

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday
June 1, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation



Sermon based upon Acts 16:16-34 and John 17:20-26

Our Mission

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

*The Service for the Lord's Day
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Communion Sunday*

PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune on "Llanfair"* David Lasky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Liz Ferrell

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: Jesus prays for us:

**People: Just as you, Father, are in me and I in you,
so everyone might be one heart and mind with us.**

Leader: Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me.

People: The same glory that you gave me, I have given them.

Leader: Righteous Father, the world has never known you, but I have known you,
and these disciples know that you sent me on this mission.

**People: I have made your very being known to them, so that your love for me
might be in them exactly as I am in them.**

*OPENING HYMN *Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining* GTG 192
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Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness.
Shine on me; shine on me. *[Refrain]*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. *[Refrain]*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Almighty God,

In raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

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

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

People: 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

John 17:20-26

(NT pg.111)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

ANTHEM

The Lord Goes Up
Chancel Choir

Malcolm Archer

Second Reading:

Pastor

Acts 16:16-34

(NT pg.136)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*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.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Come with Joy

GTG 515

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I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven loved and free,
In awe and wonder to recall, His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share each proud division ends,
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known; we see and praise Him here,
We see and praise Him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world, we'll live and speak His praise,
We'll live and speak His praise.

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-***

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.

*SENDING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

GTG 187

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Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Lord, Let Us Depart in Peace

POSTLUDE

Gigue

Douglas Wagner

*Please stand as you are able

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



Congratulations to our graduates!

Hayden Cundiff	Martinsville High School
Gage Lawson	Magna Vista High School
Reid Lawson	Magna Vista High School
Gavin Luther	Martinsville High School, High Achiever Distinction (GPA 4.0 or higher)
Riley Wood	Carlisle; Plans: Baylor University, Major: Exercise Physiology
Kellene Wotring	Sweet Briar College, B.S. Environmental Science/Minor in Engineering
Briana Tatum	Virginia Tech, B.S. Business in Marketing Management

Congratulations to Cole Tatum! Magna Vista's Cole Tatum and Chandler Craig won Piedmont District boys tennis doubles championship in a third set tiebreak last week. The Warriors now move on to the region tournament. Cole, a rising senior, is the son of Kym and Neil Tatum and the grandson of Barbara Tatum.



All hands-on deck! We will have a church wide Clean-Up Day on Saturday, June 7th. We need any and all volunteers to help clean and spruce up before the Presbytery meeting. Work will begin at 8:00 AM. If you can't be there at eight, come when you can. Reach out to Johnny Pinkard with any questions (276-952-5826).



Our church is once again the host site for the Martinsville-Henry County After 3 Summer Camp sponsored by P&HCC. This program will run **Monday through Friday, 7:45 AM to 6:00 PM, June 9th-July 18th (no camp the week of June 30th- July 4th).** They will also be off site the week of June 23 to allow FPC to get ready to host the Presbytery meeting on June 26th. Middle school children will be using multiple areas of the building including the fellowship hall and kitchen. Please keep this in mind if you schedule meetings or activities.

~Community Worship~

Light refreshments will be served following each service.

June 8th - FPC Collinsville at 11:00 AM (4500 King's Mountain Road, Collinsville)

July 13th - FPC Martinsville at 10:00 AM (1901 Patrick Henry Avenue, Martinsville)

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

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

Through the Pentecost Offering, you can make an impact for young people. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained this church to make an impact in the lives of young people within our own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Pentecost Offering envelopes are available in the pews now through June 8th. Thank you for giving!

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Jerri DeVault, 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, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries. Areas and families affected by hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires.



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.**

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 1

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Communion

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesday, June 4

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

Saturday, June 7

8:00 AM

Clean-Up Day

Sunday, June 8

11:00 AM

Pentecost

Community Worship at Collinsville
(4500 King's Mountain Road)

Tuesday, June 10

9:00 AM

Cooks Who Care

Wednesday, June 11

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

Sunday, June 15

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Saturday, June 21

8:00-9:30 AM

Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

Sunday, June 22

9:00 AM

2 Cent-A Meal Offering

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, June 23

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

Thursday, June 26

9:00 AM

Peaks Presbytery Meeting

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
June 1	Martha Rollins	Ron Rebman, Judy King
June 8 @ Collinsville PC	No liturgist needed	No ushers/greeters needed
June 15	Randy Rollins	Bill and Suzan Kirby
June 22	Joe Williams	Randy and Martha Rollins
June 29	Taylor Shank	Monty Montgomery, Betty Hudson

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

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