

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 11, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon *Matthew 22:1-14* and *Psalms 23*

Our Mission

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

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Processional* Handel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

One: You have been called to the banquet.

All: This is the feast.

One: You have been summoned to the wedding.

All: This is the feast of life and light.

One: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

All: We have come to the banquet that has no end. Alleluia! Amen!

*OPENING HYMN *The Lord Is God* GTG 63

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The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks,
and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

With all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and might,
O people, love the Lord your God, the source of truth and light.

At night or day, at home, away, together and apart,
O children, take these holy words and keep them in your heart.

The Lord is God, the Lord alone! Give honor, thanks,
and praise to God, the maker of all things and giver of our days.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor

One: You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come.

All: You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving.

One: You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift.

**All: Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the
way you desire for us.**

One: Be our guide and conscience.

**All: Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you.
Lord hear us as we pray.**

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

Psalm 23

(OT pg. 501)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

ANTHEM

Lord, You Call Us

M. Burkhardt

Chancel Choir

Second Reading:

Pastor

Matthew 22:1-14

(NT pg.24)

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.

***All: 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.***

One: In a broken and fearful world

***All: The Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice,
freedom, and peace.***

One: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 All: **We strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**
 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 be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Jesus Calls Us
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Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
 day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
 from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
 still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
 give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

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

Soliloquy

G. Young

*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

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh. [Refrain]

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all. [Refrain]

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him. [Refrain]

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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.***

POSTLUDE

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

Kenneth Morris

Barbara Duncan, guitar

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 Tyler and Carolyn Price on the birth of their daughter, **Annie Katharine Price**, born Saturday, October 3rd, 2026. We also congratulate the proud grandparents, David and Bonnie Price, who placed a red rose at the lectern in Annie's honor.



Congratulations to Cole and Mimi Rothrock on the birth of their son, **Thomas Samuel Rothrock**, born Thursday, October 1st, 2026. We also congratulate the proud grandfather, Dru Rothrock, who placed a red rose at the lectern in Thomas's honor.



Please join us for 2nd Cup in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service. Come enjoy coffee, refreshments, fellowship, **AND TODAY** we'll have an update on the Stewardship Campaign. Today's 2nd Cup hosts are Gale and Christy Buck.



Our Fall Church Partnership picnic is TODAY from 1-5:00 PM, at Jack Dalton Park. Join us for food, fellowship, fun and games, and live music! Members of FPC, Grace PC, and Collinsville PC are all invited!



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 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.** Click this link to register <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/new-presbytery-meeting-information/>



Call for Volunteers! The FPC Mission Committee is participating with Grace PC and other local churches to put on a Community Thanksgiving Meal. We need a lot of volunteers to sign-up and come to an organizing meeting on Sept. 21 at 6pm at Grace PC. The meal event will be on Wed. Nov 25, 1-4 pm. Go to <https://forms.gle/ThBsPawUTfbcAZ5X7> to complete the volunteer form. Questions, text lone (310) 951-5138

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

Family of Laura Stevens, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Smith Chaney, 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.



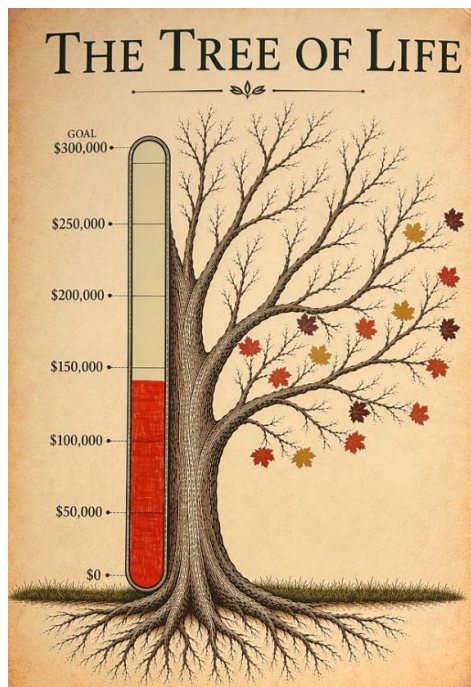
Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of October 11th, 22 pledge cards have been submitted. However, we are currently unable to provide a total amount as our bookkeeper is out of the office.



\$10,000+			14 for \$154,000
\$5,000		15 for \$54,000	
\$2,500	16 for \$16,000		
	Units pledging and amounts for 2026		

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Monday –Friday

Weekday School

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

School in Session

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch Buddies

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

Wednesday, October 21

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 22

9:35 AM

Presbytery Meeting in Roanoke

Sunday, October 25

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 26

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
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
November 1	Joan Montgomery	Billy and Sharon Kirby	TBD
November 8	Nancy Moore	Monty and Joan Montgomery	TBD
November 15	Lynn Pritchett	Bob Weutefeld, Barbara Duncan	TBD
November 22	Martha Rollins	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard	TBD
November 29	Ron Rebman	Bill and Susan Kirby	TBD

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

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