

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 12, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon Exodus 1:8-21 and Psalm 112

Our Mission

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

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

PRELUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Whitworth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Ron Rebman, Misson and Outreach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Adapted from Psalm 112)

One: Blessed are those who honor God,
Who find joy in God's commandments.

**Many: We listen for God's call
We respond with faithful action.**

One: Even in times of darkness, a light shines for God's people.

Many: Even when receiving bad news, our trust in God remains secure.

One: The righteous will never be shaken,
their hearts are steady; their trust is in the Lord.

Many: We will be faithful. We will be strong. We will praise our God!

One: Friends, let us worship our God!

Many: Let us give thanks and praise to God!

*OPENING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies
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GTG 667

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Compassionate God, who hears the cries of the oppressed, you call us to resist evil and hold fast to what is good, to commit our lives to the cause of love. But we are afraid to confront powers that privilege some and diminish others; we do not want to lose the security we enjoy. Forgive us. Open our ears to hear your voice, our eyes to look upon neighbors in need, and our hearts to respond with compassion, that we might follow the way of Christ. Amen.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>Kyrie</i>	PH 572
<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>		
<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>		
<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>		

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS	Pastor
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*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE	Pastor
One: The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.	
<i>All: And also with you.</i>	

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE	<i>We Are Forgiven</i>	GTG 447
<i>We are forgiven. We are forgiven.</i>		
<i>Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.</i>		
<i>(repeat once)</i>		

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	Liturgist
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SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading:	Liturgist
<i>Psalms 112</i>	(OT pg.563)

CHOIR ANTHEM	<i>Lord Be Glorified</i>	Bob Kilpatrick
	Chancel Choir	

Second Reading:	Pastor
<i>Exodus 1:8-21</i>	(OT pg.49)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON	<i>"Bold Calls and Faithful Responses"</i>	Samuel Smith
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Pastor
<i>The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)</i>	

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

There Came a Time in Egypt

Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864 ("The Church's One Foundation")

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There came a time in Egypt when Joseph wasn't known —
when people had forgotten the seeds of help he'd sown.
With immigrants increasing, the leaders lived in fear.
That fear turned into murmuring: "We do not want them here!"

The rulers told the midwives, "Don't let their numbers grow."
But Shiphrah said, with Puah, a quiet, faithful, "No!"
When they were tasked with killing, they saved the baby boys.
God, may we, too, be willing to challenge what destroys.

O God, you sent us Jesus who said, "Take up your cross!"
He taught that faithful living will often have a cost.
He taught us to be daring, creative, wise and strong —
to make the world more caring, to challenge what is wrong.

When immigrants are struggling, when children live in fear,
when forces of destruction are threatening people here,
God, make us like those women, and may we seek to be
the ones who usher life in, till all are whole and free.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor

In the name of Jesus, we pray for the church. Let your church be a temple of forgiveness
and a sanctuary for all who are in trouble. Be near to us when we gather in Christ's name.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

In the name of Jesus, we pray for the earth. Act with compassion to bring to an end the
bitter plagues that are destroying us; wash away the stain of pollution in the land.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

In the name of Jesus, we pray for all nations. Bring down oppressive powers and regimes;
strengthen leaders who work for justice and peace; defend all exiles, refugees, and victims
of war.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

In the name of Jesus, we pray for this community. Show us how to love one another and
live in peace. Keep our neighborhoods and streets free of violence; protect our families
and homes from all harm.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

In the name of Jesus, we pray for loved ones. By your saving, healing, liberating grace,
help those who are weak and suffering; give life to those who turn to you in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayers.**

Enable us, O God, by the power of your Spirit, to live our lives in a way that is worthy of the gospel, we pray as you taught us and all disciples to pray:

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

Bouree

Mozart

***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**

Take My Life

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GTG 697

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only,
all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

My Peace

Keith Routledge

POSTLUDE

Rondeau

Mouret

*Please rise in body or in spirit

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

We welcome and thank Sam Smith as our guest speaker this morning. Sam is a final level student at Union Presbyterian Seminary where he is pursuing a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Education.

Pastor Bea will be away until October 26th on her pilgrimage in Spain. While she is away, elders of our church will be on call if pastoral care is needed. Call 276-734-8830 and leave a message or text. You may also leave a message on the church office phone.

Cooks Who Care will meet Tuesday, October 14th at 9:00 AM. Join us 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 Liz (276-734-6376) if you have questions.



The Community Breakfast is Saturday, October 18th led by Bill and Suzan Kirby. Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Reach out to Suzan (276-358-0075) if you are available to cook, serve, or clean.

The October Presbytery Meeting will be held on October 23rd at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3911 Greenland Ave, NW, Roanoke, VA. This will be an all-day meeting. Registration is now open and will close at noon on October 22nd. Follow this link to register: <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/new-presbytery-meeting-information/>



The Facilities Committee will hold a work day on October 25th beginning at 8:00 AM to tidy up the grounds and building. We will clean up leaves, do some weeding, and trim bushes. The kitchen and pantry also need a deep cleaning. We want things to look nice for our open house and for the upcoming holidays.



November 16th is Laity Sunday when members of our congregation have an opportunity to lead us in worship. Our members will be reading Scripture, offering prayers, making announcements and conducting all parts of the service. Reach out to Judy King or Janet Fentress if you would like to participate in any way.

Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers rehearsals are Wednesdays in the Music Workshop room. Join the **Sanctuary Ringers rehearsals at 5:30 PM**, and the **Chancel Choir for rehearsal 6:30 PM**. Reach out to our new Interim Music Director, Craig Campeau, if you are interested in joining either, or both choirs.

Share the Parking Lot. Teachers and staff from Patrick Henry Elementary School continue to use our parking lot as the school's parking lot is undergoing extensive drainage issue repairs that will take several weeks to complete.

We are currently looking for music subs for our worship services until we are able to hire a new music director. If they only play piano that will be fine. If you have a suggestion of someone that might be interested, please contact Janet Fentress (276 618-0153) or Judy King (276 340-8101).

Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (Pork & Beans 15 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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Hank Childress (Ford Childress' brother), Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Richard Komorowski (M&N Davis), Cecil Robbins, Sandra Roberts (sister of Kat Walker), Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, , Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), 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, October 12

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Monday –Friday

Weekday School

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

School in Session

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch Buddies

Tuesday, October 14

9:00 AM

Cooks Who Care

10:30 AM

Stewardship Meeting in Session Room

Wednesday October 15

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 18

8:00-9:30 AM

Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

Sunday, October 19

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesday October 22

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 23

10:30 AM

Stewardship Meeting in Session Room

Presbytery Meeting

Saturday, October 25

8:00 AM - Until

Church Work Day

Sunday, October 26

2 Cents a Meal

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

11:15 AM

Open House for Community Office Wing

Monday, October 27

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
October 12	Lynn Pritchett	Randy and Martha Rollins
October 19	Barbara Duncan	Billy and Sharon Kirby
October 26	Liz Ferrell	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard
November 2	Joan Montgomery	Monty and Joan Montgomery
November 9	Nancy Moore	Ron Rebman, Judy King
November 16	Susan Pilson	Bill and Suzan Kirby
November 23	Ashby Pinkard	Monty and Joan Montgomery
November 30	No liturgist needed	Bob Wuestefeld, Barbara Duncan

If you cannot serve on the Sunday scheduled, please find a substitute.
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.