

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
Martinsville, Virginia

*First Sunday in Lent*  
February 22, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 

“Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “  
I will rescue him;  
I will protect him,  
for he acknowledges my name.  
He will call on me,  
and I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble,  
I will deliver him and honor him.  
With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation.”

Psalm 91:14-16 (NIV)

**Sermon based upon Matthew 4:1-11 and Psalm 91**

## Our Mission

*“Share God’s love, embrace our neighbors, nurture each other.”*

The Service for the Lord's Day  
*First Sunday in Lent*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Stewardship

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

One: Because the world is beautiful, and beauty is a tender thing,  
and we are stewards of creation, we need you, God.

**All: We need you God.**

One: Because Human knowledge seems endless, and we do not know  
what we do not know, we need you, God.

**All: We need you God.**

One: Because we cannot live without you and are free to go against you,  
and would worship wisdom alone, we need you, God.

**All: We need you God.**

One: Because you came among us, and sat beside us, and healed our pain  
and let us wound you, and loved us to the end, and triumphed over all our  
hatred, we need you, God.

**All: We need you God. Amen**

\*OPENING HYMN *Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*  
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Lord, who throughout these forty days for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend and did the victory win,  
O give us strength to persevere, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,  
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, till when this life of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor

God of mercy,

**You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from  
you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as  
pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected  
justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths  
of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

*Silent prayers of confession may be offered.*

CONFESSORIAL RESPONSE	<i>Kyrie</i>	PH 572
	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>	
	<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>	
	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>	
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		Pastor
*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE		Pastor
One:	The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.	
All:	<i>And also with you.</i>	
*RESPONSE OF PRAISE	<i>We Are Forgiven</i>	GTG 447
	<i>We are forgiven. We are forgiven.</i>	
	<i>Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.</i>	
	<i>(repeat once)</i>	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Liturgist
SCRIPTURE READINGS		
	First Reading:	Liturgist
	<i>Psalm 91</i>	(OT pg. 548)
TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES		Pastor
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	GTG 288
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	Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;	
	Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.	
	Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.	
	Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.	
	<i>(repeat once)</i>	
	Second Reading:	Pastor
	<i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>	(NT pg. 3)
One:	This is the Word of the Lord.	
All:	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>	

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor

*The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*What Wondrous Love is This*

GTG 215

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What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down, sinking down,  
when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
and through eternity I'll sing on.

## 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 & OURSELVES		Liturgist
Call to Offering		
Offertory	<i>Hymn to Hope</i>	Rolf Lovland
	Virginia King, violin; Marion Miller accompanist	
*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-		
Prayer of Dedication		Liturgist

*SENDING HYMN	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	GTG 450
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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.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	Pastor
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POSTLUDE

\*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 your offering.



**Join us for 2nd Cup.** Come enjoy coffee and refreshments in the fellowship hall after the worship service. Janet Fentress and Judy King will keep the coffee hot for you. **AND, next week, join us at 2nd Cup** to meet and greet our new Music Director, Whitney Melton.

The Session will next meet on Monday, February 23rd at 4:00 PM in the session room.

**Community Lenten Lunches will be held on Thursdays at 12 Noon** and will include a light meal and a short devotional. The schedule and locations are as follows:

**February 26th** – First Baptist Church (23 Starling Ave.) **REVISED LOCATION**

**March 5th** – First Baptist Church East (1043 Church St.)

**March 12th** – First Presbyterian Church (1901 Patrick Henry Ave.)

**March 19th** – Starling Avenue Baptist Church (932 Starling Ave.)

**March 26th** – Chatham Heights Baptist Church (1235 Chatham Hts. Road)

**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**

If pastoral care is needed, please call 276-734-8830



## Register TODAY!

Rise Against Hunger excitement is building, and we invite all of you to **register online** for this years' experience **on Saturday March 7, 2026.** **(NOTE: Donation is not required to register.)**

**9-10 AM setup, and 10-12 Noon, meal packing!** We need your help again this year to help end World Hunger. And it's also a lot of fun!

**Please register online here:** <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FPCMartinsville26>. On the linked online form, fill in your information, then the number of family members participating, **in addition** to yourself, in the indicated box.

You can check boxes at the bottom - for volunteering to help **set up** (9-10 am), or to **pack meals** (10 am-12 pm), or you can check **both**.

**If you prefer to print out and fill in the paper form, then please mail it to: Ione Linker, RAH - 705 Prospect Hill Dr., Martinsville, VA 24112**

**FPC contacts for the event are Ione Linker (310) 951-5138 and Taylor Shank (276) 732-9525. Call or text with any questions!**

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Liz Jackman (daughter of Nancy Davis), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley). Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, 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, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas devastated by severe weather.

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
February 22	Janet Fentress	Monty and Joan Montgomery	Ashby and Lynn Pritchett
March 1	Duke Ferrell	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard	Cindy and Steve Edgerton
March 8	Liz Ferrell	Ron Rebman, Judy King	Janet Fentress, Judy King
March 15	Billy Kirby	Bill and Suzan Kirby	Joe and Susan Smith
March 22	Sharon Kirby	Joe and Jerri DeVault	Ashby and Lynn Pritchett
March 29 Palm Sunday	TBD	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan	Cindy and Steve Edgerton

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

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### **Sunday, February 22**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary  
~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

### **Monday –Friday**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM School in Session  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch Buddies

### **Monday, February 23**

4:00 PM Session Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 25**

5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, February 26**

**REVISED LOCATION** NOON Lenten Lunch @ First Baptist Church (23 Starling Ave.)

### **Sunday, March 1**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary  
~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall/Meet Whitney

### **Wednesday, March 4**

5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 5**

NOON Lenten Lunch @ First Baptist Church East (1043 Church St.)

### **Saturday, March 7**

10:00 AM Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing (**set up begins at 9AM**)

### **Sunday, March 8**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary  
~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

### **Tuesday, March 10**

9:00 AM Cooks Who Care

### **Wednesday, March 11**

2:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting  
5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 12**

NOON Lenten Lunch @ First Presbyterian Martinsville

### **Sunday, March 15**

9:00 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary  
~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, March 18**

5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal  
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal