

*The Service for the Lord's Day
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 12, 2018*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Allegro Moderato" Richard Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor/Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

People: Happy are those who trust in God.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*OPENING HYMN OF PRAISE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" PH#151

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Liturgist

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way. You offer the joy of your Spirit, yet we waste away in sin and grief. You offer the life of your Word, yet we turn away in doubt and despair. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Spirit make us more tender and kind, living as your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. -Amen-

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Pastor

Leader: As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always, ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

People: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.-Amen-

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE (Briefly pass the peace of Christ to those immediately around 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.**

BLESSING OF OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES/YOUNG AT HEART
(No Age Limit) followed by Children's Church (4 years old through 2nd Grade) in Room 116 outside the Sanctuary.

COMMISSIONING OF DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY PARTICIPANTS

Dr. Denny Casey, Jerri DeVault

THE HEARING OF GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS (Please stand as you are able for the readings of Scripture.)

*Old Testament Reading: Liturgist

Psalm 130 (Pew Bible pg.573)

ANTHEM "The Greatest is Love" Allen Pote

Chancel Choir

*New Testament Reading: Pastor

Ephesians 4:25—5:2 (Pew Bible pg.194)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Merciful and Just"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love" (Insert)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) PH pg. 14

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 AND OURSELVES

Call to Offering Liturgist

Offertory "Andante" Felix Mendelssohn

*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 IN GOD'S NAME

*SENDING HYMN "Take My Life" PH#391

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Pastor

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE
"The Lord Bless You and Keep You" H.R. Evans

POSTLUDE "Allegro Maestoso" Clément Loret

**All who are able are invited to stand.*

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 the church, there are three ways you may do so. They are: transfer of letter 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. Please ask our pastor or a ruling elder for more details.

Please use the friendship register to indicate your presence in worship. Pass the register back to the center aisle and note those who are seated with you on the pew and greet them following the worship service. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please include your address, telephone number, and e-mail as well.

Children are welcome and invited to worship with us in many ways! There are worship bags and Children's Bulletins in the narthex. Children of all ages are invited to come forward at the *Time with the Young Disciples*. **Children 4 years old through 2nd grade are invited to Children's Worship with their leader after the Time with the Young Disciples. Children in 3rd grade and above are encouraged to worship with their families.** There is a nursery downstairs beneath the narthex for **children ages birth through 3-years-old** during the entire service.

Need help hearing the service? Receivers connected to the sound system are available in the Narthex. Just ask an usher.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Special Blessing for Our College Students will take place this morning during the 11:00 AM worship service.

The Final Summer Organ Recital is today at 4:00 PM. Come to First Baptist Church at 23 Starling Ave. and sing along to your favorite hymns during "Hymn Fest".

Nomination Forms for Elders and Trustees are located in each pew. If you know of a man or woman of our congregation, whom you feel meets the outlined qualifications; we encourage you to submit their name(s). Return through the offering plate or the church office. **TODAY is the last day to submit a name.**

Free Community Breakfast is Saturday, August 18 from 8:00-9:30 AM. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Cooking begins at 7:00 AM. Contact Sharon Kirby for more information.

Presbytery of the Peaks Quarterly Meeting is Saturday, August 18, 8:30 AM–3:00 PM, at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, 40 Lakemount Drive, Moneta.

FAMILY EVENT! Saturday, August 26, from 4-8:00 PM, come to Camp Lee Ford (4248 Camp Lee Ford Road) in Ridgeway, Virginia. Bring your family, friends, and your favorite side dish for an evening of fun and fellowship. Everyone is invited. **Contact Sarah Krauss (276.952.7408 or sarahak2733@gmail.com) for more information.**

The Presbytery Women’s Circle Meetings will start back soon. Bible study books, *God’s Promise: I Am With You*, are available in the church office. Sign your name on the list and take one home today. Be ready to discuss lesson one at our first meeting on Monday, September 10 at 10:30 AM at King’s Grant.

Be sure to remember SOUTHSIDE SURVIVOR RESPONSE CENTER (various household items and toiletries) and **GRACE NETWORK** (Cereal (12-18 oz). (Optional needs are 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.

All church events and bulletin announcements should be scheduled through the office. Announcements should be submitted by Noon on Wednesday. Call the office (276-632-3431) or email (office@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org).

Keep up with the latest news by signing up for Steeple Views emails. There is a link on our church website (fpcmartinsvilleva.org) or you may fill out a form found in the friendship registers in the pews (print clearly). If you don’t have email, we can mail a weekly issue.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Anne Abercrombie, Ken Ashley, Doc Altizer, Walter Anderson, Merylyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jim Brunt (N. Davis’ brother), Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Bud Buffkin, Alexandria Chaney (daughter-in-law of Smith and Gael), Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Janet Cox, Sandra Bryson Cox, Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Jeannie Hinchie (D. Bryson), Christy Kropp, Eddie Levi, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Amy Bryson Peck, Anne Peterson, Barbara Regen, Walt Seamon, Sarah V. Wells, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 12
 8:30 AM Contemporary Service
 9:30 AM Fellowship and Refreshments in FH
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
 12 NOON Lemonade on the Lawn
 4:00 PM *Hymn Fest* at First Baptist Church

Tuesday, August 14
 4:00 PM Steeple Views Deadline

Wednesday, August 15
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 16
 NO Praise Band Rehearsal

Saturday, August 18
 8-9:30 AM Community Breakfast
 8:30 AM–3:00 PM Presbytery Meeting at Trinity Ecumenical Parish

Sunday, August 19
 8:30 AM Contemporary Service
 9:30 AM Fellowship and Refreshments in FH
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Aug 12	Ushers *M. Montgomery, David Garland, Bill Manning, Dru Rothrock Unlock: Neil Tatum Lockup: Denny Casey
Aug 19	Ushers *Neil Tatum, Paul Cannaday, Victoria Esarey, Bill Kirby Unlock: Johnny Pinkard Lockup: Duke Ferrell
Aug 26	Ushers *Ralph Shank, Jr., Bob Davis, Harold Lamm, Henry Moore Unlock: Neil Tatum Lockup: Milt Davis

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The Session

Moderator, Rev. Mark Hinchcliff Clerk, Nancy Baker
 Administration, Ron Rebman (2020) Worship, Teri Ferguson (2019)
 Facilities, Denny Casey (2020) Congregational Care, Susan Pilson (2019)
 Fellowship, Kym Tatum (2020) Stewardship, Nancy Moore (2018)
 Mission/Outreach, Sharon Kirby (2018), Paul Cannaday (2019)
 Christian Education, Monica Stevens (2018)

Trustees

Milt Davis, (2020), Duke Ferrell (2020), Monty Montgomery (2018),
 Henry Moore (2018), Reed Moore (2019), Ralph Shank, Jr. (2019)

Other Committee Moderators

Trustees: Monty Montgomery Early Worship: Virginia King

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
 Martinsville, Virginia

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 August 12, 2018



“Merciful and Just”
Based upon Ephesians 4:25–5:2 and Psalm 130

Pastor: Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

Liturgist: Grayson Russell

Our Mission

“Share God’s love, embrace our neighbors, nurture each other.”