

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



*But if we hope for what we do not see,
we wait for it with patience.*
Romans 8:25

Sermon based upon *Romans 8:12-25* and *Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24*

Our Mission

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

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Just A Closer Walk with Thee* Traditional
Lynn Pritchett, flute ~ Whitney Melton, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

One: Surely the Lord is in this place.

All: God's glorious presence will show up.

One: We are the Body of Christ.

All: We cannot say to one another, "I have no need of you."

One: Our God is a mystery that cannot be contained.

All: Let us worship the wonder that is our God!

*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

Eternal God,

**In whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our
offences, 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.**

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. (x2)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading:

Liturgist

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

(OT pg. 577)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen

Lynn Pritchett, flute ~ Whitney Melton, piano

Second Reading:

Pastor

Romans 8:12-25

(NT pg. 158)

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.

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown!
 Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art;
 Visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
 Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
 Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:
 Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

He Called Little Children

arr. Alice Jordan

***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-***

Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.

POSTLUDE

We Shall Overcome

Adolphus Hailstork

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 Isla King who passed on Wednesday, July 15th in Roanoke, VA. The white rose at the lectern is in loving memory of Isla.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Milt and Nancy Davis on the passing of Milt's son, Robert "Bobby" Davis, on Monday, July 13th, 2026 in Greensboro, NC. A celebration of Bobby's life will be held at Guilford College United Methodist Church, 1205 Fleming Rd, Greensboro, NC, on Saturday, July 25th at 1pm with a reception to follow.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of former FPC member Debora Reutter Brown who passed on June 21, 2026. A celebration of life service will take place in Raleigh, NC on Saturday, August 29th at 11:00 AM at Mitchell Funeral Home at Raleigh Memorial Park, 7209 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of John Roger Monroe, former pastor of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, who passed on May 25th, 2026 in Johnson City, TN.



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

The next Session meeting is Monday, July 27th at 4:00 PM in the session room.

~Community Worship~

Light refreshments will be served following the service.

August 9th - FPC Martinsville at 10:00 AM

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.



Presbyterian Community Pool Party

Fun for ALL Ages!

Sunday August 2

3:00-5:00 PM

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

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

Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, freeze pops, and ice cream
will be available from the grill



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

**In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside and the
grill and ballroom spaces will be made available for use.**

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Isla King, Family of Bobby Davis (son of Milt Davis), Family of John Roger Monroe, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Gale Buck, 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, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), 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, July 19

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Lemonade on the Lawn

Tuesday, July 21

5:30 PM

Facilities Meeting

Sunday, July 26

2 Cents-a-Meal Offering

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 27

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

Sunday, August 2

Communion Sunday

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

3-5:00 PM

Presbyterian Community Pool Party

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
July 19	Lynn Pritchett	Ron Rebman, Judy King	<i>Lemonade on the Lawn</i>
July 26	Randy Rollins	Bill Kirby and Suzan Kirby	Gale and Christy Buck
August 2	Taylor Shank	Joe and Jerri DeVault	Joe and Susan Smith
August 9	Joe Williams	Duke and Liz Ferrell	<i>Lemonade on the Lawn</i>
August 16	Gale Buck	Bob Wuestefeld, Barbara Duncan	Ione and Mary Linker
August 23	Barbara Duncan	Randy and Martha Rollins	Joe and Susan Smith
August 30	Cindy Edgerton	Billy and Sharon Kirby	Gale and Christy Buck

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

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