

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
Martinsville, Virginia

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
April 27, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



**Sermon based upon Luke 24:13-49 and Psalm 150**

**Our Mission**

*"Share God's love, embrace our neighbors, nurture each other."*

The Service for the Lord's Day  
*Second Sunday of Easter*

PRELUDE

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

Brad Nix

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Celebrate God in this sacred space! Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

**People: Give praise for God's mighty deeds! Give praise for God's resurrecting power!**

Leader: Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets!

**People: Praise God with the harp and the cello!**

Leader: Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

**People: Praise God with flutes and guitars!**

Leader: Praise God with cymbals and drums!

**People: Let everything with life and breath praise God!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

GTG 248

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Christ is risen! Shout hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.

In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.

Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus, "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing hosanna, everyone!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

God of the empty tomb,

**When we are afraid to speak our faith in the world, forgive us and help us to find our voice.**

**When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive. When we are afraid to stand up to misguided authority, join with the weak to make us all strong. When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free. When our preconceived notions keep us from seeing and hearing you, open our eyes and ears, open our hearts that we may see and know you in all things.**

*Silent prayers of confession may be offered.*

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE	<i>Kyrie</i>	PH 572
	<b><i>Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.</i></b>	

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS	Pastor
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*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor
Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.	
<b><i>People: And also with you.</i></b>	

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE	<i>We Are Forgiven</i>	GTG 447
	<b><i>We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (repeat once)</i></b>	

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	Liturgist
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SCRIPTURE READINGS	
First Reading:	Liturgist
<i>Psalms 150</i>	(OT pg.583)

A STORY OF GRACE	Cindy Edgerton
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CHOIR ANTHEM	<i>O Holy City, Seen of John</i>	Roger Price
	Chancel Choir	

Second Reading:	Pastor
<i>Luke 24:13-49</i>	(NT pg.90)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

SERMON	Rev. Dr. Bea Miller
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Pastor
<b>Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.</b>	

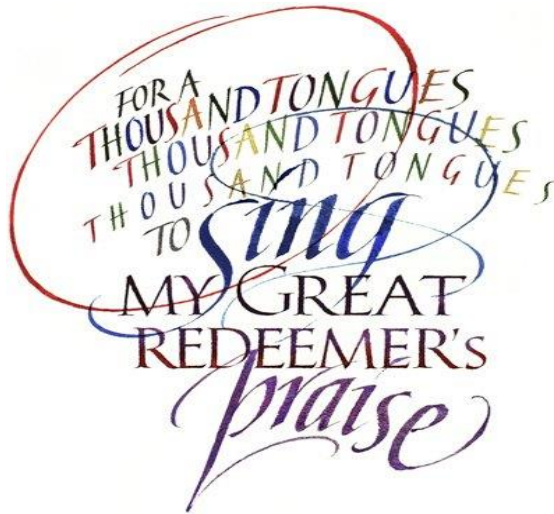
O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease;  
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;  
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS &amp; OURSELVES

Liturgist

Call to Offering

Offertory

**\*The Doxology**

GTG 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. ~Amen~**

Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

God be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move  
my voice; God be the strength to now uphold me:  
O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

Bind to myself the Name of Holy; great cloud of witnesses enfold;  
prophets, apostles, angels witness:  
O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning,  
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of planet:  
O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way,  
and from beneath, above, and all ways:  
O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears who hear my voice,  
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:  
O Christ surround me; O Christ surround me.

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

## BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Go With God*

## POSTLUDE

*Cathedral Fanfare*

Gordon Young

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

*Welcome to our visitors today!*

**We are glad you are here and we hope you will join us for worship again.** If you are interested in joining our church, there are three ways you may do so. They are letter of transfer from your church of previous membership, reaffirmation of faith if you have already been baptized; and baptism and affirmation of faith if you have not been baptized. If you are interested in joining, please ask our pastor, or one of our elders, for more details.

**Need help hearing the service?** Receivers connected to the sound system are available in the Narthex. Just ask an usher.

**Please use the friendship register located in the pew** to indicate your presence in worship. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please include your address, telephone number, and e-mail.

***Let the children come to me:*** Children & Youth of all ages are welcomed and encouraged to actively participate in worship. For those desiring supportive materials, “sermon notes” for young children through older youth are available in the narthex. Clipboards and crayons are also available to take to your pew. Please return them to the narthex after the service.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2¢'s a Meal Offering will be taken today.** Your gift helps to alleviate hunger and poverty locally and around the world. Please use the provided envelopes. Thanks for giving.

**The Weekday School has found a director!** Niki Grogg, who is currently a teacher with the WDS, will assume the role of director for the 2025-26 school year. Niki has been with the WDS since 2021. We are excited for Niki and wish her much success in her new role.

**The Session will meet Monday, April 28th** at 4:00 PM in the session room.

**Facilities Workday - Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 AM to Noon** (or anytime you can make it). In preparation for the Presbytery Meeting in June, we need your help cleaning, painting and doing other jobs inside and outside. All volunteers are welcomed and encouraged. Contact Johnny Pinkard (276-952-5826) for more details or if you have questions or suggestions.

**Session Visioning meeting is Monday, May 5th at 1:00 PM** in the session room. Bring your thinking caps.

**Weekday School** upcoming events:

**Art Show** - Thursday, May 8th at 6:00 PM

**Preschool Graduation** - Thursday, May 15 at 6:00 PM

**Patrick Henry Elementary School** will have **Field Day** on **Friday, May 16th** (rain date Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>) and **Awards Day** on **Tuesday, May 20th** and parents will be using the church parking lot those days. Please keep this in mind if you plan to come to the church during the day that parking may be limited.

**Handbell and Choir rehearsals are each Wednesday (unless otherwise noted on the calendar).** If you are interested in joining, **handbells begin rehearsal at 5:30 PM** in the session room and the **choir meets at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. New folks are always welcome! Talk with Spencer if you have any questions.

**Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center** (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (creamed corn 15 oz.)** (Other needs: toilet paper, deodorant, bath soap, toothpaste, feminine products, dish and laundry detergent) when you do your grocery shopping. Both agencies depend on us for assistance.

## **OFFICE HOURS\*\***

**Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM**

**Friday – 9:30 – 2:00 PM**



**\*\*Summer office hours will begin Friday, May 23 (Memorial weekend)**

**Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM and CLOSED on Friday**

**If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of John Bowles, Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Jerri DeVault, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Carl Utley, Lil Wall, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries. Areas and families affected by hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires.

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#### **Church Staff**

Interim Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

Rita Bateman, Office Manager

Vicky Blair, Bookkeeper

Spencer Koger, Director of Music

Peter Marshall, Worship Technology Coordinator

#### **Weekday School**

Carol Carter, Director

#### **The Session**

Moderator, Rev. Dr. Bea Miller      Clerk, Liz Ferrell

Administration, Billy Kirby (2026)

Congregational Care and Fellowship, Susan Pilson (2026)

Facilities, Johnny Pinkard (2027)

Worship, Janet Fentress (2026)/Judy King, (2027)

Christian Education, Monica Stevens (2025)

Stewardship, Nancy Moore (2027)

Mission and Outreach, Ron Rebman (2025)

Think Tank, Ann V. Madonia (2026)

**Treasurer**, Henry Moore

#### **Trustees**

Moderator, Duke Ferrell (2027)

Joe Williams (2027), Bill Kirby (2025), Gale Legg (2025)

Sharon Kirby (2026), Dru Rothrock (2026)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday, April 27</b>	<b>2 Cents a Meal Offering</b>
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
<b>Monday –Friday</b>	<b>Weekday School</b>
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	School in Session
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch Buddies
<b>Monday, April 28</b>	
4:00 PM	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday, April 30</b>	
5:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal ~ Session Room
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, May 3</b>	
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Facilities Workday
<b>Sunday, May 4</b>	<b>Communion</b>
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
<b>Monday, May 5</b>	
11:00 AM	PW Circle Meeting at King's Grant
1:00 PM	Session Visioning
<b>Wednesday, May 7</b>	
5:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal ~ Session Room
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, May 8</b>	
6:00 PM	WDS Art Show in Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday, May 11</b>	
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary & Lemonade on the Lawn
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b>	
9:00 AM	Cooks Who Care
<b>Wednesday, May 14</b>	
5:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal ~ Session Room
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, May 15</b>	
6:00 PM	WDS Graduation in Fellowship Hall

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
<b>April 27</b>	Ashby Pinkard	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan
<b>May 4</b>	Susan Pilson	Billy and Sharon Kirby
<b>May 11</b>	Lynn Pritchett	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard
<b>May 18</b>	Ron Rebman	Joe and Jerri DeVault
<b>May 25</b>	Martha Rollins	Taylor Shank, Sandra Shank

If you cannot serve on the Sunday scheduled, please find a substitute.  
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.