

November 17, 2022



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Thank you to the dedicated hearts, minds and hands that planned, set-up, served, and cleaned for our fellowship meal on Sunday! It was a blessing to be able to gather around good food for conversation and connection. Thank you to those who made our time together a true blessing.

While I was away, we had a new addition to our pews. Did you notice? Along with several of our faithful blue hymnals, we now have a *Glory to God* hymnal in each pew. We plan to use both hymnals in worship. *Glory to God* is the most recent Presbyterian hymnal, published in 2013. It contains 853 hymns, psalms, and songs. About 400 hymns are carried over from the 1990 blue hymnal. There are more than 450 new hymns that come from older Presbyterian hymnals, other songbooks, and individual composers and authors.

Glory to God includes a complete Psalter of singable Psalms and enough music for a complete Taizé service*. There are liturgical texts to serve as a model for Reformed worship, and a brief note is included with each hymn, providing information about its music, theology, or history.

Glory to God reflects the diversity of the church, incorporating many different musical styles including a good representation of traditional hymns, spirituals, folk, gospel, jazz, contemporary, and global music.

When you get your bulletin on Sunday, you will notice that all three of our hymns can be found in both the blue hymnal and *Glory to God*, and that their tunes and texts are identical. Even though there is some overlap in the hymns found in the two books, we now have over 1,000 musical selections available for our use. We don't have to give up our old favorites, and we have the opportunity to discover new favorites in the richness that *Glory to God* will add to our worship. While you are waiting for the service to begin Sunday, take some time to look through both

hymnals and give thanks to God for the gift of music found there.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea

PS. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m. We will meet at the lamppost, where it is always winter and never Christmas. (More hints to come later.)

*Taizé (pronounced: tay-zay) is a prayerful form of music known for its simple, yet rich and meditative character. Taizé music often takes the structure of an ostinato (a simple melody that repeats over and over) and is meant to serve as a kind of musical centering prayer.

From the Music Minister

Greetings and Happy Holidays from the Music Minister,

Church family, it is once again that time of year when the hustle and bustle of the holidays is at our doorstep. To keep our lives calm and reflective during this time I extend an invitation to you all to come and listen to my weekly organ/piano meditation titled – '*An Afternoon of Merry Making*' – featuring Christmas works from all over the world.

During the Advent season the concert series begins on **Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 12:00-12:30 pm and will run weekly on Wednesdays at the same time until Wednesday, December 21, 2022.** However, there WILL NOT BE a concert on **Wednesday, December 14, 2022** as I will be out of the country in Germany. Please be advised that the concert series WILL NOT BE recorded or livestreamed due to copyright infringement. If you wish to attend, you will need to be in-person.

The concert will start promptly at 12:00 and the doors will be open starting at 11:30. The concerts are meant to be a time of peaceful reflection. You are invited to listen, pray, and contemplate the meaning of Christmas through the music provided. My only request is that you hold your applause until the end of each concert.

I am looking forward to seeing you all during the concert series. It brings me the greatest pleasure to be able to spend the holidays with each one of you through music. If you happen to miss any concert do not worry as there are plenty of scheduled musical presentations throughout the Advent and Christmas season.

Also, I wanted to provide an update on organ maintenance. We are still waiting for parts to ship and schedules to align. The organ is scheduled for a Winter Season tuning and we are looking to have everything complete by the Christmas Season.

Services are going well, and the organ is functioning for our scheduled services.

It is my hope that the music throughout the holiday season will bless you and add to your holiday enjoyment!

With Great Tidings of Joy,
Spencer



Please join us for worship this Last Sunday after **Pentecost** at 10:00 am

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

Based on Colossians 1:11-20 and Psalm 46

Liturgist: Sam Smith

Ushers/Greeters: Monty and Joan Montgomery

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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.



Community Breakfast Saturday, November 19

Volunteers are needed to cook and prepare from 7-8:30 a.m. and to serve and clean up from 8:30-10:00 a.m. Please contact **Joe or Jerri DeVault** (276 666-3024) if you can help.

The Church office will be closed November 24 & 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Liturgist Schedule

November

20 Sam Smith

27 Billy Kirby

December

4 Jack Kirby

11 Sharon Kirby

18 Joan Montgomery

24 Sam Smith

25 Sam Smith



As you may be aware, **Maggie Pilson** was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. She is having surgery on December 1, where her surgeon, Dr. Friedman, will attempt to remove as much of the tumor as possible.

Maggie and Martha have created a Caring Bridge page so everyone can follow

Maggie's journey. The internet link is: caringbridge.org/maggiepilson. "We deeply appreciate the love and support of our church family. We ask that everyone please keep Maggie and her medical care providers in your prayers. Maggie's strength is remarkable!"

Congratulations to **Mary Elizabeth Bazemore** and her husband **Tom**, on the birth of their daughter, **Virginia Elizabeth Bazemore**. Virginia was born October 5, 2022, in Savannah, Georgia.

Proud grandparents and aunt, Susan and Dick Pilson and Maggie Pilson.



Thank You Cards from the Stone Family

November 10, 2022

Dear Members and Staff of First Presbyterian,
 We want to thank each one of you for welcoming our family back to celebrate Tyler's life. It was special for us to be able to do so in the place where he was nurtured from his youngest years among dear friends.

Thank you to each of you who played some part in readjusting the church, the Fellowship Hall for the service. We appreciate those who assisted in any way by ushering, providing flowers, sewing, cleaning up & baking -

The people of First Presbyterian had a huge impact on Tyler's life and we are so grateful for that. It was a comfort to us to see so many of you who had touched his life and ours.

Gratefully,
 Bill & Cathy
 Will & Family

*Whether you reached out to us with loving words,
a special prayer, a note, a call, a visit, your
presence at the service for Tyler, or in any other manner,
please know you have touched our hearts. We will be
forever grateful for your love for him and
thoughtfulness of us.*

*Bill, Cathy, Will, Rebecca, Katie, Courtney, Natalie
and Ivey Stone*

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sue Benfield, Georgette Bishop, Mike Boswell, Catherine Bridges, Jim Brunt (N Davis' brother), Bud Buffkin, Tommy Cobb, Bobby Davis (Milt Davis' son), Neill Ferrill (Sandra Ford), Daniel Handy, Melanie Hardy, Marvin Hudson, Lindy Koger (Spencer's mother), Betty Carol Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Lauren Prince, Susan Rosser, Paul Salmons (M&N Davis), Virginia Seamon, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.



Please submit prayer requests to Rita in the church office, [\(276\) 632-3431](tel:2766323431), office@fpcmartinsvilleVA.org.

Congregational Care and Fellowship

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

Grace Network Donations

The 4th quarter 2022 food donation item is Jelly (28-32 oz).

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*



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

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FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

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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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