

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon *Romans 8:26-39* and *Psalms 119:129-136*

Our Mission

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

The Service for the Lord's Day
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

As the Deer
Kristie Strange, guitarist/soloist

Martin Nystrom

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: The Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought,

People: The very Spirit intercedes with sighs and groans too deep for words.

Leader: We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.

**People: For those whom God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed
to the image of his Son.**

Leader: If God is for us, who is against us?

**People: I am 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.**

*OPENING HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
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Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever-present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Eternal God,

In whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, 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.

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. (x2)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading:

Liturgist

Psalm 119:129-136

(OT pg.569)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC

Build My Life

Pat Barrett

Kristie Strange, guitarist/soloist

Second Reading:

Pastor

Romans 8:26-39

(NT pg.158)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*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 power, 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.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

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Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command.
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!

Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.

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

Jesu, Priceless Treasure

arr. J.S. Bach

*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

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee, and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole, my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; may every act, word, thought be love.

O Love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire, or seek, but thee.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Seek Ye First

GTG 175

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***Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!***

POSTLUDE

Declaration

Fenton Groden

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

2¢'s a Meal Offering will be taken today. Your gift helps to alleviate hunger and poverty locally and around the world. Please use the provided envelopes. Thanks for your offering.



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 Gale and Christy Buck.

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

~Community Worship~

Light refreshments will be served following the service.

August 9th - FPC Martinsville at 10:00 AM

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 Stuart Pannill, Family of Isla King, Family of Bobby Davis (son of Milt Davis), Family of John Roger Monroe, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, 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, Ann Reaser, Susan Rosser, Danny Russell (Gavin Russell's father), 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.



Presbyterian Community Pool Party

Fun for ALL Ages!

Sunday, August 2

3:00-5:00 PM

**at Forest Park Country Club
1821 Mulberry Rd., Martinsville, VA**

**Open to congregations of
Grace, Collinsville, and Martinsville Presbyterian Churches**

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, freeze pops, and ice cream
will be available from the grill



Umbrellas and canopies available for those not swimming but who want to
enjoy the summer evening by the pool

**In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside and the
grill and ballroom spaces will be made available for use.**

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 26

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

2 Cents-a-Meal Offering

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 27

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Communion Sunday

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

3-5:00 PM

Presbyterian Community Pool Party

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
July 26	Randy Rollins	Bill Kirby and Suzan Kirby	Gale and Christy Buck
August 2	Taylor Shank	Joe and Jerri DeVault	Joe and Susan Smith
August 9	Joe Williams	Duke and Liz Ferrell	<i>Lemonade on the Lawn</i>
August 16	Gale Buck	Bob Wuestefeld, Barbara Duncan	Ione and Mary Linker
August 23	Barbara Duncan	Randy and Martha Rollins	Joe and Susan Smith
August 30	Janet Fentress	Billy and Sharon 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.