

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
August 2, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation



Sermon based upon *Isaiah 55:1-5* and *Psalms 145:8-9, 14-18*

Our Mission

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

*The Service for the Lord's Day
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday*

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE	<i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	arr. Marianne Kim
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor
MINUTE FOR MISSION		Taylor Shank
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Liturgist

One: Anyone who thirsts, come and drink!

**All: If you have no money but you are hungry,
come and receive wine and milk without a price tag.**

One: Why do you spend money on what does not nourish you?

All: Why do you work for what does not nurture you?

One: Listen, come and eat healthy food that will delight you.

All: Come and partake in the Spirit that will give you life.

One: Become a witness of God's free gift of grace to all people.

**All: They will come running to you because our Covenant God will raise you up,
transform you, and make you shine!**

*OPENING HYMN	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	GTG 39
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Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**responsively**)

Pastor

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made.
The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

One: The eyes of all look to you, God, and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**All: The Lord is just in all God's ways, and kind in all God's doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth.**

One: Our God is ever more ready to forgive than we are to confess.
God hears us with a loving ear, ready to heal any brokenness within us
or between us, and so we pray:

Eternal, God

**In whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our
offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and
humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.**

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE

Kyrie

PH 572

***Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.

All: *And also with you.*

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

We Are Forgiven

GTG 447

***We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
(repeat once)***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading:

Liturgist

Psalms 145:8-9, 14-18

(OT pg.581)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Preacher
Mac and James Baker

Horace Silver

Second Reading:

Pastor

Isaiah 55:1-5

(OT pg.685)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Break Thou the Bread of Life
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GTG 460

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for thee, O living Word!

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, now unto me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Liturgist

Call to Offering

Offertory

Irish Alleluia

*The Doxology

GTG 606

***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-***

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power.

You made us in your image, setting us in your world to love and serve you and to live in peace with your whole creation.

From generation to generation, you have guided us, sending prophets to turn us from wayward paths into the way of righteousness.

Out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son among us to redeem us and to be the way to eternal life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. As one of us, he knew our joys and sorrows, and our struggles with temptation. He was like us in every way except sin.

In him we see what you created us to be. Though blameless, he suffered willingly for our sin. Though innocent, he accepted death for the guilt.

On the cross he offered himself, a perfect sacrifice, for the life of the world.

By his suffering and death, he freed us from sin and death. Risen from the grave, he leads us to the joy of new life.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Lead us, O God, in the way of Christ. Give us courage to take up our cross and, in full reliance upon your grace, to follow him. Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Give us strength to serve you faithfully, until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Serving of the Great Feast

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.

*SENDING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

GTG 620

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Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to his people in distress;
praise him still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Stuart Pannill, Family of Isla King, Family of Bobby Davis (son of Milt Davis), Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Michelle Handy (Pearl Minter’s daughter), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Maggie Pilson, Ann Reaser, Susan Rosser, Danny Russell (Gavin Russell’s father), Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas devastated by severe weather.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please join us for **2nd Cup** in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service. Come enjoy coffee, refreshments, and fellowship. Today's 2nd Cup is hosted by Joe and Susan Smith.

Presbyterian Community Pool Party



TODAY ~ 2:30-5:00 PM

**at Forest Park Country Club
1821 Mulberry Rd., Martinsville, VA**

**Open to congregations of
Grace, Collinsville, and Martinsville Presbyterian Churches**

Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, drinks, and freeze pops
will be available from the grill from 4:00 to 5:00 PM

Umbrellas and canopies available for those not swimming
but want to enjoy the summer evening by the pool

***** The only requirement to swim and play is a swim test through the lifeguards. *****

In the case of inclement weather, we can still eat in the restaurant's 1st floor area. If it gets canceled due to rain/storms the rain date will be August 9th.

POOL PARTY ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Drive all the way to the very end of Mulberry Road to the cul-de-sac. The entrance to Forest Park Country Club is on the right. Proceed through the gate and continue straight until you reach a fork in the road— the pool will be on your left with the clubhouse up above. Take a slight left at the fork. Proceed past the clubhouse entrance and park in the parking lot ahead. We will have ushers to ensure everyone gets to the party comfortably and easily. Parking from here will lead to stairs to get down to the pool.

Church members seeking accessibility accommodations can be dropped off by the pool gate just after that slight left at entry. If they are driving, we can arrange a valet with one of our ushers.

All children wanting to play in the pool must complete a swim test upon entering the pool vicinity. Let a lifeguard know so we can get them set up and safe.

Food will be served around 4 PM. We will have food runners to make sure everyone is accommodated comfortably.

In the case of inclement weather, we can still eat in the restaurant's 1st floor area.

~Community Worship~

Light refreshments will be served following the service.

August 9th - FPC Martinsville at 10:00 AM



The Community Breakfast is Saturday, August 15th. Cooks arrive at 7 am, servers & others about 7:30. If you can help on Saturday, please contact Mary Linker at 919-548-2452 (text or call).

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, August 16th for the purpose of electing a nominating committee who shall recruit elder candidates for the Class of 2029.

Day of Service and Learning Registration ~ The Coordinating Cabinet is inviting you to a Day of Service and Learning: **Saturday, August 22, 2026, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM** at Forest Presbyterian Church, 1226 Two Church Lane, Forest, VA. Beloved Community is furthered by gathering together in fellowship, equipping the Saints through learning opportunities provided, and expanding the Kingdom through joint missional work to help alleviate hunger in the Presbytery and beyond.

When you do your grocery shopping be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (*various household items and toiletries*) and **Grace Network** (*Juice 40-64 Oz*). Other needs: toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), dish and laundry detergent, toilet paper, deodorant, bath soap, and feminine products. Both agencies depend on us for assistance.



Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

CLOSED on Friday

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

2:30-5:00 PM

Sunday, August 9

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 AM

Wednesday, August 12

2:00 PM

Saturday, August 15

8:00-9:30 AM

Sunday, August 16

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Monday, August 17

12:00 PM

Sunday, August 23

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Monday, August 24

4:00 PM

Sunday, August 30

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Communion Sunday

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Presbyterian Community Pool Party

Sunday School

Community Worship in Sanctuary

~Lemonade on the Lawn

Cooks Who Care

Worship Committee Meeting

Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

~Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Visioning Meeting

2-Cents a Meal Offering

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Session Meeting

Fifth Sunday Musicfest

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
August 2	Taylor Shank	Joe and Jerri DeVault	Joe and Susan Smith
August 9	Joe Williams	Duke and Liz Ferrell	<i>Lemonade on the Lawn</i>
August 16	Gale Buck	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan	Ione and Mary Linker
August 23	Barbara Duncan	Randy and Martha Rollins	Joe and Susan Smith
August 30	Janet Fentress	Billy and Sharon Kirby	Gale and Christy Buck
September 6	Cindy Edgerton	Monty and Joan Montgomery	TBD
September 13	Duke Ferrell	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard	TBD
September 20	Liz Ferrell	Ron Rebman, Judy King	TBD
September 27	Billy Kirby	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan	TBD

If you cannot serve on the Sunday scheduled, please find a substitute.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.