

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon Acts 9:36-43 and Psalm 23

Our Mission

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

The Service for the Lord's Day
Fourth Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE *God Bless the Mothers* Donald Lee Moore

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Gale and Christy Buck

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

People: Glory to God forever. Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN *Morning Has Broken* GTG 664

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Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor

Holy God,

We confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways.

Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive ourselves and others, and guide our feet into the way of peace.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSIOAL 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 23

(OT pg.501)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

CHOIR ANTHEM

The Twenty-Third Psalm
Chancel Choir

Jay Taylor

Second Reading:

Pastor

Acts 9:36-43

(NT pg.128)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

For All the Faithful Women

GTG 324

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For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
To you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam who sang triumphantly
While Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;
For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,
Who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.

We sing of busy Martha who toiled with pot and pan
While Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.
We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb
And found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.
O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,
That, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

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 607

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**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

GTG 611

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Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go With God

POSTLUDE

Menuet Gothique

L. Boëllmann

*Please rise in body or in spirit

happy mother's day

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

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Lillian “Lil” Wall who died Wednesday, May 7, 2025 in Martinsville, VA. Lil was a faithful member of FPC since 1972. A graveside service was held in North Carolina. The white rose at the lectern is in loving memory of Lil.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor and in memory of all mothers by Spencer Koger.

Join us for Lemonade on the Lawn today following the worship service.

Cooks Who Care will meet **Tuesday, May 13th at 9:00 AM** for meal preparations. This month the cooks are Joan Montgomery and Ashby Pinkard. Please contact Ashby (276 952- 5827), Joan (276-252-6060) or Susan Pilson (276-340-7288) if you have any questions. Please come!

A Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 18th, immediately following worship, is for the purpose of issuing a Call to our Interim Pastor, Reverend, Dr. Bea Miller, to be the Installed Pastor. Terms of Call will be presented at this meeting. Please make plans to attend.

Also on May 18th, we will celebrate our Extended Table ministry during worship with a Potluck Lunch following worship and after the congregational meeting.

The Community Breakfast is Saturday, May 17th. There are no team leaders for this month therefore, please contact Judy King (276-340-8101, jpk1944@gmail.com) or Ron Rebman (540-842-4698, ronreb85@gmail.com) if you are available to cook, serve, or clean. Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM.

W E E K D A Y S C H O O L upcoming events: **Preschool Graduation, Thursday, May 15th** at 6:00 PM (last day of school)

REMINDER: Patrick Henry Elementary School will have **Field Day on Friday, May 16th** (rain date Monday, May 19th) and **Awards Day on Tuesday, May 20th**. Faculty and parents will be using the church parking lot both days so if you plan to come to the church parking may be limited.

~Summer 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.

Our church has had a long-time mission with the American Red Cross. The association began many years ago, with Doris Marshall (Gael Chaney and Peter Marshall's mom), taking the lead. Years later, Mrs. Marshall passed the baton to Nancy Baker, who has faithfully led the mission since that time. We thank Nancy for her years of dedication, finding volunteers for the local bloodmobiles! FPC provides assistance at the bloodmobile, held every third Thursday of the month at the Elks Club (next to the high school). Our job is to check in donors, then serve snacks as the donors prepare to leave. Currently, we need additional volunteers to replenish our group. The more groups we form, the less work for those involved. Please call Ashby Pinkard (276-952-5827) if you are interested. Every pint of blood collected can save up to three lives. Thank you for considering this worthwhile mission.

Handbell and Choir rehearsals are each Wednesday (unless otherwise noted on the calendar). If you are interested in joining, **handbells begin rehearsal at 5:30 PM** in the bell room and the **choir meets at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. New folks are always welcome! Talk with Spencer if you have any questions.

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.

OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday – 9:30 – 2:00 PM



****Summer office hours will begin Friday, May 23 (Memorial weekend)**

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

Family of Lil Wall, 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 11

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Monday –Friday

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Tuesday, May 13

9:00 AM

Wednesday, May 14

5:30 PM

6:30 PM

Thursday, May 15

6:00 PM

Saturday, May 17

8:00-9:30 AM

Sunday, May 18

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Monday, May 19

4:00 PM

Wednesday, May 21

5:30 PM

6:30 PM

Sunday, May 25

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Monday, May 26

Wednesday, May 28

5:30 PM

6:30 PM

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary & Lemonade on the Lawn

Weekday School

School in Session

Lunch Buddies

Cooks Who Care

Handbell Rehearsal ~ Bell Room

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

WDS Graduation in Fellowship Hall

Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary, Congregational Meeting and
Potluck Lunch Celebrating Extended Table Ministry

Session Meeting

Handbell Rehearsal ~ Bell Room

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

Office Closed for Memorial Day

Handbell Rehearsal ~ Bell Room

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
May 11	Lynn Pritchett	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard
May 18	Ron Rebman	Joe and Jerri DeVault
May 25	Martha Rollins	Taylor Shank, Sandra Shank
June 1	Janet Fentress	Ron Rebman, Judy King
June 8	Randy Rollins	Monty and Joan Montgomery
June 15	Gale Buck	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.**