

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
Martinsville, Virginia

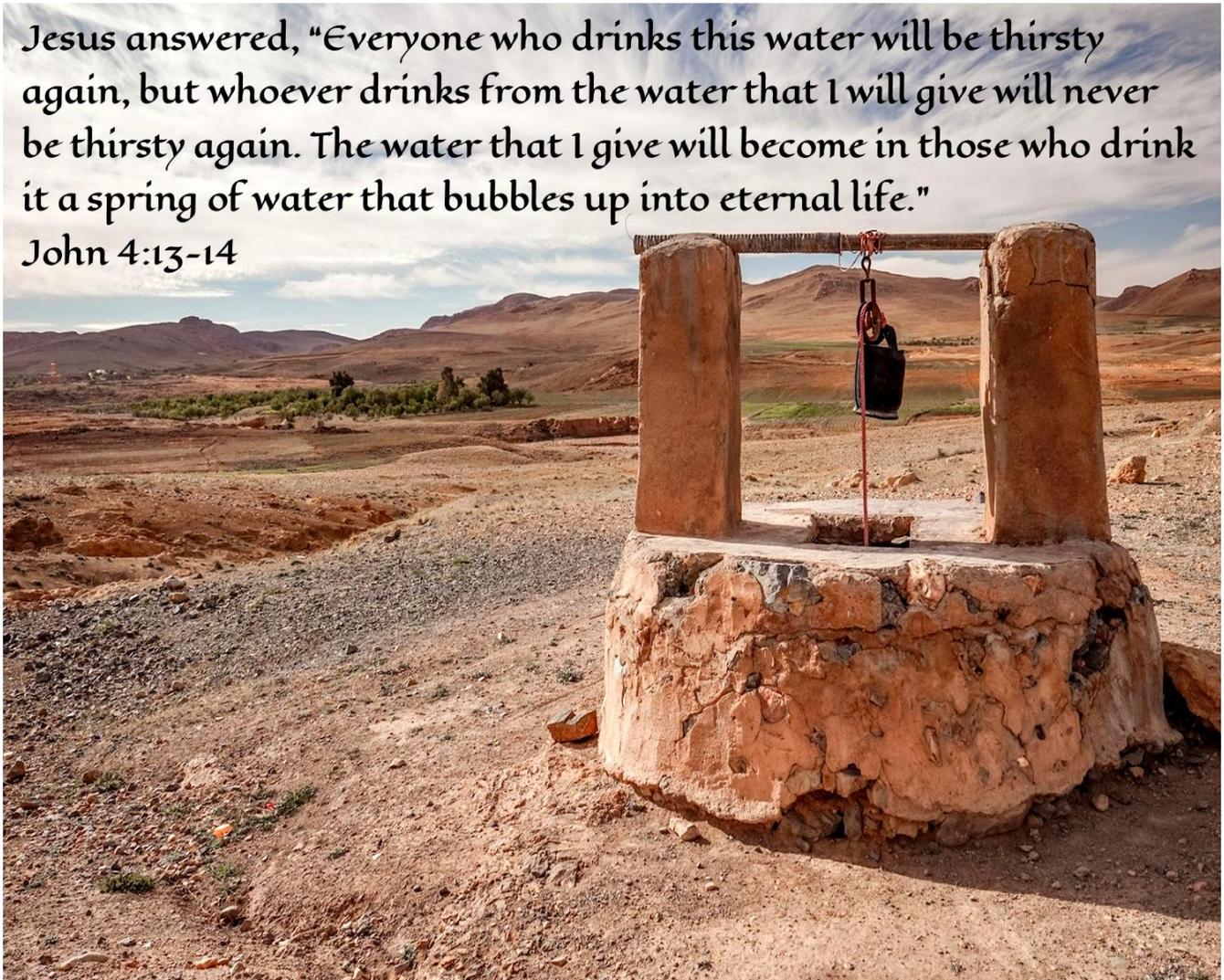
*Third Sunday in Lent*  
March 8, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life."

John 4:13-14



**Sermon based upon John 4:5-42 and Exodus 17:1-7**

**Our Mission**

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

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

PRELUDE

Wonderful Words of Life

arr. Marianne Kim

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

One: Holy Lord, you are like a waterfall, Oasis in my Desert:

**All: Source of my heart's survival in the press and stress of life.**

One: You are like a cleansing flood, Lord of Reconciliation:

**All: Washing away the selfish self-serving signs of my sinfulness.**

One: You are like a bottomless well, O Cup of Lifegiving water:

**All: Fill us up to overflowing. Praise be to You, our living Lord.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*  
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Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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.*

CONFESSIONAL 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

*Exodus 17:1-7*

(OT pg. 64)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor



CHOIR ANTHEM

*Come to Me and Rest*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

Second Reading:  
*John 4:5-42*

Pastor  
(NT pg. 94)

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, not powers, 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. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*  
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Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

*Refrain:*

*I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.*

*In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.*

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,  
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. [Refrain]

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. [Refrain]

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. [Refrain]

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

*Beside Still Waters*

Christopher Boodle

**\*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 Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

GTG 182

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I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

POSTLUDE

*I've Just Come from the Fountain*

arr. Richard Billingham

\*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**

**The sympathy of the** congregation is extended to the family of Harriet Mauck, daughter of the late Lang Mauck, on the passing of her husband, William Watson Regen, on February 15th in Davidson, NC. William was also the son of the late former FPC pastor, Jon Regen.



**Join us for 2nd Cup.** Come enjoy coffee and refreshments in the fellowship hall after the worship service hosted by Janet Fentress and Judy King.

**Cooks Who Care will meet Tuesday, March 10th at 9:00 AM** in the Marge Dunn Kitchen where they will prepare a delicious meal for our shut-ins.



**Lenten Lunch Volunteers and Soup Needed - Our Lenten Lunch will be held March 12th at 12:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently seeking:

**Greeters:** To help direct guests to the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Judy King (276-340-8101) if you can help.

**Soup Donations:** If you have a favorite soup you would like to share, please contact Susan Pilson (276-340-7288) to coordinate.

Thank you for your generosity and service to our church family!

**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:

**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)

**Church Work Day, Saturday, March 28th beginning at 8:00 AM.** All able-bodied folk, any age, are invited to come help spruce up the church before Easter Sunday. Come when you can, for as long as you can. Reach out to Johnny Pinkard, David Price, or Dru Rothrock for more information.



**Brushstrokes and Fellowship: A Morning Painting.** On **Saturday, March 28th at 10:00 AM** local artist, Karen Conner, will guide you step by step in painting a beautiful Bunny Rabbit. No experience needed. The cost is \$25 and includes all supplies. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be provided. **Space is limited to 20** so reserve your spot now by contacting Susan Pilson (276-340-7288 or susanpilson@gmail.com)

**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**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

William W. Regen Family, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley) 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
<b>March 8</b>	Liz Ferrell	Ron Rebman, Judy King	Janet Fentress, Judy King
<b>March 15</b>	Billy Kirby	Bill and Suzan Kirby	Milt and Nancy Davis
<b>March 22</b>	Sharon Kirby	Joe and Jerri DeVault	Ione and Mary Linker
<b>March 29</b>	TBD	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan	No 2nd Cup

**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, March 8**

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

### **3rd Sunday in Lent**

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

### **Monday –Friday**

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

### **Weekday School**

School in Session

Lunch Buddies

### **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

### **4th Sunday in Lent**

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, March 18**

9:00 AM

Garden Club in Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 19**

NOON

Lenten Lunch @ Starling Avenue Baptist (932 Starling Ave.)

### **Saturday, March 21**

8:00-9:30 AM

Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

### **Sunday, March 22**

9:00 AM

### **5th Sunday in Lent**

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, March 23**

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 25**

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, March 26**

NOON

Lenten Lunch @ Chatham Heights Baptist (1235 Chatham Hts. Rd)

### **Saturday, March 28**

8:00 AM

Church Workday/Clean-up for Easter

10:00 AM

Paint Class in Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, March 29**

9:00 AM

### **Palm Sunday**

Service at J. Frank Wilson Memorial Park

(inclement weather location is FPC)

~Pot-luck Brunch in Fellowship Hall