

June 27, 2025



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

A Note of Gratitude and Farewell

Dear Church Family,

After much prayer and discernment, I have made the decision to conclude my time as Director of Music and Organist at First Presbyterian Church. My final Sunday will be July 27, 2025.

Serving this congregation over the past three and a half years has been one of the most meaningful chapters of my life. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to share in worship, celebration, and reflection through music with such a welcoming and faithful community. Each week, it has been my joy to contribute to our shared spiritual journey, and I carry with me many cherished memories.

To the members of the choir — thank you for your unwavering commitment, your patience, and your heart. Your willingness to give your time and talents has created a beautiful and lasting expression of faith, one that has inspired me each and every week. I will forever be grateful for the music we made together.

Though I am stepping away from this role, please know that I will continue to hold this church and its people close in prayer and affection. I look forward to seeing how your ministry continues to grow, and I remain thankful for all the moments we have shared.

With heartfelt appreciation,
Spencer Koger

Pastor's Corner
Rev Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

With appreciation for his 3 ½ years of service, we regretfully announce that Spencer Koger has resigned his position as Music Director effective July 27, 2025.

This Sunday, June 29th, is our second 5th Sunday Music-Fest. We are extending the focus of the day to include a tribute to Spencer who added so much to our worship and our music program. We will supply note cards to that you can write a note of gratitude and thanks to Spencer so that he can carry our love and best wishes with him. A basket to contain your notes to Spencer will be available as we enjoy Lemonade on the Lawn together. (Actually, it will probably be Lemonade in the narthex because of the heat.) It is our hope that during the month of July, you will take the time to speak to and visit with Spencer personally.

Spencer's ministry among us was a gift from God. We are grateful for the ways he shared his talents and encouraged others to share theirs.

May Peace be with us all,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for a Music-fest Service this Sunday at 10 am, the third Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgist: NO liturgist needed

Ushers/Greeters: Monty Montgomery, Betty Hudson

Lemonade on the lawn immediately following the worship service

Liturgist Schedule

July

6 Gale Buck
13 Joe DeVault
20 Barbara Duncan
27 Duke Ferrell

August

3 Cindy Edgerton
10 **no liturgist needed**
17 Sharon Kirby
24 Mary Linker
31 Liz Ferrell

September

7 Ione Linker
14 **no liturgist needed**
21 Billy Kirby
28 Pearl Minter

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 3pm
Friday CLOSED

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

Be Aware!

Protect yourself from scammers!

Watch for emails, texts or calls that might be fraudulent and do not trust communications (even if they sound legitimate) that ask for personal information, money or gift cards.

You will NEVER get an email from the church or your pastor asking you to purchase gift cards because we are busy or in a meeting.



Congregational Meeting - July 6th. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a nominating committee who shall recruit elder and trustee candidates for the Class of 2028. The meeting will immediately follow worship.

Community Worship:

July 13 FPC Martinsville

August 10 Forest Hills

September 14 Grace

Our church is once again the host site for the Martinsville-Henry County After 3 Summer Camp sponsored by P&HCC. This program will

run **Monday through Friday, 7:45 AM to 6:00 PM, June 9th-July 18th** (no camp the week of June 30th- July 4th). They will also be off site the week of June 23 to allow FPC to get ready to host the Presbytery meeting on June 26th. They will be using multiple areas of the building including the fellowship hall and kitchen. Please keep this in mind if you schedule meetings or activities.

Happy Birthday in June!

29 Caroline Kirby

And July!

2 William Seamon

4 Ben Pinkston

5 Paul Cannaday, Samuel Smith

8 Dyer Pace

12 Heidi Pinkston

15 Dick Pilson

17 Jerri DeVault

18 Ashby Pinkard, Duke Ferrell

20 Connor Wotring

21 Sienna King

23 Anne M. Lackey

26 Tom Martin

27 Laura Stevens

28 Madison Sanders



Congregational Care and Fellowship

If you are in need of a [prayer shawl](#), or know someone that could use one, please pick one up from the narthex and be sure to sign it out. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Susan Pilson**.

If you are in need of prayer, a meal, transportation, etc...due to a death in the family or the birth of a baby, please reach out to the Congregational Care and Fellowship committee by contacting **Susan** at [276 340-7288](tel:2763407288).

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, 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, Angela Calaman Troxell (F. & F. Childress), 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. forced to flee their countries.



Grace Network Donations

3rd quarter 2025 food donation item is Applesauce 24 - 32oz OR 6 count, 4oz cups



Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

ALSO in need of plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons (dozen size). These can be deposited in the bins inside the Narthex

Hygiene Items are always needed (optional)

- *Toilet Paper
- *Bath Soap
- *Dish Detergent
- *Feminine Products
- *Deodorant
- *Toothpaste
- *Laundry Detergent

**Items may be brought to the church or dropped off at Grace Network, Monday
- Friday, 9-2 PM*



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We reserve the right to edit all submissions. Sharon Kirby, Editor



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Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

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www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter

Useful Links

FPC website:

www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/ or www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/

FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

FPC Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA

Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

Presbyterian Church (USA): www.pcusa.org/

Daily Bible Readings: www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/

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Class of 2025

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Janet Fentress: Worship

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

Class of 2026

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

Class of 2027

Nancy Moore: Stewardship

Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship (co-chair)

TRUSTEES

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg
2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock
2027: Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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