

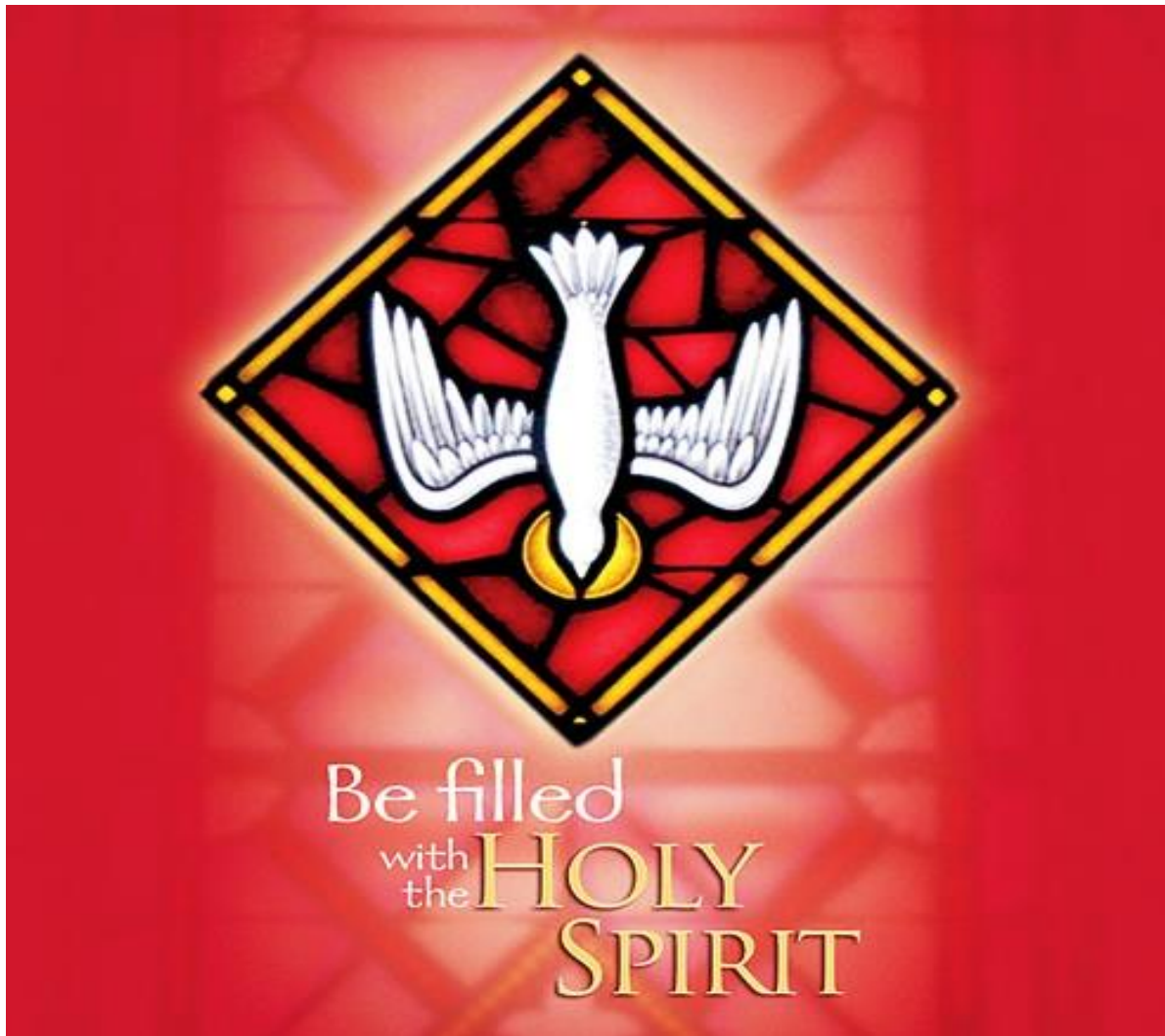
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Day of Pentecost
May 19, 2024

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:1-21

Our Mission

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

*The Service for the Lord's Day
Day of Pentecost*

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'Love Divine'* Callahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place and all of the many foreigners heard the witnesses speaking in their own tongue.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, witness to us also in our several languages.

Leader: Speak in the language of our need. Let us hear how our deepest hungers, desires, and aspirations can be fulfilled by your goodness and in your service.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that good news again.

Leader: Speak in the language of our fear. Let us hear how our worries about the future, and about each other, and about ourselves, can find rest in your providential care.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that encouraging news again.

Leader: Speak in the language of our gratitude. Let us hear how our honest thanks relate us, not only to those with whom we live, but also to you, the Lord and Giver of life.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that enlarging news again.

Leader: Speak to us in the language of hope. Let us hear how our yearning and our expectations are not just wishful thinking, but responses to your promise.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that good news again.

*OPENING HYMN *On Pentecost They Gathered* GTG#289

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On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples, to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire a-glowing inspired each person there.

The people all around them were startled and amazed
To understand their language, as Christ the Lord they praised.
What universal message, what great good news was here?
That Christ, once dead, is risen to vanquish all our fear.

God pours the Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, bestowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.

O Spirit, sent from heaven on that day long ago,
Rekindle faith among us in all life's ebb and flow.
O give us ears to listen and tongues a flame with praise,
So folk of every nation glad songs of joy shall raise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor

Almighty God,

You poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE PH#572

“Kyrie”

***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 *(Gloria Patri)* PH#579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Liturgist

Acts 2:1-21 (NT pg.119)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC Tonioli
It is Well with my Soul
Becky Smith

Second Reading: Pastor

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (OT pg.806)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, **responsively**

Pastor

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

People: The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

Leader: The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

People: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to Witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

People: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove

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Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise;
hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.

Dear Lord, and shall we ever live at this poor dying rate?
Our love so faint, so cold to thee, and thine to us so great!

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

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

Variation on "Waly, Waly"

Leavitt

***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-**

Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

***SENDING HYMN**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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Refrain:

Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters; you called to the deep;
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing,
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *[Refrain]*

You swept through the desert; you stung with the sand;
and you goaded your people with a law and a land.
When were confounded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *[Refrain]*

You sang in a stable; you cried from a hill;
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still.
And down in the city, you called once again when you blew
through your people on the rush of the wind. *[Refrain]*

You call from tomorrow; you break ancient schemes;
from the bondage of sorrow, the captives dream dreams.
Our women see visions; our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *[Refrain]*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor

POSTLUDE

Toccata

C. Uehlein

*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

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Betty Carol Lamm who died on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 in Martinsville, VA. Betty Carol's earthly life was 88 years and she was a faithful member of FPC since 1989. The white rose at the lectern is in loving memory of Betty Carol.

We welcome and thank Becky Smith as she substitutes for Spencer in his absence.



Congratulations to our 2024 graduates!



Sienna Chalise King, daughter of Shanna King and the late Rob King and granddaughter of Judy King, will graduate from Bassett High School and has already received an Associates in General Studies from Patrick & Henry. Sienna will attend the University of Virginia to pursue a Political Science/International Relations degree. She will be traveling to Guatemala this summer in her daddy's footsteps to work with an organization that provides education to indigenous students in their native language.

Caroline Wingate Kirby, daughter of Billy and Sharon Kirby and granddaughter of William and Suzan Kirby, will graduate from Magna Vista High School with distinction. Caroline is an honors graduate, a National Honor Society member, and also received an Associates in General Studies from Patrick & Henry. Caroline will attend the University of South Carolina to major in history. Her summer plans are to work and save money for college.

Ainsley Anna Jane Russell, daughter of Dr. Leanna Blevins and Gavin Russell, will graduate from Glenvar High School in Salem, VA where she was senior class president and a Young Life student leader. She was also named by her fellow classmates as the female Highlander of the Year. Her summer will be spent working with Lesley Owens at State Farm and also as a Young Life student leader and has accepted a Student Leader Fellowship at Roanoke College.

Join us for Lemonade on the Lawn following today's worship service and wish our graduates well.

The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 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 can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults

through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Look for additional information in Steeple Views. Pentecost Offering envelopes are available in the pews now through May 26th.

The Think Tank will meet **Monday, May 20th at 3:00 PM** in the session room.

The Session will meet **Monday, May 20th at 6:00 PM** in the session room.

The meals packaged at our Rise Against Hunger Experience have shipped and are headed to Madagascar, an island nation off the southeastern coast of Africa, and home to over 28 million people with an “alarming” level of hunger. The meals you packaged will help ensure that children have access to the consistent nourishment they need to live healthy lives and successfully pursue their education. In some cases, the food children receive at school will be the majority of the food they eat in a day. **Thank you again for volunteering your time.**

Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (Potato products (boxed mashed, scalloped)** (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.

Join us again this summer for

COMMUNITY

WORSHIP

June 9 - Grace Presbyterian @ 11 am
218 Fayette Street, Martinsville, VA

July 14 - First Presbyterian Martinsville @ 10 am
1901 Patrick Henry Avenue, Martinsville, VA

August 11 - Forest Hills Presbyterian @ 11 am
725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville, VA

September 8 - First Presbyterian Collinsville @ 11 am
4500 King's Mountain Road. Collinsville, VA

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Light refreshments will be served
following each service.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Betty Carol Lamm, Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn & Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Juanita Griffin (J & B Williams), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Barbara Tatum, Bruce Thomas, Nathan Toms (A. Madonia), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 19	Pentecost
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
Monday, May 20	
3:00 PM	Think Tank Meeting
6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday May 22	
5:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, May 26	2 Cents a Meal Offering
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
Monday, May 27	Memorial Day
	Office Closed
Wednesday May 29	
5:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
May 19	Ashby Pinkard	Ron Rebman, Nancy Baker
May 28	Lynn Pritchett	Neil Tatum, Monty Montgomery
June 2	Ron Rebman	Joe and Jerri DeVault
June 9 *worship is at	Grace Presbyterian	Neil Tatum, Betty Hudson
June 18	Joe Williams	Milt and Nancy Davis
June 23	Gale Buck	Monty and Joan Montgomery
June 30	Milt Davis	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.



Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday – Closed

If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.