

**December 15, 2019**



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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## ***Christmas Music Worship Service***

### ***Welcome Jesus Christ, the Light of the World***

Please join us this Sunday, December 15 for the 11:00 AM worship service. The Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers, along with flutist **Lynn Pritchett** and violinist **Virginia King**, will provide the music under the direction of **Cynthia Dobrinski**.

*\*Please note there is only one service this Sunday!*

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## ***Help is Needed!***

If you have not done so already, please stop by and pick up a Poinsettia for delivery to our congregation members. The Poinsettias, along with a list of recipients, can be found in the hallway outside of the Fellowship Hall.

A visit to someone who cannot get out this time of year is a gift not only them, but to you as well!

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## ***Advent Luncheons***

Please join us at **12 noon** on the following Tuesdays in December as we gather to reflect on the season of Christ's birth. A light lunch will be served at each location.

**Tuesday, December 17**

**First Baptist Church** (23 Starling Avenue, Martinsville)

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Please don't forget about the 4 week **Sunday School class** for the advent season- it starts this Sunday, **December 15!**

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Our community breakfast is **Saturday, December 21**. If you are available to help, please contact [Sharon Kirby](#) at 276 806-9709 or [skirbycwj@gmail.com](mailto:skirbycwj@gmail.com).

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### **What's Happening at FPC**

#### **Thursday, December 12**

**Praise Band, 7:00 PM**, Chapel

#### **Saturday, December 14**

**Martinsville Handbell Ensemble and Still Water, 7:00 PM**, Broad Street Christian Church

#### **Third Sunday of Advent, December 15**

*Unlock/Lockup:* Ed Pace/Rob King

#### **NO Early Service**

**Sunday School, 9:45 AM**, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room (Room 134, upper level)

**Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM**, Sanctuary

*Advent Wreath:* Cooks Who Care

*Ushers:* \*Monty Montgomery, Jerri DeVault, Joe DeVault

*Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary. Children's Worship is offered for age 4 through 2nd grade during the traditional worship service after the Time with Young Disciples.*

**One Service at 11:00 AM**

**The Service for the Lord's Day, December 15, 2019**

**Third Sunday of Advent (Ordinary Time)**

Meditation by Monica Stevens

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## More Happenings

### Tuesday, December 17

**Agape Ministry, 12:00 NOON**, Session Room

**Advent Luncheon, 12:00 NOON**, First Baptist Church

**\*\*The Christmas Open House\*\* originally scheduled for 6 - 8:30 PM** at the Home of Pastor Mark and Tracy has been **cancelled** due to the death of Tracy's mother.

### Wednesday, December 18

**Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM**, Choir Room. New singers welcome!

**Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM**, Handbell Room

### Thursday, December 19

**Praise Band, 7:00 PM**, Chapel

### Saturday, December 21

**Free Community Breakfast**, Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

**7:00 AM**, Volunteers begin preparing.

**8:00–9:30 AM**, Serving

Contact Paul Cannaday, [pcannaday@comcast.net](mailto:pcannaday@comcast.net), 252-8191, for more information.

### Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22

#### Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering

*Unlock/Lockup:* Johnny Pinkard/Monty Montgomery

**Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM**, Chapel

**Sunday School, 9:45 AM**, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult class, Session Room (Room 134, upper level)

**Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM**, Sanctuary

*Advent Wreath:* Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Ushers:* \*Denny Casey, Billy Kirby, Rob King

*Liturgist:* Nancy Moore



### Christmas Eve Service, Tuesday, December 24

**Church office closed**

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion, 6:00 PM**

*Advent Wreath:* Ushers

*Liturgist:* Peter Marshall



### Wednesday, December 25

## Christmas Day, Church Office closed

For a complete calendar of what's happening at FPC Martinsville, visit our website: [www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/calendar.cfm](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/calendar.cfm).

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### *Our Deepest Sympathy*

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Tracy Hinchcliff and family on the passing of her mother, **Lummie Morris** on December 9 in San Antonio, Texas. A private memorial service will be held on Tuesday, December 17 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio. Condolences only please.

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## Prayer Requests

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

Ken Ashley, Doc Altizer, Carl and Georgette Bishop, Jeffery Boyd (Drema), Marilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jason Brown (Nancy Brown's grandson), Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, David Chittum, Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Lyn Davis, Ron Ferrill (Sandra Ford), Daniel Handy, Rela Hankins (Drema), Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Anne Holland (sister of Pearl Minter), Betty Hudson, Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Anne Jordan Penn (B. Tatum), Anne Peterson, Don Richman, Walt Seamon, Wayne Simmons (Marge Dunn), C J Swinney (grandson of Deborah Blankenship; great-grandson of Pearl Minter), Brenda Williams, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.



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

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**December 14, 7:00 PM**

The **Martinsville Handbell Ensemble and Still Water** (Smith River Singers small ensemble) A Christmas concert will take place at Broad Street Christian Church (several members of our Sanctuary Ringers and Chancel Choir participate in this).

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### Up Coming Family Events



#### **Christmas Eve**

Due to the cancellation of La Posada, Pastor Mark is planning to organize an English version to be done in the sanctuary during the **Christmas Eve service**. Participants of all ages will be needed for this so please contact Sam Smith if you are interested. More details to follow.

Please contact Sam Smith at ([sfsmith@mail.roanoke.edu](mailto:sfsmith@mail.roanoke.edu) or 276-224-2811) if you are interested or need more information.

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#### ***Please remember***

##### **Corn Bread Mix for Grace Network**

Our assignment for Grace Network's food pantry for October, November and December, is **CORN BREAD MIX (i.e. Jiffy)**. Please include plastic grocery bags with your donation. Deodorant, toothpaste, bath soap, feminine products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet paper are also distributed to food pantry clients. Personal care and household items are also needed at the SSRC shelter (former Rainbow House/CAFV). Boxes for donations to both ministries are in the church hallways.

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

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

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

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

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