

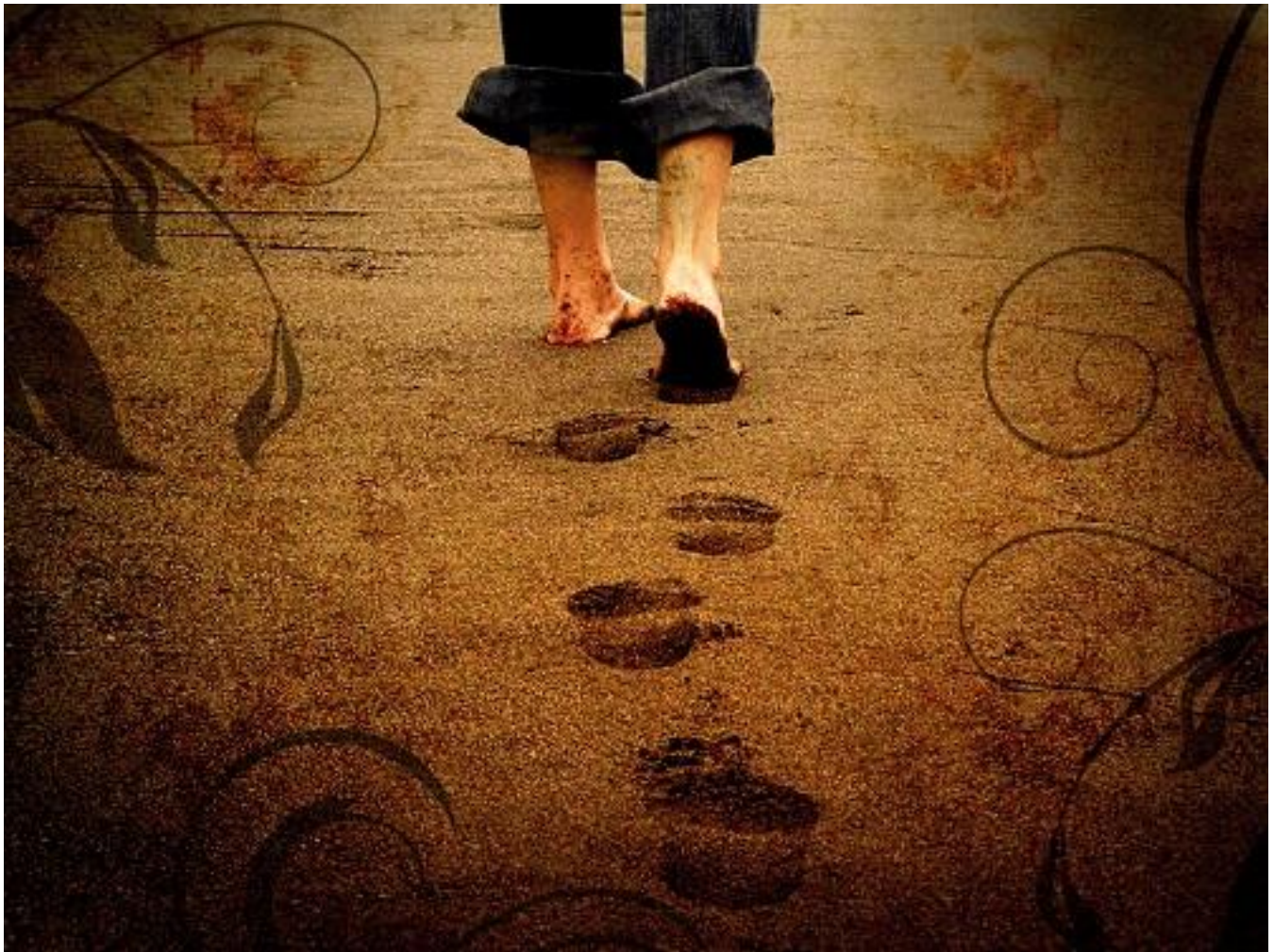
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon Matthew 10:24-39 and Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Our Mission

“Share God’s love, embrace our neighbors, nurture each other.”

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

I've Been in the Storm So Long

arr. D. Kidwell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

One: Give ear to my cry, O Comforter, and answer me,

All: For I am sorely in need of You.

One: Awaken new life in me, as I yearn to do your Will;

All: Dispel the ignorance of my ways, as I put my trust in You.

One: You are the Beloved; be gracious to me, Heart of my heart,

All: For with You would I walk all day.

One: My soul is uplifted, as I abandon myself into your hands.

All: For You are kind and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon You.

One: I give You thanks, O Beloved, with my whole being;

All: O, that I might radiate your Light forever!

*OPENING HYMN

I Need Thee Every Hour

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I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior— I come to thee!

I need thee every hour; stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior— I come to thee!

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises in me fulfill.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior— I come to thee!

I need thee every hour, Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior— I come to thee!

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 us to 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. (x2)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading:

Liturgist

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

(OT pg. 544)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

ANTHEM

Lead, Lead Me, Lord

arr. G. Martin

Chancel Choir

Second Reading:

Pastor

Matthew 10:24-39

(NT pg. 10)

24 "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; 25 it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

26 “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. 27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. 28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. 30 And even the hairs of your head are all counted. 31 So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

32 “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, 33 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

35 For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
36 and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

37 “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, 38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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.

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

Blessed Quietness

arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland

***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

***SENDING HYMN**

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

GTG 718

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Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would my disciple be;
 take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
 Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and let your foolish pride be still;
 the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave:
 it guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Lead Me, Lord

S.S. Wesley

POSTLUDE

Praeludium

Gordon Young

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 Lone and Mary Linker.

There will be no handbell or choir rehearsals this week as Whitney will be at the Montreat Music Conference. Rehearsals will resume Wednesday August 5th unless otherwise specified.

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 (GRITS)**. 3rd quarter food donation item is **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.

~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)



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

Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Gale Buck, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, 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, June 21

9:00 AM
10:00 AM

Sunday School
Worship in Sanctuary
~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 24

NO Handbell Rehearsal
NO Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 28

9:00 AM
10:00 AM

2-Cents a Meal Offering
Sunday School
Worship in Sanctuary
~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 5

9:00 AM
10:00 AM

Communion Sunday
Sunday School
Worship in Sanctuary
~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 12

11:00 AM

Community Worship at Collinsville PC
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
10:00 AM

Sunday School
Worship in Sanctuary
~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, July 26

9:00 AM
10:00 AM

Sunday School
Worship in Sanctuary
~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 27

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
June 21	Ron Rebman	Billy and Sharon Kirby	Ione and Mary Linker
June 28	Ione Linker	Monty and Joan Montgomery	Joe and Susan Smith
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	Janet Fentress, Judy King
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.