

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon Job 19:23-27a and Psalm 98

Our Mission

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

The Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Arr. Whitworth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Randy Rollins, Stewardship

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

One: God chose you as the first fruits of salvation, calling you to receive
the good news of Jesus Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God for such extravagant grace!**

*OPENING HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* GTG 475
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Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor

Almighty and Merciful God,

**We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we
ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are
penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And
grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the
glory of your holy name.**

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSIONAL 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

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 98

(OT pg.551)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

CHOIR ANTHEM

Take My Life, and Let it Be

F. Havergal / P. Landgrave

Chancel Choir

Second Reading:

Pastor

Job 19:23-27a

(OT pg.468)

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 God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

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.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and live 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.

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.

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!"**

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

When We Are Tested

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When we are tested and wrestle alone,
famished for bread when the world offers stone,
nourish us, God, by your word and your way,
food that sustains us by night and by day.

When in the desert we cry for relief,
pleading for paths marked by certain belief,
lift us to love you beyond sign and test,
trusting your presence, our only true rest.

When we are tempted to barter our souls,
trading the truth for the power to control,
teach us to worship and praise only you,
seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled and searched through the night,
sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,
Savior, surround us with circles of care,
angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

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

'Coro' from Water Music

G.F. Handel

***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**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Peace I Leave With You

David H. Williams

POSTLUDE

God of Our Fathers

Arr. Fred Bock

*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 accompanist this morning.

Today is Commitment Sunday when we offer our financial and discipleship gifts to God for the upcoming year. Join us for a Brunswick Stew, Chicken Chili lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the service.



Join us for a *Second Cup* beginning Sunday, November 16th. Come and enjoy coffee and refreshments after the worship service each week. If you would like to help, please reach out to Gale and Christy Buck.

The Community Breakfast is Saturday, November 15th with team leaders Billy and Sharon Kirby. Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Reach out to Sharon (276-806-9709) if you are available to cook, serve, or clean. ***Also, we are in need of team leaders for December. If you are available, reach out to Judy King.***



November 16th is Laity Sunday when members of our congregation have an opportunity to lead us in worship. Our members will be reading Scripture, offering prayers, making announcements and conducting all parts of the service. Reach out to Judy King or Janet Fentress if you would like to participate in any way.

The Raleigh Ringers will be in Martinsville at First Baptist Church (23 Starling Ave) on Sunday, November 16th at 3:00 PM. The Raleigh Ringers is an internationally acclaimed, Emmy-nominated, advanced community handbell choir that dazzles concert audiences. Watch for more details soon. Ticket information is available at <https://rr.org/event/martinsville-va/>



The next Session Meeting is Monday, November 24th at 4:00 PM in the session room.

The Weekday School will be using the kitchen and fellowship hall on Thursday, November 20th to prepare and serve a Thanksgiving feast to the children.

Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers rehearsals are Wednesdays 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 new 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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of John Mack Snow (Jerri DeVault's brother), Family of Hank Childress (Ford Childress' brother), Family of Doug Goldstein, 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.

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
November 9	Nancy Moore	Ron Rebman, Judy King
November 16	Susan Pilson	Bill and Suzan Kirby
November 23	Taylor Shank	Joe and Jerri DeVault
November 30	No liturgist needed	Bob Wuestefeld, Barbara Duncan
December 7	Lynn Pritchett	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 9	Commitment Sunday
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
	Brunswick Stew/Soup Luncheon following worship
Monday –Friday	Weekday School
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	School in Session
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch Buddies
Tuesday, November 11	
9:00 AM	Cooks Who Care
Wednesday November 12	
5:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 15	
8:00-9:30 AM	Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)
Sunday, November 16	Laity Sunday
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
3:00 PM	Raleigh Ringers at First Baptist Church
Monday, November 17	Thanksgiving Day
1:00 PM	WDS Board Meeting
Wednesday November 19	
9:00 AM	Garden Club in FH
5:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 20	
10:30 AM	Stewardship Meeting
11:00 AM	WDS Thanksgiving Feast in FH
Sunday, November 23	2 Cents a Meal Offering
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
Monday, November 24	
4:00 PM	Session Meeting
Wednesday November 26	
TBD	Handbell Rehearsal
TBD	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving Holiday
	Office Closed
Friday, November 28	Thanksgiving Holiday
	Office Closed
Sunday, November 30	1st Sunday of Advent
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary