

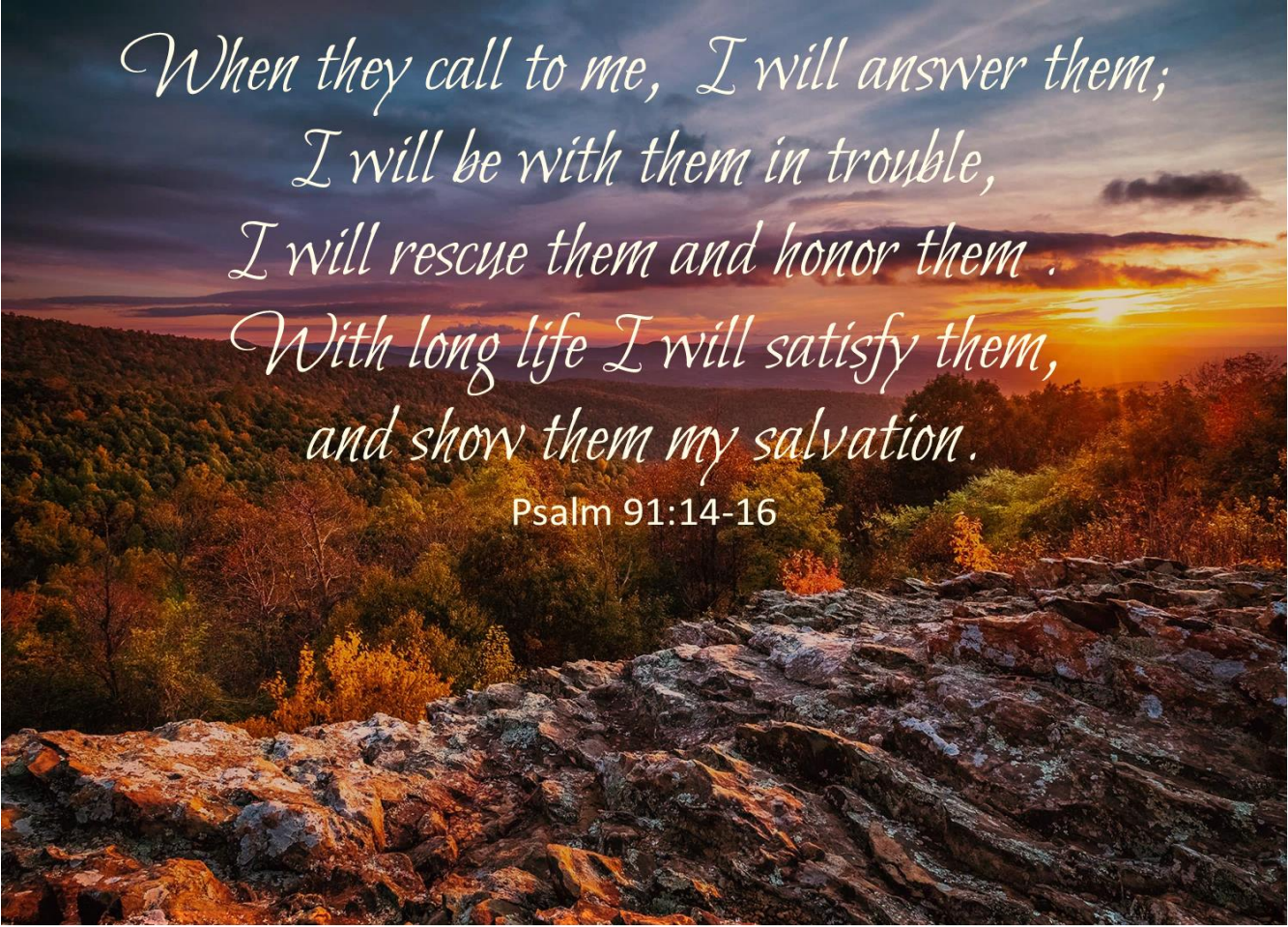
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



*When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.*

Psalm 91:14-16

Sermon based upon Psalm 91:9-16 and Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Our Mission

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

*The Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

PRELUDE

Simple Gifts

Anita McEntire, handbells; Spencer Koger, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Come, Let us worship God, who created all things!

People: We worship God who laid the foundations of the earth

Leader: You, O Lord, are our refuge and our stronghold.

People: You are our dwelling place, our God in whom we trust!

Leader: Grant us hearts to always love and serve you.

People: Let us lift our voices in praise!

*OPENING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

GTG 611

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Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Merciful and gentle God,

We have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive our hubris, gracious God. Correct our ignorant ways and help us to know your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

*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 (Gloria Patri)

PH 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading:

Liturgist

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c (responsive reading)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O Lord my God you are very great.

People: You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

Leader: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,

People: You make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind.

Leader: You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

People: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

Leader: You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.

People: At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder, they take flight.

Leader: They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place you appointed for them.

People: You set a boundary that they might not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all, the earth is full of your creatures.

People: Praise the Lord!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise
Chancel Choir

Natalie Sleeth

Second Reading:

Pastor

Psalm 91:9-16

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*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.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord

GTG 43

(On Eagle's Wings)

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You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: 'My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!'
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear:
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to
shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to
shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

For to his angels he's given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to
shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor

***O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer.
O Lord, hear my prayer: Come and listen to me.***

GTG 471

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

Be Still My Soul

Anita McEntire, handbells; Spencer Koger, piano

***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~

Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

***SENDING HYMN** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* GTG 837
PUBLIC DOMAIN

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;

leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain].

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Father, Give Thy Benediction*

POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace*
Anita McEntire, handbells; Spencer Koger, piano

*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

We thank Elder Monica Stevens for preaching this morning in Pastor Bea's absence. If pastoral care is needed while Pastor Bea is away, call the church cell phone at 276-734-8830 to speak with an elder.

Peaks Presbytery Meeting is Thursday, October 24 at Raleigh Court PC, Roanoke. This will be an all-day meeting. REGISTRATION is REQUIRED so they can plan for lunch. Registration is now open and will close October 22 at 4:00 PM. To register visit <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/new-presbytery-meeting-information/>



RESCHEDULED! Facilities Fall Clean-Up Day is Saturday, October 26th from 8:00 AM to Noon. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex listing various needs. Bring your gloves, shovels, rakes, weed-eaters, wheelbarrows, paint brushes and a supply of energy!

There will be a covered dish lunch Sunday, October 27th after the worship service with a follow up regarding the congregational identity.

Anyone wishing to support the Presbytery flood disaster relief efforts may do so by sending a check to Presbytery of the Peaks and designate your gift to DR000169. Checks may be placed in with the offering and we will get them to the Presbytery office for you.

Wanted: Faithful Elders to share our Lord's Supper with members who are not able to attend services. This is an opportunity to visit and share with other members by extending our Lord's Supper to all who want to be served and you may serve them any day of communion week. Training is provided for anyone interested in serving as part of First Presbyterian's **Extended Table**. Reach out to Nancy Davis (276-634-1403 or davistwo@comcast.net) for more information on how you can serve others through this vital ministry.

Handbell and Choir rehearsals are each Wednesday. If you are interested in joining, **handbells begin rehearsal at 5:30 PM** in the session room and the **choir meets at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. New folks are always welcome! Talk with Spencer if you have any questions.

Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (canned fruit)** (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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of A. Robert Chapman (Organist/Director of Music at Broad Street Christian Church), Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Teri Ferguson, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Martin Ford, Gary Francisco (Shanna King's father), Juanita Griffin (J & B Williams), Daniel Handy, Jennifer Holland (N. Davis), Dr. Mervyn King, Marvin Hudson, Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Nathan Toms (A. Madonia), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries. Areas and families affected by Hurricane Helene.

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
October 20	Joan Montgomery	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard
October 27	Ashby Pinkard	Monty Montgomery, Betty Hudson
November 3	Nancy Moore	Joe and Jerri DeVault
November 10	Monty Montgomery	Judy King, Monty Montgomery
November 17	Lynn Pritchett	Monty and Joan Montgomery
November 24	Ron Rebman	Ron Rebman, Nancy Baker

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

OFFICE HOURS

**Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Friday – 9:30 – 2:00 PM**

