

December 11, 2016



# Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA



## "The Birth of Jesus Christ" Sunday, Dec. 11, 11:00 AM (No Early Service)



Please join us this **Sunday, Dec. 11, at 11:00 AM**, for a special worship service,

"The Birth of Jesus Christ," featuring music for Advent and Christmas presented by the Chancel Choir, Sanctuary Ringers, violinist Virginia King, and flutist Lynn Pritchett, under the direction of Cynthia Dobrinski. The service also will include scripture readings and a mediation by Pastor Mark. There will be no early service this Sunday, so our whole church family will be together. Fellowship time at 9:30 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:45 will take place as usual.

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## What's Happening This Week

### Thursday, December 8

**Disciple Bible Study, 6:00 PM**

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

### Saturday 10

**Sanctuary Ringers rehearsal, 9:00 AM**, Sanctuary

**Chancel Choir rehearsal, 10:00 AM**, Sanctuary

**Smith River Singer rehearsal, 1:00 PM**, Sanctuary

**Blue Christmas Service, 3:00 PM**, Smith Memorial United Methodist Church, 2703 Daniels Creek Road, Collinsville. A special service for those who are facing loss this holiday season, sponsored by New Century Hospice.

### Sunday 11

**Angel Tree Gifts Due.** Please put wrapped gifts with angel tags attached in the Session Room.

**Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM**, Fellowship Hall

**Sunday School, 9:45 AM**, Children 4 yrs-2nd

grade, Room 11-12 under the

Sanctuary; Adult Adult class, Session Room

**Confirmation Class, 9:45 AM**, Youth Room

**Christmas Music Worship Service, 11:00 AM**,

Sanctuary

Usher group #3: Monty Montgomery (Captain),

Buck Flythe, Milt Davis, Nancy Davis, Joan

Montgomery

*Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all*

*morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary. Children's Worship for age 4*

*through 2nd grade is provided during the Traditional Worship service after the*  
*Time with Young Disciples.*

**Called Session Meeting with Confirmands, 12:15 PM** (immediately  
following worship service), Session Room.

**Community Christmas Music Program, 3:00 PM**, M-HC Historical Society,  
Historic Henry County Courthouse. Church members are taking part.



**The Service for the Lord's Day, December 11, 2016**

***Third Sunday of Advent***

**"The Birth of Jesus Christ"**

**Music for Advent and Christmas**

Scripture Lessons

**Isaiah 40:3-5; Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 2:1-17; John 3:16**

Meditation by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

**"Excitedly Waiting, If Not Patient"**

Lectionary Readings for Sunday

**Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55**

**James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11**

Full text of lectionary readings:

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=3>

**Monday, December 12**

**G.P.S. on break until January 9, 2017**

**Smith River Singers rehearsal, 5:30 PM**, Sanctuary

**Smith River Singers Concert 7:00 PM**, Sanctuary.

Reception following the concert in the Fellowship Hall.



**Tuesday 13**

**Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM.** Please email information to Gael

Chaney, [steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org](mailto:steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org).

## Wednesday 14

**Steeple Views mailing, 4:00 PM**, copier room. Volunteers appreciated.

**Sanctuary Ringers on break until January 4**

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

## Thursday 15

**Agape Ministry, 6:00 PM**

**Disciple Bible Study, 6:00 PM**

**Praise Band on break until January 5**

## Saturday 17

**Free Community Breakfast**, Volunteers needed beginning at **7:00**

**AM**, serving **8:00–9:30 AM**, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen. Nancy Moore, [732-3400](tel:732-3400), [nbmoore@comcast.net](mailto:nbmoore@comcast.net) is in charge this month.

## Sunday 18

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

**Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM**, Fellowship Hall

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

**Confirmation Class, 9:45 AM**, Youth Room

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

Usher group #4: Monty Montgomery (Captain), Jerri & Joe DeVault, Lang Mauck, Bill Stone

Liturgist: Victoria Esarey

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

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### *Church members taking part*

**M-HC Historical Society**  
*cordially invites you to our*  
**Community Christmas**  
**Music Program**  
**Sunday, December 11, 3:00 PM**



**Enjoy the talents in our community, young and old**  
**Hear a special Christmas story by our favorite storyteller**

**Heritage Center & Museum**

**Historic Henry County Courthouse**

1 East Main Street, Martinsville

Admission Free

Handicap Accessible

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## ***Please Help!***

### **Poinsettia Deliveries**

There are still nine people who need poinsettias delivered. The Congregational Care Committee has them ready for our fellow members who are less able to get around or who are recently bereaved. Please pick up a poinsettia from the lower level hallway outside the Fellowship Hall, sign your name on the sheet, and deliver it. You will both give and receive a blessing!



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## ***Call to Action***

### **Free Community Breakfast Dec. 17**

Your help is needed on December 17 as we welcome our neighbors to our monthly breakfast. Volunteers are needed beginning at **7:00 AM** to cook, set up, serve, and clean up. We serve from **8:00 until 9:30 AM**. You are also welcome to just come and enjoy the breakfast and fellowship. One church member said she thought it was only for the "needy," but that is not true! Nancy Moore is in charge this month (732-3400, [nbmoore@comcast.net](mailto:nbmoore@comcast.net)). We are excited that we recently received a grant for the breakfast from Presbytery of the Peaks' 2-Cents-a-Meal Hunger Offering!

### **Facilities Workday after Breakfast**

Got a minute or an hour you can spare to help keep our beautiful building and grounds in good order? Join us after Community Breakfast, **Saturday, December 17**, for some fellowship and service—no experience necessary. Come and have some breakfast then join in the fun! We'll start at **9:30** and end around noon; lunch will be provided. Not sure what to bring? Don't worry, we'll have all the tools needed. Contact Denny Casey, (276) 224-3906, [d.a.casey@comcast.net](mailto:d.a.casey@comcast.net)

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## ***A Look Ahead***

### **Worship Services**

#### **Sunday, December 18, 8:30 AM**

Contemporary Worship, Chapel

#### **Sunday, December 18, 11:00 AM**

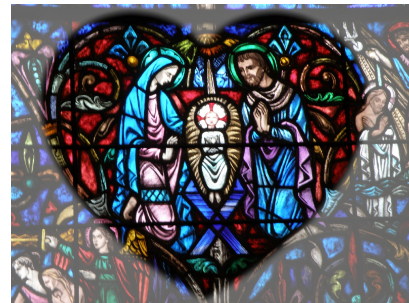
Traditional Worship: The Confirmation Class will be received into full membership.

#### **Saturday, December 24, 6:00 PM**

Christmas Eve Service with carols, scripture, and children's pageant, Sanctuary

#### **Sunday, December 25, 11:00 AM**

One worship service for Christmas Day, with Communion, Sanctuary; no separate children's worship—children are welcome to remain with their families for the whole service.



**Sunday, January 1, 11:00 AM**

One worship service for New Year's Day, with our usual first Sunday communion, Sanctuary

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### **Community Christmas Concerts**

#### **Smith River Singers**

**Monday, December 12, 7:00 PM**, Sanctuary. Choral music of the season, from Beethoven to doo-wop, familiar carols and John Rutter originals, presented by nearly 60 singers under the direction of Dr. Pamela Randall. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Admission is free; an offering will be collected to benefit the For Allison Foundation, which was set up by her parents in memory of Allison Parker, who grew up in our church, to provide opportunities for children to participate in the arts.



#### **Martinsville Handbell Ensemble "Sleigh Ride"**

**Sunday, December 18, 4:00 PM**, Broad Street Christian Church. Several of our Sanctuary Ringers will take part. Admission is free; an offering will be collected.

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### **It's a Boy!**



#### **New Baby!**

Congratulations to Hank and Elizabeth Moore on the birth of their son, Henry Grady Moore V, on December 5, in Raleigh, NC. Congratulations to grandparents Henry and Nancy Moore, great-grandmother Dee Moore Smith, and uncle Reed S. Moore.

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### **Holiday**

#### **No Steeple Views between Christmas and New Year's**

Please make your plans early and submit all information for *Steeple Views* by the end of the day **Tuesday, December 20**. There will be a combined issue covering the weeks after Christmas and New Year's Day.

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#### **Prayer Concerns**

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Walter Anderson, Sue Benfield, Deborah Brooks, Jim Brunt (Nancy Davis' brother), Ami Bryson Peck, Dot Bryson, Evelyn Clark, Ernie Cobb (Marge Dunn's brother in-law), Virginia Coley, Brennen Cox, Sandra B. Cox, Floyd Craig, Jim Ford, Daniel Handy (Pearl Minter's son in-law), Clara Hartley, Clyde Hill, Tracy Hinchcliff, Karl Kelly (Monica Steven's brother), Family of John McKissick, Ann King, Myrtis Lester, Ed Pace, Anne Peterson,



Langdon Plaster, Dr. Dan Prince, Diane Pruesner (Pastor Mark's Aunt), Louise Mauck Rawls, Barbara Regen, Laura Stevens, Lilian Turman, Martha and Joe Valentine, Sarah Wells, and all our troops throughout the world.

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

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

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<http://www.fpcmartinsvilleva.org/>

FPC online directory: <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>

FPC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA>

Presbytery of the Peaks: <http://www.peakspresbytery.org/>

Presbyterian Church (USA): <http://www.pcusa.org/>

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