November 6, 2025



Pastor's Corner Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

As we head into Dedication Sunday (11/9), we remember that everything, everything is a gift from God. We are only stewards for a short time. And like Zaccheaus, when we know in our bones that we belong to God, who knows our name and is present with us \sim our gratitude and joy overflow as we share from all we have been given.

This past Sunday, in the Stewardship Narrative, we heard how our grateful hearts reach out to each other and to our community. We are living as a beacon of love! We live with open hearts and open hands. We are God's people in this place, living into God's future for our church family! Thanks be to God!

May God continue to bless all the ways we seek to follow,

Pastor Bea

p.s.

And mark your calendar for Second Cup, immediately following worship on November 16. November 16 is also Laity Sunday.



Please join us for worship this twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost at 10 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based upon Job 19:23-27a and Psalm 98

Liturgist: Nancy Moore

Ushers/Greeters: Ron Rebman, Judy King

Liturgist Schedule

November

9 Nancy Moore 16 Susan Pilson 23 Taylor Shank 30 *no liturgist needed*

December

7 Lynn Pritchett 14 Ron Rebman 21 Martha Rollins 24 (Wednesday, Christmas Eve) Sam Smith – if needed 28 Sam Smith

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm Friday 9:30am - 2pm

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



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.





Commitment Sunday is November 9th when we offer our financial and discipleship gifts to God for the upcoming year. Join us for a Brunswick Stew luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the service.



The community breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, November 15. Leaders are **Sharon and Billy Kirby**. If you are able to help in any capacity, please contact Sharon at <u>276 806-9709</u> or by email

<u>skirbycwj@gmail.com</u>. Cooking begins at 7:00 am and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 am.

November 16th is Laity Sunday when members of our congregation have an opportunity to lead us in worship. Our members will be reading Scripture, offering prayers, making announcements and conducting all parts of the service. Reach out to Judy King or Janet Fentress if you would like to participate in any way.

Join us for a Second Cup beginning Sunday, November 16th. Come enjoy coffee and refreshments after the worship service each week. If you would like to get involved and help, please reach out to Gale and Christy Buck.

Weekday School

Hello Everyone!

I can't believe that is is November already! We had an excellent time last Friday which was Halloween! The kids dressed up, the classes had parties, and the kids went trick or treating upstairs with Vickie and me! They all left with enough treats and candy to make real trick or treating unnecessary!









Community Events



The Raleigh Ringers will be in Martinsville at First Baptist Church (23 Starling Ave) on Sunday, November 16th at 3:00 PM. The Raleigh Ringers is an internationally acclaimed, Emmy-nominated, advanced community handbell choir that dazzles concert audiences. Watch for more details soon. Ticket information is available at https://rr.org/event/martinsville-va/

Happy Birthday in November

- 2 Colton Sanders
- 3 Bill Hensley, Elizabeth Harris
- **5** Neil Tatum

- **6** Brooke Cundiff
- 8 Donna Lawhon
- 11 Ione Linker
- **15** Steven Minter
- **18** Donna King
- 21 Henry Grady III Moore
- 23 Sue Benfield
- 27 Joe DeVault, Leanna Blevins
- 28 Norah Cundiff

Congregational Care and Fellowship

If you are in need of a <u>prayer shawl</u>, 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 <u>276 340-7288</u>.

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of John Mack Snow (Jerri DeVault's brother),
Family of Hank Childress (Ford Childress' brother),
Family of Doug Goldstein, Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin,
Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday,
Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum),
Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid
Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning,
Jackie McLachlan, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's
daughter), Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Richard
Komorowski (M&N Davis), Cecil Robbins, Sandra Roberts
(sister of Kat Walker), Susan Rosser, Becky Stone



Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, , Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas

Grace Network Donations

4th quarter 2025 food donation item is Pork and Beans 15 oz



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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