

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 27

8:30 a.m. Early Worship
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Reception
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Tuesday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Presbytery of the Peaks Camp
4:00 p.m. Trustees

Wednesday, July 29

9:00 a.m. Presbytery of the Peaks Camp
5:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, July 30

9:00 a.m. Presbytery of the Peaks Camp

Friday, July 31

9:00 a.m. Presbytery of the Peaks Camp

Sunday, August 3

8:30 a.m. Early Worship
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Reception
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
12:00 p.m. Lemonade on the Lawn

Prayer Concerns

Carolyn Carr, Beth Ford, Leana Givens (friend of Christy Kropp), Jean Linker, Clara Hartley, Irene Inman (friend of Sanders family), Robert King (friend of John Brown), Christy Kropp, Doris Marshall, Charlie Miller, Barbara Regen, JoAnne Sanders, Harold Wells, Caitlin Younger (friend of Christy Kropp), our pastor-elect Mark Hinchcliff, and all our troops throughout the world.

The new e-mail address for the Steeple Views is fpctesteepleviews@gmail.com. The next issue will be combined for August and September; the deadline is August 4. The new e-mail address is also for items for the church web site, Facebook page, and the local paper.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue

Martinsville, Virginia

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2014



Our Mission

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

Early Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday, July 27, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG *Great is the Lord*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GREETING EACH OTHER

*SONG OF PRAISE *Step By Step*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?
Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

**People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old
life has gone; a new life has begun. Thanks be to God
for forgiveness in Christ.**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

SONG OF RESPONSE *As the Deer*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; John 16:16-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Words We Need to Say:* Jenny Spivey
"Goodbye"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

*STATEMENT OF FAITH (A Brief Statement of Faith)

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG *Here I Am Lord*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE *He Knows My Name*

WE GO TO BUILD GOD'S KINGDOM

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *I Come with Joy*

Welcome to the Early Worship Service as we gather informally
here in the chapel to celebrate the presence of God with songs,
prayers and messages. All are welcome.

Visitors please sign the register and a Visitor Card at the entrance
to the chapel. We are so glad to have you join us for this time of
fellowship and worship. If you would like to know more about our
church and its mission, please indicate on the visitor card.

Please join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall on the lower
level for coffee, juice and sweets. It is a time for fellowship for
our members and guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musical and vocal talent needed for the Praise Team! If you are interested please contact Virginia King at vrking@kimbanet.com or 276-732-1687.

Next Sunday, August 3, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. According to the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church USA "access to the Table is...a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance and love..." We are invited to confess sin and brokenness, seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal." (p.98) Let us prepare our hearts and minds this week to celebrate Communion next Sunday as a church family.

Next Sunday, August 3, the Rev. Mark Hinchcliff will be introduced to the congregation. He and the Rev. Steven Earl, Associate Presbyterian of the Presbytery of the Peaks, will conduct both services.

On Sunday, August 10, a congregational potluck lunch following the 11:00 service will be organized by the PNC to welcome Rev. Mark and Tracy Hinchcliff to FPC.

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Trustees

Ed Linker, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock, David Garland
Kent Williams, Anne Abercrombie

Other Committee Moderators

Trustees: Dru Rothrock Early Worship: Virginia King