

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
October 4, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon *Exodus 20:1-17* and *Psalms 19*

Our Mission

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

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE	<i>Verset</i>	V. D'Indy
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor
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*CALL TO WORSHIP		Liturgist
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One: You shall have no other gods before Me.

All: God shall have all of me. We give God our whole selves.

One: You shall not make for yourself an idol.

All: We adore God, who is greater than anything we can conceive.

One: You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

All: God's name is God's very person; we respect the name of God.

One: Remember the Sabbath, and keep it holy.

All: God's Sabbath will keep us as we acknowledge God is Lord of life.

One: Honor your father and your mother.

All: We accept the blessings of the past, so that we have a future.

One: You shall not murder.

All: We will embrace life as a gift from God.

One: You shall not commit adultery.

All: We will cherish the sacredness in us and in others.

One: You shall not steal.

All: We will not diminish or belittle others or ourselves.

One: You shall not bear false witness.

All: We will be honest and upright, receiving truth as a blessing and blessing others with the truth in love.

One: You shall not covet.

All: We will rejoice in our neighbor's blessings.

*OPENING HYMN	<i>Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation</i> Public Domain	GTG 394
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Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
come, with all your loving-kindness; hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants what they seek from you to gain;
what they gain from you, forever with the blessed to retain;
and hereafter in your glory evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory while unending ages run!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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

Psalms 19

(OT pg.498)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

Second Reading:

Pastor

Exodus 20:1-17

(OT pg.66)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

*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

The Church's One Foundation

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The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Liturgist

Call to Offering

Offertory

Traumerei

R. Schumann

Virginia King, violin ~ Whitney Melton, piano

***The Doxology**

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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-

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor

Invitation to Table

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, God of all Creation, for the blessing of your earth and all your children, for the mercies you pour forth in fresh rains and harvests of plenty, for joy that comes in the morning.

We are a grateful people.

You created a world of harmony and peace, but our yearning for power and privilege throughout history led to division and conflict, suffering and violence.

We give thanks that you sent prophets and poets to lament and remind to bear witness and call us to yet a better way, to write the vision of a peaceable kingdom for all to see.

With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly chorus to sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give you thanks that in the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus to bear witness to your mercy, grace and love.

In his living, he showed us how to love.

In his dying, he offered us undeserved mercy.

In his rising, he granted us grace.

Through the gift of faith, even faith as small as a mustard seed, his witness rekindles in us the gifts of God, not so that we can hold onto these gifts for ourselves but so that we can be united across the globe as one family of faith gathered around one table, sharing in one holy meal, sustained by a love that binds us together in peace.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death.

Rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our many tables trusting that Christ is the host of our sacred meal together. May the blessing of grain from the earth and fruit of the vine be a reminder of the true joy of communion that unites us in one worldwide covenant of love.

All glory and honor

are yours, Holy God, through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Serving of the Great Feast

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.

*SENDING HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

GTG 509

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All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Sandra Ford**

Virginia King, violin ~ Whitney Melton, piano

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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

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Nancy Baker's milestone birthday with love from her children and grandchildren.



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 Jant Fentress and Judy King.

Rita, our office manager, will be out of the office October 5th and 6th returning to work on Wednesday, October 7th. Contact Vickie for any general needs, or Pastor Bea for any urgent matters.

The FPC Women's Circle Meeting is Monday, October 5th at King's Grant at 11:00 AM. Our second lesson, Connected in Christ, will be led by Gale Chaney. If you are not a King's Grant resident, please sign in at the front desk and purchase your lunch ticket for \$12 upon arrival.



Our next Community Breakfast is Saturday, October 17th. Cooks arrive at 7 am, servers & others about 7:30. Contact Mary Linker at 919-548-2452 (text or call) to volunteer.



A Called Congregational Meeting will take place **Sunday October 18th** following worship to elect elders for the Class of 2029: Joan Montgomery as Chair of Administration, Anne Madonia, as Chair of Community Office Wing for a second term, and Lynn Pritchett, Chair of Congregational Care. Also, Jerri DeVault, Christian Education, to fill the seat vacated by Nancy Davis, class of 2028.

The next Presbytery Meeting is October 22nd, 2026 at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church (1837 Grandin Rd., SW, Roanoke). Registration opens at 9:15 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:35 a.m. The meeting portion of the day will adjourn around 12:10 with small group discussions held from 12:15- 1:00 p.m. Lunch is not provided at the meeting.

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



Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

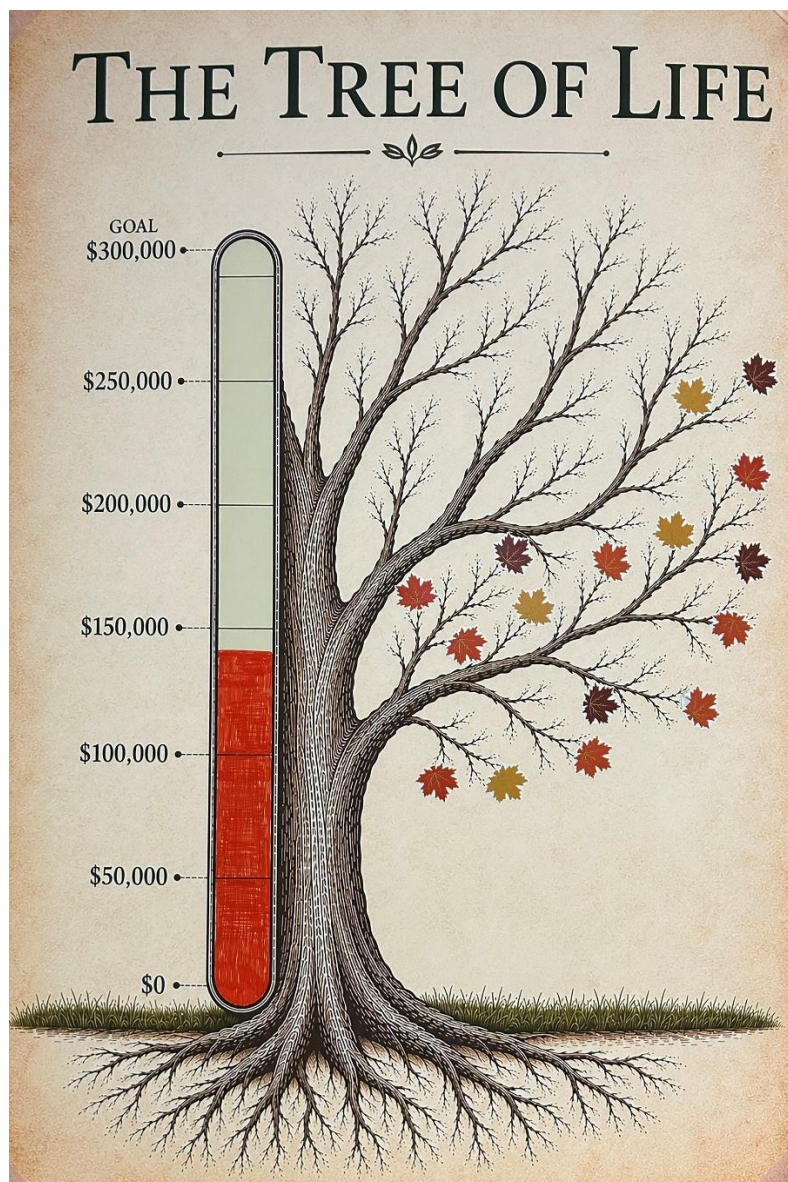
If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Laura Stevens, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Sandra Ford, Michelle Handy (Pearl Minter's daughter), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Maggie Pilson, Ann Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), 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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As 9/28 we have 16 Pledge Cards totaling \$146,890.



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Communion

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

Monday, October 5

11:00 AM

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting at KG

Wednesday, October 7

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 11

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

1:00-5:00 PM

Community Picnic at Jack Dalton Park

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 AM

Cooks Who Care

Wednesday, October 14

2:00 PM

Worship Meeting in Session Room

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 17

8:00-9:30 AM

Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

Sunday, October 18

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Called Congregational Meeting

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 19

10:30 AM

Mission and Outreach Meeting

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
October 4	Sharon Kirby	Bill and Suzan Kirby	Janet Fentress, Judy King
October 11	Ione Linker	Joe and Jerri DeVault	Gale and Christy Buck
October 18	Mary Linker	Duke and Liz Ferrell	Ione Linker, Mary Linker
October 25	Pearl Minter	Randy and Martha Rollins	Joe and Susan Smith

If you cannot serve on the Sunday scheduled, please find a substitute.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.