

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Christ the King Sunday
November 23, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon Colossians 1:11-20 and Psalm 46

Our Mission

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

The Service for the Lord's Day
Christ the King Sunday

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

One: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

All: Christ will reign forever and ever.

One: The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

All: Christ will reign forever and ever.

One: God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

All: Christ will reign forever and ever.

One: God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

All: Christ will reign forever and ever.

One: The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord

All: Christ will reign forever and ever.

*OPENING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

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God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose.

We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege; we have lived in fear of death and loss; we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies.

Break our rebellious will.

Instruct our hearts in the ways of peace.

Expose our insincere thoughts.

Give us integrity in our quest for truth.

Release us from the fear of death.

Grant us courage in the face of evil.

Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord.

Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.

For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ.

We pray.

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

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

All: And also with you.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

We Are Forgiven

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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 46

(OT pg.517)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

CHOIR ANTHEM

With All My Heart
Chancel Choir

Joel Raney

Second Reading:

Colossians 1:11-20

Pastor

(NT pg.200)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindication his sinless life, and breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

Fairest Lord Jesus
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Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!

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**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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Come sing, O church in joy! Come join, O church in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing O church in joy! Come join O church in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed O'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Peace I Leave With You

David H. Williams

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWS THE SERVICE

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Organ music pre-recorded by Becky Smith

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

We welcome and thank Beth Chapman as our guest accompanist this morning.

2¢'s a Meal Offering will be taken today. Your gift helps to alleviate hunger and poverty locally and around the world. Please use the provided envelopes. Thanks for your donation.

There will be a Congregational Meeting today for the purpose of electing church officers for the Class of 2028. Elder nominees are Nancy Davis, Ione Linker, and Taylor Shank.



Join us today for a 2nd Cup. We had a great kickoff for 2nd Cup and we need to keep it going. Please consider turning the coffee pot on and making sure snacks are available. A sign-up sheet will be available during 2nd Cup.

The Session will meet Monday, November 24th at 4:00 PM in the session room.



The church office will be closed November 26-28 for Thanksgiving. The Weekday School will be on fall break November 24-28.

The Martinsville Handbell Ensemble will perform a Christmas concert **Saturday, December 6th at 4:00 PM** at the First United Methodist Church (146 East Main Street, Martinsville). Janet Fentress is a member of the ensemble. Still Water, Smith River Singers small group, will also perform.



Movie Matinee! Join us on Sunday, December 7th at 1:00 PM in the fellowship hall. "Christmas In Mistletoe" is a heartwarming Rom-Com featuring Pastor Bea's daughter, Kara, in her first major film role. And, yes, popcorn will be available.

Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers rehearsals are Wednesdays (unless otherwise noted) in the Music Workshop room. Join the **Sanctuary Ringers rehearsals at 5:30 PM**, and the **Chancel Choir for rehearsal 6:30 PM**. Reach out to our Interim Music Director, Craig Campeau, if you are interested in joining either, or both choirs.

Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (Pork & Beans 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

Family of John Mack Snow (Jerri DeVault's brother), Family of Hank Childress (Ford Childress' brother), Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Richard Komorowski (M&N Davis), Cecil Robbins, Sandra Roberts (sister of Kat Walker), Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, , 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.



Today I am thankful for....

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
November 23	Taylor Shank	Joe and Jerri DeVault
November 30 Musicfest	No liturgist needed	Bob Wuestefeld, Barbara Duncan
December 7	Joe DeVault	Duke and Liz Ferrell
December 14	Ron Rebman	Randy and Martha Rollins
December 21	Martha Rollins	Billy and Sharon Kirby
December 24 Christmas Eve	Sam Smith	TBD
December 28	Sam Smith	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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 23

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

2 Cents a Meal Offering

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 24

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

Tuesday, November 25

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday November 26

Office Closed ~ Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 27

Office Closed ~ Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 28

Office Closed ~ Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, November 30

1st Sunday of Advent/5th Sunday Musicfest

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, December 3

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 6

4:00 PM

MHE at First United Methodist (146 E. Main St.)

Sunday, December 7

Communion/2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

1:00 PM

Movie Matinee in Fellowship Hall "Christmas in Mistletoe"

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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