

March 30, 2023



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

This morning after weekday school chapel, the 4-year-olds played a bell tune for me. Instead of B-I-N-G-O it was J-E-S-U-S. The concert was delightful. Working in a building full of children is a joy. Can you hear it? To the tune of B-I-N-G-O. J-E-S-U-S. J-E-S-U-S. J-E-S-U-S. And Jesus is our Savior.

Recently, at least to me, there seems to be a heaviness in the world, in our country. When things feel heavy, we look for moments that are light; moments that help us through all that feels heavy. J-E-S-U-S. Thank you weekday school. I needed that.

As Palm Sunday approaches, we remember the cries, "Hosanna to the Son of David." And in the heaviness of that day, as it progresses to the cleansing of the Temple, the children are still crying out, "Hosanna to the Son of David." A phrase that means, "Save us Jesus." Be our moment of light in a heavy world. J-E-S-U-S.

While waving palms,

Pastor Bea

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Please join us for worship Palm Sunday at 10:00 am

Sermon by Pastor Bea Miller

**based upon Matthew 21:1-11 and Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

**Liturgist:** Shanna Francisco-King

**Ushers/Greeters:** Billy and Sharon Kirby

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Just a reminder:

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

If you receive one of these messages, it will come from an email other than an official church email address or a phone number not in use by a church staff member. Simply report it to the church and delete. Do not respond. We are so sorry for the inconvenience these fraudulent activities (that have been happening for years to churches everywhere-not just here) continue to cause!



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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Thursday 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Friday 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**The safety of our congregation and community** are our highest priority. COVID-19 transmission rates are low in our area so you may wear a mask based on your personal preference, however, those who are not vaccinated should wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while anywhere inside the church and sanctuary. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19, should remain at home.

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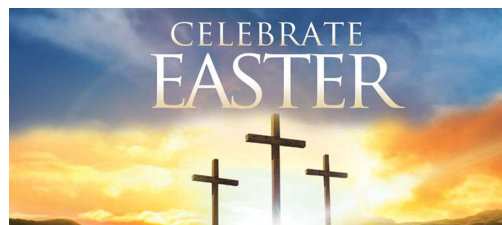
We now have three new listening devices for people who are hard-of-hearing. If you would like to use one during worship service, just ask an usher for assistance.



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**PW Circle Meeting** - Monday, April 3, 11am @ King's Grant. Lunch is \$11.

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**April 2** - Palm Sunday - Communion will be served

**April 5** - Practice for those helping with Maundy Thursday, 4pm.

**April 6** - Maundy Thursday - covered dish dinner in Fellowship Hall @ **6 p.m.** followed by Maundy Thursday service in sanctuary with Communion @ **7 p.m.**

## **April 9** -Easter Sunday with Communion

If you are able to help serve communion with any of these services, please contact Liz Ferrell at [lizdferrell@hotmail.com](mailto:lizdferrell@hotmail.com) or text to [276-734-6376](tel:276-734-6376)

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### **One Great Hour of Sharing**

offering will be collected on **Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday** to help with relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry and support for the poor and oppressed. Giving envelopes will be located in the pews. Checks should be written to the church.



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# back2school

This year, the City Cluster will be participating in Back2School at the Uptown Ministry Center located behind Rania's once again.

The registration dates and times will be:

July 15, 12-3pm

July 25, 6-8pm

The Big Event will be Saturday August 5.

More details to come.

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## **Liturgist Schedule**

### April

2 Shanna King \*\*Palm Sunday\*\*

9 Sam Smith \*\*Easter\*\*

16 Janet Fentress

23 Liz Ferrell

30 Cindy Edgerton

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## April birthdays



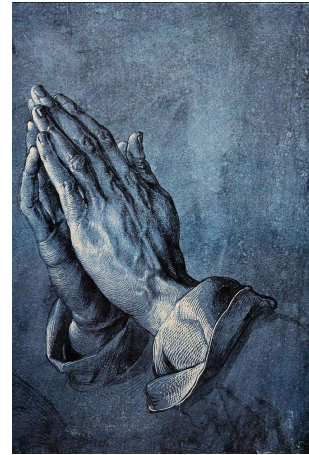
- 4 Max Pinkston
- 5 Kathryn Judson, Mark Hinchcliff
- 7 Bob Davis
- 14 Judy Garland
- 15 Briana Tatum
- 17 Barbara Tatum
- 20 Manly Boyd
- 22 Matthew Price
- 30 Lynn Pritchett, Will Kirby

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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Paul Salmons (M&N Davis), Ryan Bachelor (niece of N. Davis), Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Mike Boswell, Marilyn and Ernest Bremner, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Bud Buffkin, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Tommy Cobb, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Susan Rosser, Jane Rothrock, David Seamon, Beth Sibbick (N. Moore), Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, 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.



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## 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 Pearl Minter.

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 Pearl at [276 340-3476](tel:2763403476).

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## **Grace Network Donations**

**[The 1st quarter 2023 food donation item is Juice \(40-64 oz\).](#)**

**The 2nd quarter food donation is canned greens (turnips, collards, etc.).**

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

### **Hygiene Items are always needed** (optional)

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

*\*Items may be brought to church but please call the office to make sure Rita is there. Alternatively, you may drop off at Grace Network, Monday - Friday, 9-2 PM*



**Steeple Views Reminder**

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

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### Our Mission

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

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FPC website:

[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/)

FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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Neil Tatum: Facilities

Liz Ferrell: Worship

**Class of 2025**

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Sue Legg: Stewardship and Communication

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

**TRUSTEES**

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

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