

March 18, 2018



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Ministerial Association

Community Pre-Easter Service Sunday, March 18, 4:00 PM

Everyone is invited to the Martinsville-Henry County Ministerial Association's Pre-Easter service this Sunday at 4:00 PM. The service will be at Temple Refuge Ministries, 205 Clearview Drive. Father Nicholas Hull of Christ Episcopal Church will deliver the address, Pastor Alan Preston will officiate, and music will be provided by the Family Five Singers. This will be a time for Christians to come together across denominations and races to celebrate our one Lord.

Pre-Easter Service
sponsored by
Martinsville and Henry County
Ministerial Association
Sunday March 18th 4 p.m.
Temple Refuge Ministries
205 Clearview Dr., Martinsville, VA 24112
Pastor Alan Preston

Guest Speaker
Father Nicholas Hull
Guest Singers
Family Five

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What's Happening at FPC

Thursday, March 15

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Saturday, March 17

Free Community Breakfast, 7:00 AM, volunteers begin preparing; **8:00–9:30 AM**, serving, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen. Contact Sharon Kirby (skirbycwj@gmail.com, 806-9709) or Paul Cannaday (pcannaday@comcast.net, 252-8191) for more information.

Church Transformation Workshop, 9:30 AM–12:30 PM, Northside Presbyterian, 1017 Progress Street NW, Blacksburg, led by Rev. Jane Johnson, pastor at Grace Presbyterian, Martinsville. No pre-registration required!

Sunday, March 18

Unlock/Lock up: Johnny Pinkard/Milt Davis
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 class, Session Room (Room 134, upper level)
Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM, Choir Room, warm-up before service
Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary
Ushers: Monty Montgomery, Milt Davis, Nancy Davis, Joan Montgomery
Liturgist: Nancy Davis
Pre-Easter Service, 4:00 PM, Temple Refuge Ministries, 205 Clearview Dr.

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 11:00 service after the Time with Young Disciples.

The Service for the Lord's Day, March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 51:1-12; John 12:20-33

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Create In Me"

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34; (alternate) **Psalm 119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10**

Full text of lectionary readings

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/revised-common-lectionary/>

Committee Meetings

The congregational supper and committee night that was cancelled last Monday due to snow will NOT be rescheduled. Committee chairs should reschedule their own meetings at their committee's convenience.

Next Week at FPC

Monday, March 19

GPS, 3:00 PM, Music and Christian Education for grades K-8

Tuesday, March 20

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information to Gael Chaney, stepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org.

Wednesday, March 21

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, Handbell Room

Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room. New singers are welcome to join!

Thursday, March 22

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Palm Sunday, March 25

Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering, for hunger projects in our Presbytery and beyond
Unlock/Lock up: Neil Tatum/Rob King

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel
Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
Palm Sunday in the Park, 9:45 AM. Meet at the front of the church to walk together to Wilson Park for an ecumenical Palm Sunday celebration.



Sanctuary Ringers, 9:45 AM, Sanctuary, warm up to play prelude in 11:00 service
Chancel Choir, 10:30 AM, Choir Room, warm-up before service
Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary
Ushers: Monty Montgomery, Jeri DeVault, Joe DeVault, Bob Clark
Liturgist: Milt Davis

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

Last of series

Community Lenten Lunch and Devotion

Tuesday, March 20, 12:00 Noon

First United Methodist Church, 147 East Main Street, is hosting, with the devotional by Fr. Nick Hull of Christ Episcopal. Lunch will be soup and bread. Everyone is welcome!



Just around the corner



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 25

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel
Palm Sunday in the Park, 9:45 AM, Wilson Park (at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church across from park if inclement weather)
Traditional Service, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday Communion + Tenebrae Service, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary, communion by intinction

Good Friday, March 30

Good Friday Service, 6:00 PM, at Grace Presbyterian, 218 Fayette Street, led by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

Resurrection Sunday/Easter, April 1

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45 AM, at Lake Lanier, Root Trail

Easter Breakfast, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 10:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 AM, playground (indoors if inclement weather)

Easter Worship Service with Communion, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Deadline March 18

Order Easter Lilies

This Sunday is the deadline to order memorial/honorary Easter lilies to place in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Fill out a form and include your payment of \$8 per lily. You may take your lily home after the service.



One Great Hour of Sharing



Special Offering

Our congregation is participating in **One Great Hour of Sharing**, our special Easter offering. It is divided among these denominational mission agencies:

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)

— Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters

— Provides support for refugees

— Receives 32% of funds raised

PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)

— Takes action to alleviate hunger and systemic causes of poverty

— Promotes care for creation

— Funds Hunger Action Advocate, who administers 2 Cents a Meal

— Receives 36% of funds raised

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)

— Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice

— Educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues

— Receives 32% of funds raised

Envelopes are in the pew racks. Please give generously! (Make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church.")

VBS training

"Shipwrecked" "Funshop" Workshop Saturday, April 7, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM

This June, our church will again be transformed for VBS. A "funshop" workshop is scheduled for organizers and teachers to learn all about this year's program "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus." Contact Janet Fentress (638-3840, jpfentress@hotmail.com) for more information or [CLICK HERE](#).



Vacation Bible School June 23–27



Oakwood Cemetery

For Sale

Burial plots at Oakwood Cemetery owned by First Presbyterian Church, \$1500 each plus recording fee. Contact Henry Moore (732-3296, hgmoore3@gmail.com).

Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Sonny and Sue Benfield, Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Grant Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Bud Buffkin, Elaine Button, Smith Chaney, Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Janet Cox, Sandra Bryson Cox, Gary Francisco (Shanna King's father), Jean Hill, Jeannie Hinchie (D. Bryson), Shirley Marshall, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Bailey Osborne (B. Lawson), Ed Pace, Amy Bryson Peck, Anne Peterson, Barbara Regen, Betty and Gene Stanley, Jane Townsend, Sarah V. Wells, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), Devin and Thomas Woronowicz (B. Lawson), Elizabeth Wotring, persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.



Presbytery Prayer Focus

Briery Presbyterian Church, Keysville (Piedmont Neighborhood), founded 1775, membership 65

First Presbyterian Church, Danville, Founded 1826, membership 423

Coolwell Presbyterian Church, Amherst, Founded 1958, membership 22

Rev. Kathy Carpenter is the Pastor-Parish at Asbury United Methodist Church, Acting Campus Minister of UKirk, Virginia Tech, and Chair of the Missions Committee of Presbytery of the Peaks.

Please submit prayer requests to Rita in the church office (276-632-3431, office@fpcmartinsvilleva.org).

Thank You

Gifts to the Church
In Memory of James H. Ford
by William Moore

Please remember

Saltine Crackers for Grace Network



Our assignment for Grace Network's food pantry for January through March is **saltine crackers in the 16-ounce box**. Deodorant, toothpaste, bath soap, feminine products, dish detergent, laundry detergent, and toilet paper are also distributed to food pantry clients. These 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.

Our Mission

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

Printed copies of Steeple Views are available at church. Current and back issues are also on our website:

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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