

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



*Walk with integrity,
Be righteousness,
Speak with truth in your heart.*

Psalm 15:2

Sermon based upon Luke 10:38-42 and Psalm 15

Our Mission

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

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

PRELUDE

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

Wally Mayo

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: In Jesus Christ

People: All the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.

Leader: Through Jesus

People: God was reconciled to all things in heaven and on earth,

Leader: Even us,

People: That we may be holy and blameless before God.

Leader: With awe and gratitude,

People: We worship the Lord our God.

* OPENING HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

GTG 108

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Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega;
he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have been, and that
future years shall see evermore and evermore!

By his Word was all created; he commanded; it was done; heaven and earth and depths of
ocean, universe of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft shining, all that breathes
beneath the sun, evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race; and the babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred
face, evermore and evermore!

This is he whom seers in old time chanted of with one accord, whom the voices of the
prophets promised in their faithful word. Now he shines, the long expected. Let creation
praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heaven adore him. Angel hosts, his praises sing. Powers, dominions, bow
before him, and extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent;
every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father and, O Holy Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high
thanksgiving and unwearied praises be. Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore! Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Merciful God,

We confess that we have been distracted by many things and have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not paid attention to your Word. We have allowed the poor to be neglected and the weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and in our dealings with others. We have not responded — often not knowing how to respond — to injustice. Forgive us we pray, and teach us to live as your chosen.

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

Psalms 15

(OT pg.495)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC

Jesus Loves Me

Gene Clarke

Spencer Koger, pianist

Second Reading:

Pastor

Luke 10:38-42

(NT pg.72)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.

All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning; the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

GTG 543

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God be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move
my voice; God be the strength to now uphold me:
O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

Bind to myself the Name of Holy; great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:
O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning,
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of planet:
O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:
O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears who hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:
O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

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

*** SENDING HYMN**

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

GTG 314

(Christ, Be Our Light)

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Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many
despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. [Refrain]

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. [Refrain]

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are
cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. [Refrain]

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. [Refrain]

*** CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor

POSTLUDE

* 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

Last Sunday was absolutely perfect! Thank you!!! Thank you for making our space and time together beautiful. Thank you for the joy you brought to the room and on-line. Thank you for making wonderful food and arranging beautiful flowers. But mostly, thank you for being you!!! I am blessed to be among you and to be in ministry with you!!! ~Pastor Bea~

We are currently looking for music subs for our worship services until we are able to hire a new music director. If they only play piano that will be fine. If you have a suggestion of someone that might be interested, please contact Janet Fentress (276 618-0153) or Judy King (276 340-8101).

Steepleviews will NOT be published the weeks of July 28th and August 4th. If you have timely announcements that need to go out contact the church office to see if an email blast is possible.

~Community Worship~

Light refreshments will be served following each service.

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

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

Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (applesauce 24-32 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.



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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, 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, Cecil Robbins, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Angela Calaman Troxell (F. & F. Childress), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas devastated by severe weather.

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Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

Rita Bateman, Office Manager

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Spencer Koger, Director of Music

Peter Marshall, Worship Technology Coordinator

Weekday School

Niki Grogg, Director

The Session

Moderator, Rev. Dr. Bea Miller, Clerk, Liz Ferrell

Administration, Billy Kirby (2026)

Congregational Care and Fellowship, Susan Pilson (2026)

Facilities, Johnny Pinkard (2027)

Worship, Janet Fentress (2026)/Judy King, (2027)

Christian Education, Monica Stevens (2025)

Stewardship, Nancy Moore (2027)

Mission and Outreach, Ron Rebman (2025)

Think Tank, Ann V. Madonia (2026)

Treasurer, Henry Moore

Trustees

Moderator, Duke Ferrell (2027)

Joe Williams (2027), Bill Kirby (2025), Gale Legg (2025)

Sharon Kirby (2026), Dru Rothrock (2026)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 20

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday, July 27

Two Cent's a Meal Offering

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday, August 3

Communion Sunday

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Sunday, August 10

11:00 AM

Community Worship at Forest Hills
(725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville)

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 AM

Cooks Who Care

Saturday, August 16

8:00-9:30 AM

Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

Sunday, August 17

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, August 18

1:00 PM

Session - Visioning

Sunday, August 24

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, August 23

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

Sunday, August 31

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
July 20	Janet Fentress	Billy and Sharon Kirby
July 27	Duke Ferrell	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard
August 3	Cindy Edgerton	Joe and Jerri DeVault
August 10	no liturgist needed	Service at Forest Hills – no ushers
August 17	Sharon Kirby	Taylor Shank, Sandra Shank
August 24	Mark Linker	Ron Rebman, Judy King
August 31	Liz Ferrell	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.