

November 3, 2022



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Dear First Presbyterian Family,

Thank you for bringing our All Saints-Wholeness service to life. I am grateful because it was your heartfelt participation that brought meaning to our liturgy and worship.

While liturgy means “the work of the people,” we also share in all that it means to be the church in our life together. As our stewardship season moves to completion, please remember the message from this past Sunday: we need to live fully as God’s church even as we name and claim our financial challenges. God has brought us to this time and place as we work together to dream, vision, budget, and plan. With God’s help, all will become clear. We are blessed to be a blessing to each other and to Martinsville.

I’ll see you on Commitment Sunday, November 13.

Peace be with you,
Bea

PS. Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 11 at 5:00 p.m. We will meet at the lamppost. (More hints to come later.)

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Please join us for worship All Saints Day at 10:00

Sermon by Rev. Dr. Dwight Christenbury
Based on John 15:12-17 and Psalm 133

Ushers/Greeters: Neil Tatum, Betty Hudson
Liturgist: Sienna King

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.

Commitment Sunday
November 13



Noah, the Aftermath of the Flood and the Rainbow
(Genesis 9:1-3, 16-17)

This story is another reminder of God's generous provision to humanity. God

provides for our basic needs and also establishes an everlasting covenant with us. Our response must be one of gratitude and generosity for this abundant provision. We can be inspired by the image of the rainbow and the reminder that God will provide for us, so we are called to respond generously to provide for the needs of others through stewardship. (*Presbyterian Foundation*)



The staff dressed up for Halloween and delivered treats to the preschool children.

Pastor Bea will be attending Women at the Wellspring in Cullman, AL, November 1-10. Monica Stevens will be on call for pastoral care.

Presbyterian Women meeting on Monday, November 7 at 11:00 a.m. at

King's Grant. Optional lunch is \$10. Please pay at the front desk.

Commitment Sunday is November 13 when we will offer our financial and discipleship gifts to God for the upcoming year.

Presbytery of the Peaks Meeting is Thursday, November 17 and will be a hybrid meeting; both on Zoom and in person at 2nd presbyterian in Roanoke.

Liturgist Schedule

November

6 Sienna King
13 Pearl Minter
20 Sam Smith
27 Billy Kirby

December

4 Jack Kirby
11 Sharon Kirby
18 Joan Montgomery
24 Sam Smith
25 Sam Smith

Devoted to Devotionals



Spiritual gifts abound at First Presbyterian. We are truly grateful to Monica and Denny for continuing to write weekly devotionals for Steeple Views. It is now time to form a team of writers, taking turns, providing a weekly devotion. If you would like to share your spiritual gifts as part of the team of writers, please contact Bea (rev.millerb@gmail.com, or [276-632-3431](tel:276-632-3431)). The team will gather occasionally to share resources and set a writing schedule. Please prayerfully consider joining the team.

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*



Steeple Views Reminder

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Steeple Views is published weekly on Thursdays. **DEADLINE** for submission of articles is Wednesday evening.

If you have information you want included in Steeple Views, **PLEASE SEND TO:** fpcsteepleviews@gmail.com. For time sensitive announcements, please sent to skirbycwj@gmail.com

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



For updates and announcements, please click on the link below or copy and paste into your web browser:

https://www.peakspresbytery.org/images/2020_Peaks_Postings/PP_Aug18_2020.pdf

Our Mission

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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Pamela Rakes: Stewardship and Communication

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Class of 2023

Billy Kirby: Administration

Class of 2024

Pearl Minter: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Neil Tatum: Facilities

Liz Ferrell: Worship

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2022: Joan Montgomery, Ashby Pritchett

2023: Sandra Ford, Joe DeVault

2024: Duke Ferrell, Milt Davis

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