

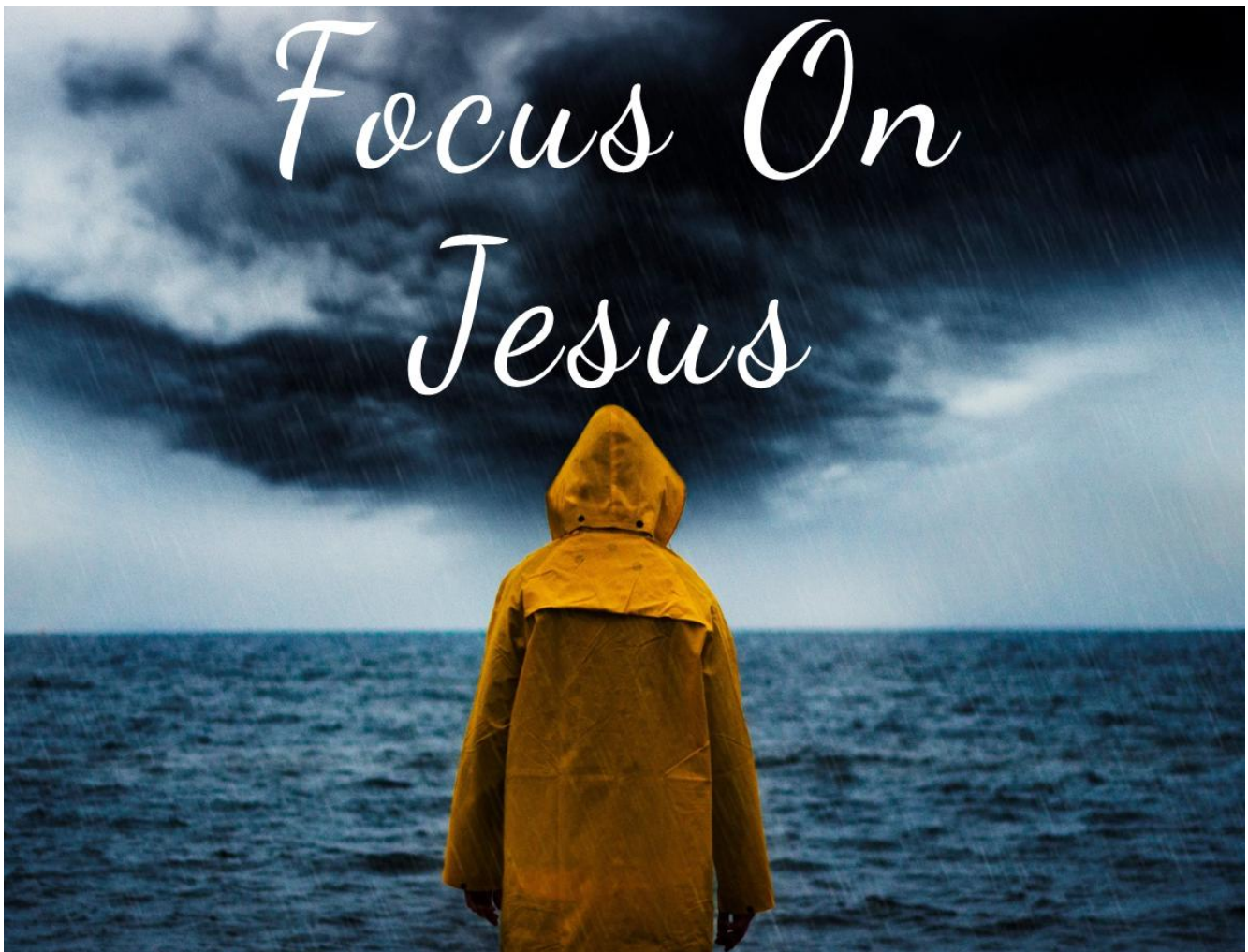
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 9, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon *Matthew 14:22-33* and *Psalm 85:8-13*

Our Mission

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

The Service for the Lord's Day
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Largo ("New World" Symphony)* Dvorak
Virginia King, violin ~ Whitney Melton, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION Taylor Shank

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

One: God speaks peace to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

All: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God.

One: Where God dwells, steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**All: Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness
looks down from the sky.**

One: God gives what is good.

All: And we respond with abundant praise!

*OPENING HYMN *All People That on Earth do Dwell* GTG 385
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All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise; approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (**responsively**) Pastor

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: The Lord is good to all, and God's compassion is over all that God has made.
The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.**

One: The eyes of all look to you, God, and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

**All: The Lord is just in all God's ways, and kind in all God's doings.
The Lord is near to all who call on the Lord, to all who call on the Lord in truth.**

One: Our God is ever more ready to forgive than we are to confess.
God hears us with a loving ear, ready to heal any brokenness within us
or between us, and so we pray:

Eternal, God

In whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSONAL RESPONSE

Kyrie

PH 572

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor

One: Jesus is Lord! God raised him from the dead
and we are saved through him.

**All: This is the good news we believe in our hearts
and confess with our mouths.**

One: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: This is the good news we will share with all people!

*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

Psalms 85:8-13

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TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

ANTHEM

My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep from Singing)
Chancel Choir

Robert Lowery

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, nor power, 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.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

How Firm a Foundation

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How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

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

On Eagle's Wings

arr. L. Smith

***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**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day; wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor

One: Step out in faith, onto all the waters of life.

**All: We step out in faith, trusting our God,
who is able to keep us from falling and holds us in love.**

One: May the steadfast love and faithfulness of God surround you;
the peace of Christ enfold you; and the Holy Spirit encourage you,
now and forever.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

**Vs. 3 *What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

***Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.***

POSTLUDE

In Christ Alone

arr. J. Holstein



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.



This week, the school year will begin for many in the area. Please be in prayer for students, teachers and parents!

Please pray with me:

Lord, you delight in creating beauty, in calling forth new and good things, in forming unexpected relationships of love, in teaching us your will and your ways.

As we look to a new school year, we thank you for educators and administrators, bus drivers and cafeteria workers, custodians and coaches, counselors and school board members. We recognize that it takes a multitude of gifts, a myriad of resources and a whole lot of energy and compassion to teach our children well. We ask your blessing upon all of those called to positions that educate and that support the educational process. Grant them stamina and imagination, joy and patience.

We remember, too, those families for whom school offers particular stresses and challenges — children who learn differently, those with needs that may be obvious or unseen, parents struggling to buy school supplies or pay for tuition, students who come to class hungry or afraid. Show us how to best support all families. Give us eyes to see those hurting and the will to advocate on their behalf.

Remind us, Lord God, that we are one community of your beloved, responsible for one another, gifted with each other, all uplifted when everyone is tended and nurtured in your name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Join us for **Lemonade on the Lawn** immediately following today's worship service. Come fellowship and enjoy refreshments; hosted by the Fellowship Committee.



Presbyterian Community Pool Party

TODAY ~ 2:30-5:00 PM

at Forest Park Country Club
1821 Mulberry Rd., Martinsville, VA

Open to congregations of
Grace, Collinsville, and Martinsville Presbyterian Churches

Hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, drinks, and freeze pops
will be available from the grill from 4:00 to 5:00 PM

Umbrellas and canopies available for those not swimming
but want to enjoy the summer evening by the pool

**** The only requirement to swim and play is a swim test through the lifeguards. ****

**In the case of inclement weather,
we can still eat in the restaurant's 1st floor area.**

POOL PARTY ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Drive all the way to the very end of Mulberry Road to the cul-de-sac. The entrance to Forest Park Country Club is on the right. Proceed through the gate and continue straight until you reach a fork in the road— the pool will be on your left with the clubhouse up above. Take a slight left at the fork. Proceed past the clubhouse entrance and park in the parking lot ahead. We will have ushers to ensure everyone gets to the party comfortably and easily. Parking from here will lead to stairs to get down to the pool.

Church members seeking accessibility accommodations can be dropped off by the pool gate just after that slight left at entry. If they are driving, we can arrange a valet with one of our ushers.

All children wanting to play in the pool must complete a swim test upon entering the pool vicinity. Let a lifeguard know so we can get them set up and safe.

Food will be served around 4 PM. We will have food runners to make sure everyone is accommodated comfortably.



The Community Breakfast is Saturday, August 15th. Cooks arrive at 7 am, servers & others about 7:30. If you can help on Saturday, please contact Mary Linker at 919-548-2452 (text or call).

There will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, August 16th for the purpose of electing a nominating committee who shall recruit elder candidates for the Class of 2029.



Day of Service and Learning Registration ~ The Coordinating Cabinet is inviting you to a Day of Service and Learning: **Saturday, August 22, 2026, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM** at Forest Presbyterian Church, 1226 Two Church Lane, Forest, VA. Beloved Community is furthered by gathering together in fellowship, equipping the Saints through learning opportunities provided, and expanding the Kingdom through joint missional work to help alleviate hunger in the Presbytery and beyond.

When you do your grocery shopping be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network** (Juice 40-64 Oz). 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 - 3:00 PM

CLOSED on Friday

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Stuart Pannill, Family of Isla King, Family of Bobby Davis (son of Milt Davis), Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Michelle Handy (Pearl Minter's daughter), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Maggie Pilson, Ann Reaser, Susan Rosser, Danny Russell (Gavin Russell's father), 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

Sunday, August 9

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Community Worship in Sanctuary

~Lemonade on the Lawn

2:30-5:00 PM

Presbyterian Community Pool Party

Tuesday, August 11

9:00 AM

Cooks Who Care

Wednesday, August 12

2:00 PM

Worship Committee Meeting

Saturday, August 15

8:00-9:30 AM

Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

Sunday, August 16

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 17

12:00 PM

Visioning Meeting

Sunday, August 23

2-Cents a Meal Offering

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 24

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

Sunday, August 30

Fifth Sunday Musicfest

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
August 9	Joe Williams	Duke and Liz Ferrell	<i>Lemonade on the Lawn</i>
August 16	Gale Buck	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan	Ione and Mary Linker
August 23	Barbara Duncan	Randy and Martha Rollins	Joe and Susan Smith
August 30	Janet Fentress	Billy and Sharon Kirby	Gale and Christy Buck
September 6	Cindy Edgerton	Monty and Joan Montgomery	Joe and Brenda Williams
September 13	Duke Ferrell	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard	Janet Fentress, Judy King
September 20	Liz Ferrell	Ron Rebman, Judy King	<i>Lemonade on the Lawn</i>
September 27	Billy Kirby	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan	Milt and Nancy Davis

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

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