FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Christ the King/Reign of Christ
November 22, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation



Sermon based upon *Ephesians 1:15-23* and *Psalm 100*

Our Mission

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

The Service for the Lord's Day
Christ the King/Reign of Christ

*Please rise in body or in spirit

GATHERING HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* GTG 367
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Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

One: Hope in Christ!
All: Hear the word of truth, the good news of our salvation.
One: Believe in Christ!
All: We are sealed with the mark of the Holy Spirit.
One: Live in Christ!
All: We embrace our inheritance, as children of God. We live to the glory of Christ!

*OPENING HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* GTG 268
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Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION — Pastor

One: With sincere and repentant hearts.

All: We name our sins against Christ and one another.

Merciful God,

In your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

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

One: However long we wander, however far we stray,

All: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: Sisters and brothers, be assured:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*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.* (x2)**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: — Liturgist

Psalm 100 — (OT pg. 552)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES — Pastor

ANTHEM *To the Glory of Our King* R. Leaf
Chancel Choir

Second Reading: Pastor

Ephesians 1:15-23 (NT pg.192)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God*****.**

SERMON Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Pastor

One: In life and in death we belong to God to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

All: We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

One: Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

All: God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

One: With believers in every time and place**,**

All: 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 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* GTG 41

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O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form;
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

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The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

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 — *We Gather Together* — arr. W. Held

***Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow** — LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication — Liturgist

*SENDING HYMN — *Open My Eyes That I May See* — GTG 451

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Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

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Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Pastor

One: With the eyes of your heart enlightened, receive the hope to which God has called you in Jesus Christ,

All: Glory be to God!

One: May God who seeks the lost keep us always;

All: May God who brings back the wandering heart uphold us;

One: May God who binds up the injured heal us;

All: May God who strengthens the weak empower us, now and forever. Alleluia! Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Now Thank We All Our God **(vs. 3)*** GTG 643
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**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord Is King!* GTG 363
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**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

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 hosts are Janet Fentress and Judy King.

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



The church office will be closed November 25th-27th for Thanksgiving. The Weekday School will be on fall break November 23rd-27th.



The Community Thanksgiving Table is November 25th from 1-4:00 PM at Albert Harris Elementary School. Registration through Harvest is an important part of this process, so please go to their site to register as soon as possible. *All volunteers must register with Harvest Youth Board* at the link https://theharvestfoundation.jotform.com/262773861253160 (even if you registered before with the Grace PC link.) If you experience any problems with registering, or need assistance with registering, please let Kelvin Perry know as soon as possible, at kgperry1988@gmail.com.



Advent Devotionals will soon be arriving in your email. This year's devo is entitled ***Night Watch***. Emails will arrive on the following schedule: Week 1 - November 28th, Week 2 – December 3rd, Week 4 – December 12th and Week4 – December 17th. Printed copies are available upon request.



Jack Kirby is offering technical support as part of his Sophomore service project and is available to assist any church member needing help with smartphones, tablets, laptops, smartwatches, and other devices. He is available by appointment and is able to make house calls. Please reach out to Jack directly by text at 276-734-7460 or email at kirbyjack@carlisleschool.org to schedule an appointment. When you contact him, please include a brief summary of the technical issue so he can come prepared.

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Smith Chaney, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Sandra Ford, Besty Ham, Michelle Handy (Pearl Minter's daughter), Jennifer Holland (M & N Davis), Elizabeth Jackman (M. & D. Davis), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Skyler Oaks (P. Minter), Maggie Pilson, Ann Reaser, Susan Rosser, Dee Moore Smith, Rebecca Smith (P. Stanley), 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
November 22	Martha Rollins	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard	Janet Fentress, Judy King
November 29	No liturgist needed	Bill and Susan Kirby	Joe and Jerri DeVault
December 6	Randy Rollins	Ron Rebman, Judy King	Joe and Susan Smith
December 13	Taylor Shank	Joe and Jerri DeVault	Ione and Mary Linker
December 20	Ashby Pinkard	Duke and Liz Ferrell	Gale and Christy Buck
December 24	TBD	TBD	N/A
December 27	Gale Buck	Randy and Martha Rollins	No Second 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, November 22
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary
~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 23
4:00 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday November 25 Office Closed ~ Thanksgiving Holiday
1:00-4:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Meal at Albert Harris
Thursday, November 26 Office Closed ~ Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, November 27 Office Closed ~ Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, November 29 **1st Sunday of Advent/Music-fest**
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary
~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 6 **2nd Sunday of Advent/Communion**
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary
~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 7
11:00 AM Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting at KG



Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.