

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Day of Pentecost
May 24, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon Acts 2:1-21 and John 7:37-39

Our Mission

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

The Service for the Lord's Day
Day of Pentecost

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Come Down, O Love Divine* M. Sedio

INTROIT *Spirit of the Living God* 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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place and all of the many foreigners heard the witnesses speaking in their own tongue.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, witness to us also in our several languages.

Leader: Speak in the language of our need. Let us hear how our deepest hungers, desires, and aspirations can be fulfilled by your goodness and in your service.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that good news again.

Leader: Speak in the language of our fear. Let us hear how our worries about the future, and about each other, and about ourselves, can find rest in your providential care.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that encouraging news again.

Leader: Speak in the language of our gratitude. Let us hear how our honest thanks relate us, not only to those with whom we live, but also to you, the Lord and Giver of life.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that enlarging news again.

Leader: Speak to us in the language of hope. Let us hear how our yearning and our expectations are not just wishful thinking, but responses to your promise.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, give us that good news again.

*OPENING HYMN *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* GTG 286
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Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor
Almighty God,
You poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSATIONAL 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
Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.
People: And also with you.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *(Gloria Patri)* PH#579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Liturgist
John 7:37-39 (NT pg.100)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES Pastor

ANTHEM Douglas Nolan
On the Day of Pentecost
Chancel Choir

Second Reading: Pastor
Acts 2:1-21 (NT pg.119)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, **responsively**

Pastor

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

People: The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

Leader: The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

People: In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to Witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

People: With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King; all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?

I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh. Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh. Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

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>Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire</i>	Wilbur Held
*The Doxology		PH#592
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	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove</i>	GTG 279
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Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers; kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.		
In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise; hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.		
Dear Lord, and shall we ever live at this poor dying rate? Our love so faint, so cold to thee, and thine to us so great!		
Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers; come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.		
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		Pastor
BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>Go with Us, Lord</i>	GTG 748
POSTLUDE	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	arr. D. Kidwell

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.



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 Brenda Williams.



AND, please join us at 2nd Cup on Sunday, May 31st, to celebrate Ed Linker's 100th birthday! We will have heavy hors d'oeuvres and birthday cake!! Ione and Mary Linker will be hosting.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Betty Hudson on the passing of her husband, Marvin, on Wednesday, May 20th in Martinsville. The service will be private.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Sarah Altizer who passed on Monday, May 18th at King's Grant. Sarah was the beloved church secretary from 1998 -2014. There will be a celebration of her life on Tuesday, May 26th at 2:00 PM with a reception to follow. The white rose at the lectern is in loving memory of Sarah.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Steve Fitzgerald who passed on Saturday, April 25th. A service will be held at FPC on Saturday, June 6th at 2:00 PM with a reception to follow. The white rose at the lectern is in memory of Steve.



The church office will be closed Monday, May 25th, in observance of Memorial Day. Please remember and honor the service men and women who unselfishly gave their lives in service to our country. Summer hours will resume Tuesday, May 27th.



Facilities will have a church Clean-Up Day on Saturday, June 13th from 8:00 AM – Noon. Reach out to Johnny Pinkard if you are available to help trim tree limbs, weed-eat or assist with moving some heavy items out of storage.

When you do your grocery shopping be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (GRITS)** 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.

SUMMER
Office Hours

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.**

Recent article in the
Martinsville Bulletin
by Bill Wyatt



This is the First Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, where the former educational wing has been converted to a Community Office Wing.

The Bright Side: Church repurposes space for community offices

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville has transformed its former educational wing into a Community Office Wing, creating a new resource for small businesses, nonprofits and professional services.

The church, located at 1901 Patrick Henry Ave., recently completed the renovation as part of an effort to better utilize space that had gone largely unused in recent years.

"This project is an innovative use of first-class space by a church, which, like many others, has experienced a decline in usage since the pandemic," the church said in a statement.

Committee Chair Anne Madonia said the idea originated about three years ago when church leaders began discussing how to repurpose the vacant area.

"About three years ago, we started a think tank," Madonia said. "We had this space sitting vacant, so we decided to renovate it, bring it up to code, and separate it from the rest of the church with a firewall."

The renovated wing is located in a neighborhood across from Patrick Henry Elementary School and is intended to serve as both a community asset and a potential source of additional income for the church, consistent with its broader mission of community support. "We wanted it to be both a service to the community and, hopefully, a revenue stream for the church," Madonia said.

The office wing began operations last month and already houses several tenants. Current occupants include CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Oakstone Health and Nutrition, and a company specializing in medication transportation. An independent daycare operates on the lower level.

"We just started this April 1, so we're doing pretty well," Madonia said.

Seven office spaces remain available. Rental rates are set at \$1 per square foot, plus a small utility fee. The facility is designed for a range of uses, including administrative offices, therapy services, and nonprofit organizations. Shared amenities include a conference room and a breakroom with a refrigerator and microwave. Each suite has a secure entrance and is individually locked, and the building is ADA-compliant.

A church brochure describes the setting as quiet and confidential, with the church serving as a nearby neighbor.

The project reflects a broader trend among congregations adapting underused space for community purposes. Founded in 1854, First Presbyterian has long emphasized service beyond its congregation, and leaders say the new office wing continues that tradition while helping meet local demand for affordable, flexible workspace.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Cecil Robbins, Family of Marvin Hudson, Family of Sarah Altizer, Family of Neil Fine, Family of Kitty Bridges Smith (Catherine Bridges' daughter), Family of Rusty Reaser, Family of Steve Fitzgerald, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Randy Lawson (P. Stanley). Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

<p>Sunday, May 24 9:00 AM 10:00 AM</p> <p>Monday, May 25</p> <p>Tuesday, May 26 2:00 PM</p> <p>Sunday, May 31 9:00 AM 10:00 AM</p> <p>Saturday, June 6 2:00 PM</p> <p>Sunday, June 7 9:00 AM 10:00 AM</p> <p>Tuesday, June 9 9:00 AM</p> <p>Saturday, June 13 8:00 AM</p> <p>Sunday, June 14 11:00 AM</p>	<p>Day of Pentecost/2-Cents a Meal Sunday School Worship in Sanctuary ~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Memorial Day Office Closed</p> <p>Sarah Altizer Celebration of Life Service/Reception</p> <p>Music-Fest Sunday School Worship in Sanctuary ~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall/Ed's 100th Birthday</p> <p>Steve Fitzgerald Celebration of Life Service/Reception</p> <p>Communion/Graduate Recognition Sunday School Worship in Sanctuary ~Lemonade on the Lawn</p> <p>Cooks Who Care</p> <p>Church Clean-Up Day</p> <p>Community Worship at Grace Presbyterian Worship</p>
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DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
May 24	Pearl Minter	Joe and Jerri DeVault	Joe and Brenda Williams
May 31	Susan Pilson	Duke and Liz Ferrell	Ione and Mary Linker
June 7	Ashby Pinkard	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan	TBD
June 14 ***	****COMMUNITY	WORSHIP AT GRACE PC	*****
June 21	Ron Rebman	Billy and Sharon Kirby	TBD
June 28	Ione Linker	Monty and Joan Montgomery	TBD

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