

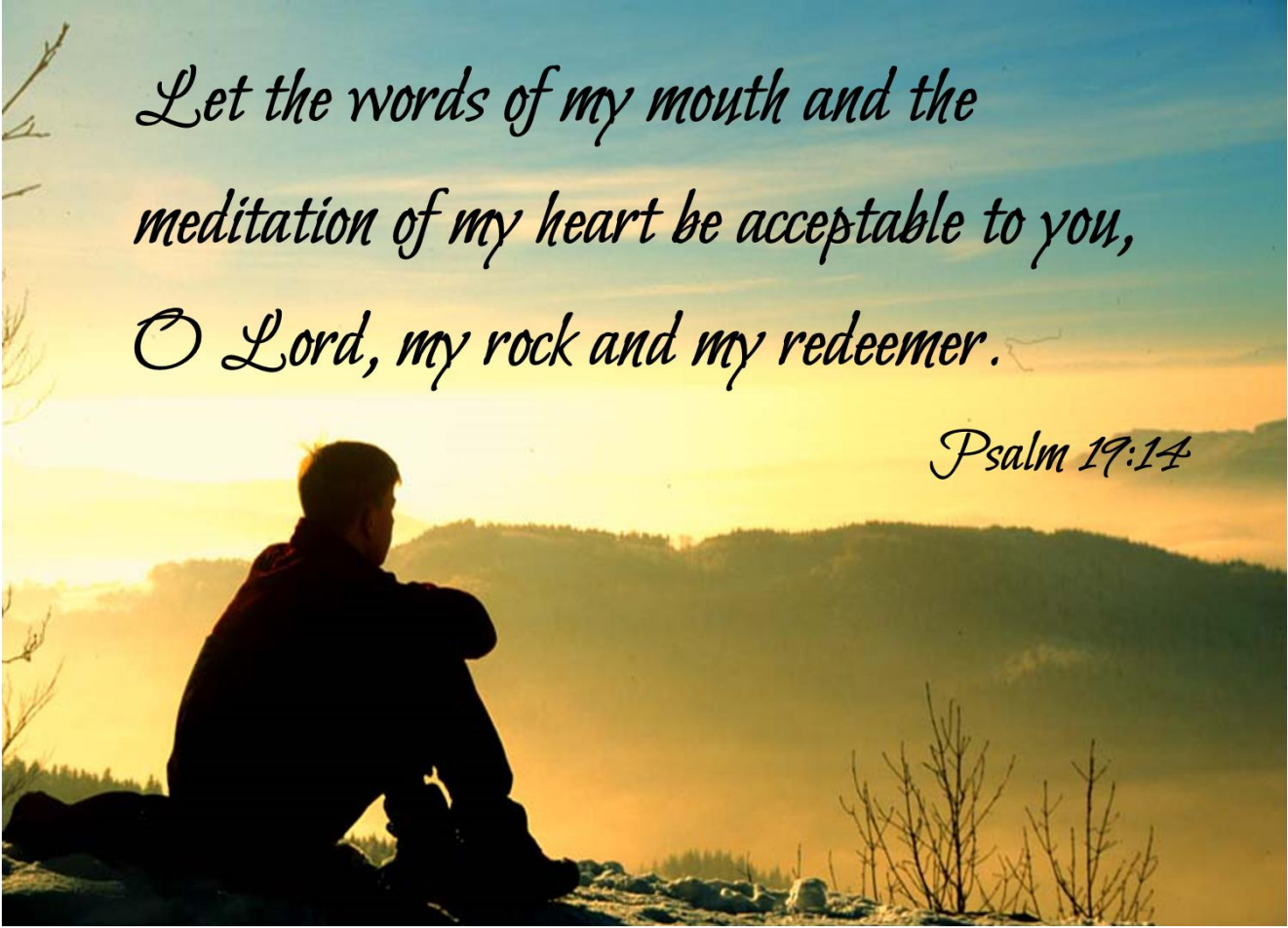
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



*Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.*

Psalm 19:14

Sermon based upon James 5:13-20 and Psalm 19:7-14

Our Mission

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

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

PRELUDE

This Is The Day The Lord Has Made

Dr. Daniel W. Hester

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

People: The commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Leader: The ordinances of the Lord are true.

People: More to be desired are they than gold.

*OPENING HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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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

Almighty and Merciful God,

We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSONAL RESPONSE	<i>"Kyrie"</i>	PH#572
<p><i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i> <i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i> <i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i></p>		
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		Pastor
*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE		Pastor
<p>Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all. <i>People: And also with you.</i></p>		
*RESPONSE OF PRAISE	<i>(Gloria Patri)</i>	PH#579
<p>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.</p>		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Liturgist
SCRIPTURE READINGS		
	First Reading:	Liturgist
	<i>Psalm 19:7-14</i>	(OT pg.499)
TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES		Pastor
ANTHEM	<i>The Lord Never Closes His Eyes</i> Chancel Choir Lynn Pritchett, flautist	David Angerman
	Second Reading:	Pastor
	<i>James 5:13-20</i>	(NT pg.231)
<p>Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. <i>People: Thanks be to God.</i></p>		
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Bea Miller
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Pastor
<p>We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.</p>		

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus, new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So, God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
that surrounds each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

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

***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

Come sing, O church in joy! Come join, O church in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing O church in joy! Come join O church in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed O'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in F

Lorraine Forsdick

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWS THE SERVICE

*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

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jim Ford on his birthday by his family.

There will be a Congregational Meeting TODAY following the worship service for the purpose of electing church officers for the Class of 2027. Candidates are Judy King, Nancy Moore and Johnny Pinkard as elders and Duke Ferrell and Joe Williams as trustees.

Also TODAY, join us for a Potluck lunch following the congregational meeting where we will discuss responses to questions from Good Futures.

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.

The Session will meet Monday, September 30th at 6:00 PM in the session room.

The FPC Women's Circle Meeting is Monday, October 7th at King's Grant at 11:00 AM. Joan Montgomery will be leading lesson 2. If you are not a King's Grant resident, please sign in at the front desk and purchase your lunch ticket for \$12 upon arrival.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 29

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary
Congregational Meeting and Potluck Lunch

Monday, September 30

6:00 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 2

5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal ~ Session Room
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

Sunday, October 6

9:00 AM **Communion Sunday**
10:00 AM Sunday School
Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, October 7

11:00 AM PW Circle Meeting at King's Grant

Wednesday, October 9

No Handbell Rehearsal
No Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 13

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 16

No Handbell Rehearsal
No Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 19

8:00-9:30 AM Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

Sunday, October 20

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 23

5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal ~ Session Room
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

Thursday, October 24

Presbytery Meeting @ Raleigh Court PC in Roanoke

Sunday, October 27

9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, October 28

6:00 PM Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 30

5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal ~ Session Room
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of A. Robert Chapman (Organist/Director of Music at Broad Street Christian Church), Family of Drema Austin, Brooke Cundiff and family on the passing of Brooke's stepfather, Family of Brad (Amanda) Russell, 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.

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
September 29	Jack Kirby	Randy and Martha Rollins
October 6	Sharon Kirby	Billy and Sharon Kirby
October 13	Pearl Minter	Neil Tatum, Betty Hudson
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