

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
Martinsville, Virginia

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
August 31, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



**Fifth Sunday Musicfest**

**Our Mission**

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

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

\*GATHERING HYMN

*Here in This Place*

GTG 401

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Here in this place new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now,  
and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung, throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters; call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in' all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

PRELUDE

*Barcarolle*

Lynn Pritchett, flautist

Virginia King, violinist

Marion Miller, piano accompanist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise God in his mighty firmament!**

One: Praise God for his mighty deeds; praise God according to his  
surpassing greatness!

**All: Praise God with trumpet sound;**

One: Praise God with tambourine and dance;

**All: Praise God with strings and pipe!**

One: Praise God with clanging cymbals!

**All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

\*Please rise in body or in spirit

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

**Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.**

We confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offences, 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.*

## CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE

*Kyrie*

PH 572

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

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

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news!

**Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.**

Believe this good news and give thanks:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

## \*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)***

## SPECIAL MUSIC

Today we welcome members of the **Roanoke Baroque**. The selection they will play is titled 'La Folia' by Antonio Vivaldi. We will also hear about their organization and the instruments they are playing.

Violinist Rick Dolan and Carly Sturm will be joined by Thomas Walker playing the Theorbo, a lute type instrument with a very long neck. The Theorbo has 12 strings, 4 are bass range strings.

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)*

GTG 69

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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest\* sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.*

*I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *[Refrain]*

## INTERIM MUSIC PROGRAM

### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

### *We Are One in the Spirit*

GTG 300

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We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

#### *Chorus*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (chorus)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride: (chorus)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (chorus)

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Pastor

#### Call to Offering (**responsively**)

All that we seek to accomplish, all that we strive to achieve,  
all that we claim to possess – all of this amounts to nothing without the grace of Christ.

**We offer our lives to the Lord.**

Offertory

*It Is Well*

Philip P. Bliss, Arr. James M. Stevens

Virginia King, violinist

Marion Miller, piano accompanist

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor

God of compassion, we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding, and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ.

**We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life.**

By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service.

**Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. -Amen-**

**\*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-**

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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Amazing Grace*

GTG 649

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Barbara Duncan, guitar

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

BENEDICTION

Pastor

Because God cares for us,

**We will care for each other.**

Because we are part of God's creation,

**We will care for the earth.**

Because we are loved by God,

**We will share God's love with everyone.**

May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **-Amen-**

POSTLUDE

*May God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

GTG 542

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God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

*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

**We welcome and thank Marion Miller** as our guest pianist this morning.

**We also welcome and thank members of *Roanoke Baroque*** for joining us today.



**The church office will be closed Monday, September 1st** in observance of Labor Day.



**The Weekday School will be back in session beginning Tuesday, September 2nd** under the direction of Niki Grogg. We currently have 36 children enrolled. Please watch for children having fun!

**Share the Parking Lot.** Teachers and staff from Patrick Henry Elementary School are using our parking as the school's parking lot is undergoing extensive drainage issue repairs that will take several weeks to complete.



**Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers rehearsals will commence Wednesday, September 3rd in the Music Workshop room.** Anyone with some ability to read music, and who can ring a couple of bells is encouraged to join the **Sanctuary Ringers rehearsals at 5:30 PM**, then every Wednesday thereafter. Anyone who can carry a tune is invited to join the **Chancel Choir for rehearsal 6:30 PM**, then every Wednesday thereafter. Reach out to our new Interim Music Director, Craig Campeau, if you are interested in joining either, or both choirs.





**The Community Breakfast is Saturday, September 20th led by Mary Linker.** Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Reach out to Mary (919-548-2452 or [yogilinker@gmail.com](mailto:yogilinker@gmail.com)) if you are available to cook, serve, or clean.

**We are currently looking for music subs** for our worship services until we are able to hire a new music director. If they only play piano that will be fine. If you have a suggestion of someone that might be interested, please contact Janet Fentress (276 618-0153) or Judy King (276 340-8101).

**REVISED DATE - Adult Education Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1st at 11:30!** Plan on bringing your lunch money to Hugo's back room for an Adult Education Planning Forum. All adults in the congregation are encouraged to attend as we plan future programming, with your interests and needs in mind.

## **~Community Worship~**

**Our final summer community worship service will take place September 14th at Grace Presbyterian** (218 Fayette Street, Martinsville) **at 11:00 AM.** Light refreshments will be served following the service.

**Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center** (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network** (applesauce 24-32 oz. OR 6 count, 4oz cups) (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 AM - 2:00 PM**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Angela Calaman Troxell Family (niece of Felicia Childress), Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), 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, Richard Komorowski (M&N Davis), Cecil Robbins, Sandra Roberts (sister of Kat Walker), Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, , Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas devastated by severe weather.



# Roanoke Baroque

Roanoke Baroque offers a rich season of four major concerts each season in a variety of settings from churches and schools to museums and concert halls.

## **The 2025 – 2026 Season** **"An Italian Adventure"**

**Saturday evenings at 7:00 and Sunday afternoons at 3:00 unless otherwise noted**

### **Vivaldi Strings**

With guest Artist Alexandra Calabro

**October 4: Raleigh Court Presbyterian**

**October 5: 1st Evangelical Presbyterian**

Vivaldi Sinfonia for Strings RV 131

Vivaldi 4 violin concerto

Vivaldi motet In furore justissimae irae

With Soprano Adelaide Trombetta

Violin Concerto RV 236

Vivaldi La Folia

'Soli Deo Gloria' J.S. Bach autograph c. 1735

### **A Very Locatelli Christmas**

With guest artist Isaac Kay

**December 20 & 21**

**1st Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

Locatelli Christmas Concerto in F

Locatelli Violin Concerto

Sammartini Christmas Concerto

Vivaldi Magnificat

And choruses by the Chamber Choir filled with  
Christmas wonder

### **Handel in Italy in**



**The planetarium of the Science Museum  
of Western Virginia**

**February 21 & 22**

Violin Sonata in A Major

Xerxes Overture

Trumpet Suite in D Major HWV341

Concerto Grosso in D Major HWV 323

*Roanoke Baroque's new Baroque Trumpets!*

### **A Tour Of Italy**

**May 15: St. John's Episcopal (6:00 P.M.)**

**May 17: Windsor Hills United Methodist**

Carissimi's Oratorio *Jephte*

Albinoni Concerto for 2 oboes

Sammartini Sinfonia in C,

Durante Dixit Dominus

With the Roanoke Baroque Chamber Choir

## **And Special Events**

### **Chamber Programs**

**October 19, Location and Time TBD**

***J.S. Bach: Clavier-Übung III,***

***"German Organ Mass"***

With Dillon Swanson organ &

Deanne Vance harpsichord

**April 18 Location and Time TBD**

***Out of Italy Baroque Music of the Cello Diaspora***

With artists from the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra  
on Cello Harpsichord and Theorbo

### **Good Friday Worship Service**

**April 3, 7:00 P.M.**

**1st Evangelical Presbyterian Church**

"Stations of the Cross" music by Franz Biber,

Settings of Psalm 130 "De Profundis" by

Salieri and Martini

With Roanoke Baroque Chamber Singers

**Roanoke Baroque exists to present musical masterpieces from the Renaissance era to  
Contemporary periods with an emphasis on the music of the 18th century.**

**Michael Shasberger, Artistic Director**

**For more information and advance ticketing options visit [www.RoanokeBaroque.org](http://www.RoanokeBaroque.org)**

## CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday, August 31</b>	<b>Music-fest</b>
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
<b>Monday, September 1</b>	<b>Labor Day</b>
	Church Office Closed
<b>Tuesday, September 2</b>	<b>Weekday School Opens</b>
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	School in Session
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch Buddies
<b>Wednesday September 3</b>	
5:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, September 7</b>	<b>Communion Sunday</b>
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday, September 9</b>	
9:00 AM	Cooks Who Care
<b>Wednesday September 10</b>	
2:00 PM	Worship Committee Meeting
5:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, September 14</b>	
11:00 AM	Community Worship at Grace (218 Fayette Street, Martinsville)
<b>Saturday, September 20</b>	
8:00-9:30 AM	Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)
<b>Sunday, September 21</b>	
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
	Lemonade on the Lawn

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
<b>August 31</b>	Liz Ferrell	Bill and Suzan Kirby
<b>September 7</b>	Ione Linker	Monty and Joan Montgomery
<b>September 14</b>	No liturgist needed	Service at Grace – no ushers needed
<b>September 21</b>	Billy Kirby	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan
<b>September 28</b>	Pearl Minter	Monty Montgomery, Betty Hudson

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