

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
Martinsville, Virginia

*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Communion Sunday*  
July 6, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation



*O beautiful for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain  
majesties above the  
fruted plain!*

**Sermon based upon 2 Kings 5:1-14 and Psalm 30**

## **Our Mission**

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

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

PRELUDE

*Trumpet Tune in C*

Lorraine Forsdick

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: All praise to you, Lord God,

**People: For you have raised us up and have not let our fears overwhelm us.**

Leader: When we cry for help, you comfort us.

**People: You release our souls from despair.**

Leader: And awaken love in us all.

**People: You turn our mourning into dancing as we praise and worship you!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Here in This Place*

GTG 401

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Here in this place new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now,  
and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung, throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters; call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in' all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Gracious God,

**As we walk and stand in your world, we seldom realize we are on holy ground. As we see and greet others, we often forget that they are your children, our siblings. We call to you, often failing to wait and listen for your answer. Lord, restore our failed vision, revive our poor memories, forgive our weak wills as you move us from confessing our sin to professing your love and glory.**

*Silent prayers of confession may be offered.*

CONFSSIONAL 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 *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

*Psalm 30* (OT pg.505)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Joel Raney

Marian Miller, piano

Spencer Koger, organ

Second Reading: Pastor

*2 Kings 5:1-14* (OT pg.336)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***People: 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.**

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of grace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of grace.

Come to the table of peace. Come to the table of peace.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of peace.

Come to the table of love. Come to the table of love.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of love.

Come to the table of joy. Come to the table of joy.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of joy.

Come to the table of hope. Come to the table of hope.  
This is God's table; it's not yours or mine.  
Come to the table of hope.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Liturgist

Call to Offering

Offertory

**\*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-***

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Pastor

Invitation to the Table

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe.

In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power.

**You made us in your image, setting us in your world to love and serve you and to live in peace with your whole creation.**

From generation to generation, you have guided us, sending prophets to turn us from wayward paths into the way of righteousness.

**Out of your great love for the world you sent your only Son among us to redeem us and to be the way to eternal life.**

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor, and power and might, be to our God forever and ever!**

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. As one of us, he knew our joys and sorrows, and our struggles with temptation. He was like us in every way except sin.

**In him we see what you created us to be. Though blameless, he suffered willingly for our sin. Though innocent, he accepted death for the guilt.**

On the cross he offered himself, a perfect sacrifice, for the life of the world.

**By his suffering and death, he freed us from sin and death. Risen from the grave, he leads us to the joy of new life.**

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

By your Spirit, unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

**Lead us, O God, in the way of Christ. Give us courage to take up our cross and, in full reliance upon your grace, to follow him. Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.**

Give us strength to serve you faithfully, until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory.

**Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, 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

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

GTG 338

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O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;  
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

POSTLUDE

*What a Friend*

Joel Raney

Marian Miller and Spencer Koger, piano duet

\*Please stand as you are able

*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**

**Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Bea Miller** on the Presbytery's approval to be our called and installed pastor! **A service of installation will take place next Sunday, July 13th** which is also our community worship day. A reception in honor of Pastor Bea will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall. **We need your help to make this event a success!** We are requesting donations of food and assistance with set-up and clean-up. The items we need include: Chicken Salad Sandwiches, Pimento Cheese Sandwiches, Ham Biscuits, Vegetable Tray, Fruit & Cheese Tray, Deviled Eggs, Brownie Bites, Cookies, Bite-size Desserts and Nuts. If you are able to contribute food or lend a hand with the event, please contact one of the following coordinators: Liz Ferrell: **276-634-6376**, Nancy Moore: **276-732-3400** or Susan Pilson: **276-340-7288**.

**A Congregational Meeting** will follow today's worship service for the purpose of electing a nominating committee who shall recruit elder and trustee candidates for the Class of 2028.

**Cooks Who Care will meet Tuesday, July 8 at 9:00 AM.** Join Pearl Minter and Lynn Pritchett in the Marge Dunn kitchen to prepare a delicious meal for our shut-ins. We also need people that would be willing to deliver meals and visit with the recipients. Reach out to Pearl (276-340-3476) or Lynn (276-252-6068) if you have questions.

## **~Community Worship~**

Light refreshments will be served following each service.

**July 13th - FPC Martinsville at 10:00 AM** (1901 Patrick Henry Avenue, Martinsville)

**August 10th - Forest Hills at 11:00 AM** (725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville)

**September 14th - Grace at 11:00 AM** (218 Fayette Street, Martinsville)



**The Community Breakfast is Saturday, July 19th.** Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Reach out to Brooke Cundiff (276-340-6124) if you are available to cook, serve, or clean.

Our church is once again the host site for the Martinsville-Henry County After 3 Summer Camp sponsored by P&HCC. This program will run **Monday through Friday, 7:45 AM to 6:00 PM, June 9th-July 18th**. Middle school children will be using multiple areas of the building including the fellowship hall and kitchen. Please keep this in mind if you schedule meetings or activities.

**Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center** (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (applesauce 24-32 oz.)** (Other needs: toilet paper, deodorant, bath soap, toothpaste, feminine products, dish and laundry detergent) when you do your grocery shopping. Both agencies depend on us for assistance.



**Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM and CLOSED on Friday**  
**If you need to conduct office business outside these hours,**  
**please call to make an appointment.**



*The Presbytery of the Peaks and  
The Congregation of First Presbyterian Church  
Invite you to a Martinsville-Henry County Presbyterian  
Community Worship Service installing  
The Reverend Doctor Bea Miller  
as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, VA  
at ten o'clock in the morning  
on Sunday, July 13, 2025  
1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
Martinsville, Virginia  
Reception following in the Fellowship Hall*



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Terry Reid Mitchell, Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Angela Calaman Troxell (F. & F. Childress), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.

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#### **Church Staff**

Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

Rita Bateman, Office Manager

Vickie Blair, Bookkeeper

Spencer Koger, Director of Music

Peter Marshall, Worship Technology Coordinator

#### **Weekday School**

Niki Grogg, Director

#### **The Session**

Moderator, Rev. Dr. Bea Miller, Clerk, Liz Ferrell

Administration, Billy Kirby (2026)

Congregational Care and Fellowship, Susan Pilson (2026)

Facilities, Johnny Pinkard (2027)

Worship, Janet Fentress (2026)/Judy King, (2027)

Christian Education, Monica Stevens (2025)

Stewardship, Nancy Moore (2027)

Mission and Outreach, Ron Rebman (2025)

Think Tank, Ann V. Madonia (2026)

**Treasurer**, Henry Moore

#### **Trustees**

Moderator, Duke Ferrell (2027)

Joe Williams (2027), Bill Kirby (2025), Gale Legg (2025)

Sharon Kirby (2026), Dru Rothrock (2026)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### **Sunday, July 6**

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

### **Communion Sunday**

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

Congregational Meeting

**MHC-After 3 Summer Program**

### **Monday –Friday**

7:45 AM – 6:00 PM

### **Tuesday, July 8**

9:00 AM

Cooks Who Care

### **Wednesday, July 9**

5:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

### **Sunday, July 13**

9:00 AM

**Community Worship/Pastor Installation**

10:00 AM

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

Reception for Pastor Bea in Fellowship Hall

### **Saturday, July 19**

8:00-9:30 AM

Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

### **Sunday, July 20**

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

### **Sunday, July 27**

9:00 AM

**Two Cent's a Meal Offering**

10:00 AM

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
<b>July 6</b>	Gale Buck	Duke and Liz Ferrell
<b>July 13</b>	no liturgist needed	Randy and Martha Rollins
<b>July 20</b>	Barbara Duncan	Billy and Sharon Kirby
<b>July 27</b>	Duke Ferrell	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard
<b>August 3</b>	Cindy Edgerton	Joe and Jerri DeVault
<b>August 10</b>	no liturgist needed	Service at Forest Hills – no ushers
<b>August 17</b>	Sharon Kirby	Taylor Shank, Sandra Shank
<b>August 24</b>	Mark Linker	Ron Rebman, Judy King
<b>August 31</b>	Liz Ferrell	Monty and Joan Montgomery

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

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