm 145:8-14 (OT pg.581)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC *Song of the Liberty Bell* Mark O'Connor
Virginia King, violin; Whitney Melton, piano

Second Reading: Pastor
Romans 7:15-25a (NT pg.157)

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.

Refrain:

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. [Refrain]

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. [Refrain]

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Liturgist

Call to Offering

Offertory

Le Banquet

Joseph Franck

***The Doxology**

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***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

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.

We give thanks to you, creating God, breath of all beings; the earth is yours and all that is in it, and all who dwell therein.

You founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the deep. You planted seeds in fertile ground to rise and sing your praise

Glory to you forever.

You formed us from the earth and planted goodness in our souls, that we might love like you. You called us to live your law of harmony and to long for your commands. Yet, when

our disordered cravings bowed down our spirit, you did not leave us low, but bent down to meet us and grow us up again.

Glory to you forever.

Therefore we lift our voices in thanksgiving, for you have wondrously made us. By water and your life-giving Spirit, you have more wondrously remade us to join the song of all creation and forever sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of all goodness and life, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks, O God, that you sowed your Word in Jesus, to grow your kingdom here on earth and draw us ever near.

Jesus planted mercy wherever he went, to reap a greater righteousness. He shared bread with outcasts and sinners and healed the brokenhearted.

Glory to you forever.

Remembering his dying and rising, we offer you this bread and wine, and ourselves in grateful service.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts and all your people here today. Breathe your Spirit over all creation that together we may cultivate peace in every corner of the world.

Then bring us to that blessed mountain where with the meek and pure in heart we will live forever in blessedness as we taste the fruits of heaven.

Glory to you forever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, by the inspiration of your Life-giving Spirit, we worship you, Creating God, in songs of endless praise. Blessed are you, 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.

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. [Refrain]

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. [Refrain]

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. [Refrain]

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Music: ©Melva Costen from *Glory to God the Presbyterian Hymnal*

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

Let us praise God 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)

POSTLUDE

Postlude in Early American Style

Lani Smith

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



Please join us for 2nd Cup in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service. Come enjoy coffee, refreshments, and fellowship. Today's 2nd Cup is hosted by Milt and Nancy Davis.

A Thank You ~ from Gale Buck. *"I would like to thank all for their prayers on my behalf over the past month. While recovering from surgery on my neck, I recently got knocked down by bronchitis morphing into pneumonia. There were times when I felt death would be an improvement, but I did feel your love and prayers. At this time the pneumonia is gone and I am actively trying to recover from both surgery and pneumonia. One more prayer and I believe I will get there. Again, my sincere thank you."*

~Community Worship~

Light refreshments will be served following each service.

July 12th - FPC Collinsville at 11:00 AM

(4500 King's Mountain Road, Collinsville)

August 9th - FPC Martinsville at 10:00 AM

(1901 Patrick Henry Avenue, Martinsville)



The Community Breakfast is Saturday, July 18th. Cooks arrive at 7 am, servers & others about 7:30. If you can help on Saturday, please contact Mary Linker at 919-548-2452 (text or call).

The next Session meeting is Monday, July 27th at 4:00 PM in the session room.

When you do your grocery shopping be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network** (Juice 40-64 Oz). Other needs: toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), dish and laundry detergent, toilet paper, deodorant, bath soap, and feminine products. Both agencies depend on us for assistance.



Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

CLOSED on Friday

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Debora “Debbie” Reutter Brown, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Gale Buck, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Michelle Handy (Pearl Minter’s daughter), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley). Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller’s daughter), Maggie Pilson, 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 5	Communion Sunday
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary ~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, July 8	
2:00 PM	Worship Meeting
Sunday, July 12	Community Worship at Collinsville PC
11:00 AM	Worship
Tuesday, July 14	
9:00 AM	Cooks Who Care
Saturday, July 18	
8:00-9:30 AM	Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)
Sunday, July 19	
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary ~Lemonade on the Lawn
Tuesday, July 21	
5:30 PM	Facilities Meeting
Sunday, July 26	
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary ~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall
Monday, July 27	
4:00 PM	Session Meeting

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
July 5	Martha Rollins	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard	Milt and Nancy Davis
July 12	***COMMUNITY	WORSHIP AT COLLINSVILLE PC	*****
July 19	Lynn Pritchett	Ron Rebman, Judy King	Lemonade on the Lawn
July 26	Randy Rollins	Bill Kirby and Suzan Kirby	Gale and Christy Buck

**If you cannot serve on the Sunday scheduled, please find a substitute.
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.**