

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, March 17

8:30 AM Contemporary Service  
 9:30 AM Fellowship and Refreshments in FH  
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class Meets in Youth Room  
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

### Monday –Thursday

**9:00 AM -12:00 PM Weekday School**

### Monday, March 18

3:00 PM GPS  
 5:30 PM Cottage Place Dinner

### Tuesday, March 19

12 NOON Lenten Lunch at First Presbyterian  
 4:00 PM Steeple Views Deadline  
 4:30 – 7:00 PM DaCapo Music School

### Wednesday, March 20

5:45 PM Sanctuary Ringers Practice  
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice

### Thursday, March 21

12 NOON-6:00 PM Red Cross Bloodmobile  
 7:00 PM Praise Band Practice

### Friday, March 22

12-4:00 PM Agape Ministry Retreat

### Sunday, March 24

**Third Sunday in Lent**

8:30 AM Contemporary Service  
 9:30 AM Fellowship and Refreshments in FH  
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class Meets in Youth Room  
 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages  
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

	Unlock	Lockup
Mar 17	Neil Tatum	Milt Davis
Mar 24	Johnny Pinkard	Victoria Esarey
Mar 31	Neil Tatum	Denny Casey

See your bulletin insert for

## PRAYER CONCERNS

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
 Martinsville, Virginia

*Second Sunday in Lent*  
 March 17, 2019



*“Living Into the Promise”*

**Based upon Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18 and Psalm 27**

**Our Mission**

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

**Contemporary Service, 8:30 AM**

March 17, 2019

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

GATHERING SONG     *“At The Cross”*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*GREETING EACH OTHER

\*SONG OF PRAISE     *“I Believe in Jesus”*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, Yours is a story of grace and mercy. Yours is a harvest of righteousness and truth. Yours is a gospel of goodness and sharing. Yours is a love that overflows. Forgive us of the ways we fall short of your call. Convict us of our failings. Enlighten us to your truth. Enliven us for your service. Empower us through your forgiveness. Shower us with your grace. -Amen-**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us,

Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

**People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. -Amen-

\*SONG OF RESPONSE     *“Hungry”*

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES/YOUNG AT HEART

(No Age Limit)

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

*Psalms 27*

Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18*

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

*“Living Into the Promise”*

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S CALL**

\*STATEMENT OF FAITH from the *Book of Confessions*

Taken from *Brief Statement of Faith*, Sect. 11.1, 11.4 and 11.5

**In life and in death we belong to God. 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.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, 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!” With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG     *“Lord, I Need You”*

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE     *“Change My Heart O God”*

**WE GO TO BUILD GOD’S KINGDOM**

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE     *“We Will Glorify”*

**Welcome to the Contemporary Worship Service** as we gather informally here in the chapel to celebrate the presence of God with songs, prayers and messages. All are welcome.

**Visitors** please sign the register and a Visitor Card at the entrance to the chapel. We are so glad to have you join us for this time of fellowship and worship. If you would like to know more about our church and its mission, please indicate on the visitor card.

**Please** join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall on the lower level for coffee, juice and sweets. It is a time for fellowship for our members and guests.

**Sunday School Classes** for all ages are offered at 9:45 AM each Sunday following our time of fellowship.

**Musical and vocal talent** needed for the Praise Team! If you are interested, please contact Virginia King (varking.vk@gmail.com) or 276-732-1687.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Cottage Place Outreach Dinner is Monday, March 18 at 5:30 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteers are needed beginning at 5:00 PM. Contact Paul Cannaday (252-8191, pcannaday@comcast.net) with any questions.

**We are hosting the LENTEN LUNCH this Tuesday, March 19 at NOON.** Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a devotional and a light meal of soup and bread.

### **Lenten Lunch Schedule (Tuesdays at 12:00 Noon)**

March 19 at First Presbyterian  
March 26 at Calvary Christian  
April 2 at Grace Presbyterian  
April 9 at Broad Street Christian

**Red Cross Bloodmobile is Thursday, March 21 from 12 NOON to 6:00 PM** at the Elk Lodge, 300 Fairy Street. Our congregation supplies volunteers during this time. Contact Nancy Baker for more information (638-7923 or nbaker08@comcast.net).

**On Palm Sunday, April 14, you will have the opportunity to give to *One Great Hour of Sharing*.** Your gift enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world.

Envelopes for your gift will be located in the pews. Checks should be written to the church.

**Be sure to remember SOUTHSIDE SURVIVOR RESPONSE CENTER** (various household items and toiletries) **and GRACE NETWORK** (Canned Fruit 15oz cans). (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).

**Deadline for submission of articles for *Steeple Views*,** our church newsletter, is 4:00 PM Tuesdays to Editor Sharon Kirby. (steepleviews@fpcmartinsvilleva.org).

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Ken Ashley, Doc Altizer, Connie and Walter Anderson, Carl and Georgette Bishop, Merilyn Bremner (S. Ford), Jason Brown (Nancy Brown's grandson), Jim Brunt (N. Davis' brother), Dot Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Evelyn Clark, Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Janet Cox, Sandra Bryson Cox, Angela Denney (niece of Cynthia Dobrinski), Daniel Handy, Helen Hawkes, Jean Hill, Jeannie Hinchie (D. Bryson), Joye Hughes, Betty Carol Lamm, Eddie Levi, Laura Stevens Milton, Regenia Noel (M. Stevens), Ed Pace, Amy Bryson Peck, Anne Peterson, Lauren Prince (N. Moore), Barbara Regen, Walt Seamon, George Townsend, Roger Williams (V. Esarey), persecuted Christians and all troops in defense of freedom throughout the world.

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Cynthia Dobrinski, Traditional Service Music Director

Deborah Burgess, Contemporary Service Music Director

Rita Bateman, Office Manager      Drema Austin, Bookkeeper

Carol Carter, WDS Director

**The Session**

Moderator, Rev. Mark Hinchcliff      Clerk, Nancy Baker

Administration, Ron Rebman (2020)      Communication, Denny Casey (2020)

Worship, Teri Ferguson (2019)      Christian Education, Monica Stevens (2021)

Congregational Care, Susan Pilson (2019)      Fellowship, Kym Tatum (2020)

Stewardship, Lynn Pritchett (2021)      Facilities, Ed Pace (2021)

Mission/Outreach, Paul Cannaday (2019)

**Treasurer**, Henry Moore

**Trustees**

Milt Davis, (2020), Duke Ferrell (2020), David Garland (2021)

Ed Linker (2021), Reed Moore (2019), Ralph Shank, Jr. (2019)

**Other Committee Moderators**

Trustees: Ralph Shank, Jr.      Early Worship: Virginia King