

**April 24, 2025**



**Steeple Views**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

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**Pastor's Corner**  
**Pastor Bea Miller**

Dear First Presbyterian family,

Thank you for a wonder-filled, amazing Holy Week!!

It all began on Palm Sunday as we traveled through the streets of Jerusalem experiencing many emotions as Jesus rode in on a donkey. We could almost feel the crowds around us! Thank you, Angela Zimmerman, our preacher for the day! And then we ate together. Thank you for sharing your bounty, preparing beautiful food to share. Thank you for setting up and cleaning up. And we had great conversations, even talking about how good it is to just sit and eat together.

Then, after another perfect, beautiful meal together, our Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae service took us into the tomb with Jesus. We were blessed by our choir, Spencer and a team of people transforming our sanctuary as they guided us deeper and deeper into the story of Good Friday. Thanks be to God for all the hands and hearts that lead us in worship.

On Easter morning we had flowers on the cross outside as we arrived in a dark sanctuary. Some wondered if we forgot to pay the power bill. But with the Easter proclamation, bagpipes and light bearer, the sanctuary was filled with light ~ God's light ~ as the shutters opened and God's light in all our hearts. Christ is our light! The choir was amazing as the service filled us all with joy! Blessed be all our hands and hearts worshiping together! And blessed be all those responsible for so many moving parts in the service!

It takes many hands and hearts for us to be First Presbyterian and I give thanks for all!!! We have much to celebrate as we proclaim our Risen Lord!

Alleluia!

Christ is Risen indeed,

Pastor Bea

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Please join us for worship this second Sunday of Easter at 10:00 AM

**Sermon by Pastor Bea**

based upon Luke 24:13-49 and Psalm 150

**Liturgist:** Ashby Pinkard

**Ushers/Greeters:** Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan

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## **Liturgist Schedule**

### **April**

27 Ashby Pinkard

### **May**

4 Susan Pilson  
11 Lynn Pritchett  
18 Ron Rebman  
25 Martha Rollins

### **June**

1 Janet Fentress

8 Randy Rollins  
15 Gale Buck  
22 Joe Williams  
29 Taylor Shank

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### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 4pm  
Friday 9:30am - 2pm

**Be Aware!**

**Protect yourself  
from scammers!**

Watch for emails, texts or calls that might be fraudulent and do not trust communications (even if they sound legitimate) that ask for personal information, money or gift cards.

You will NEVER get an email from the church or your pastor asking you to purchase gift cards because we are busy or in a meeting.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** & UPCOMING EVENTS

**The WDS will be on spring break April 18-25.**

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**The Session will meet Monday, April 28th** at 4:00 PM in the session room.

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**Facilities Workday - Saturday, May 3rd, 8am - Noon** (or anytime you can make it). In preparation for the Presbytery Meeting in June, we need your help cleaning, painting and doing other jobs inside and outside. All volunteers are welcomed and encouraged. Contact Johnny Pinkard ([276-952-5826](tel:276-952-5826)) for more details or if you have questions or suggestions.

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**FPC Women's Circle Meeting - Monday, May 5th** at King's Grant at 11 AM. Marty Sherwood of Forest Hills PC will lead lesson 9. 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.

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**Weekday School upcoming events:**

**Art Show** - Thursday, May 8th at 6:00 PM

**Preschool Graduation** - Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 PM

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**Community Worship:**

**June 8** FPC Martinsville

**July 13** FPC Collinsville

**August 10** Forest Hills

**September 14** Grace

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**Community Breakfast Update**

**From Mary Linker:**

I had so much fun coordinating the Community breakfast on April 19th! I did this in honor of my mother Jean Linker who would have been 95 years old that day (in heaven for ten years now). For me, this was an opportunity to put names to the faces I see in church. We served 76 people and sent out 53 to-go meals. The operation is a well-oiled machine thanks to all the volunteers! Much appreciation goes to Judy King, Ashby & Johnny Pinkard, Lynn & Ashby Pritchard, Gale Legg (pancake & bagpipe master!), Sharon Kirby, Martha & Randy Rollins, Will & Cindy Franck, Jerri Vault, Joan & Monty Montgomery, Ione Linker, and Ford Childress. Special thanks to our musical entertainment Barbara Duncan and Bill Charles. One of our guests Stacy joined Barbara with his wonderful voice. I may have missed some folks -- sorry! I urge you all to join in this meaningful outreach event in the future!

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**Congregational Care and Fellowship**

If you are in need of a [prayer shawl](#), or know someone that could use one,

please pick one up from the narthex and be sure to sign it out. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Susan Pilson**.

If you are in need of prayer, a meal, transportation, etc...due to a death in the family or the birth of a baby, please reach out to the Congregational Care and Fellowship committee by contacting **Susan** at [276 340-7288](tel:2763407288).

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## ***Happy Birthday in April!***

**4** Max Pinkston  
**5** Kathryn Judson  
**7** Bob Davis  
**9** Pastor Bea Miller  
**14** Judy Garland  
**15** Briana Tatum  
**17** Barbara Tatum  
**20** Manly Boyd  
**22** Matthew Price  
**30** Lynn Pritchett, Will Kirby

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**These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:**

### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of John Bowles, Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Jerri DeVault, Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Carl Utley, Lil Wall, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries. Areas and families affected by hurricanes, tornadoes and wildfires.



## ***Grace Network Donations***

**2nd quarter 2025 food donation item is**  
**Creamed corn 15 oz**



Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

**ALSO in need of plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons (any size).**  
**These can be deposited in the bins inside the Narthex**

**Hygiene Items are always needed** (optional)

- \*Toilet Paper
- \*Bath Soap
- \*Dish Detergent
- \*Feminine Products
- \*Deodorant
- \*Toothpaste
- \*Laundry Detergent

*\*Items may be brought to the church or dropped off at Grace Network, Monday  
- Friday, 9-2 PM*



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### Our Mission

Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

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### Useful Links

FPC website:

[www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/](http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/) or [www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/](http://www.fpcmartinsvilleVA.org/)

FPC online directory: [members.instantchurchdirectory.com/](http://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/)

FPC Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA](https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA)

Presbytery of the Peaks: [www.peakspresbytery.org/](http://www.peakspresbytery.org/)

Presbyterian Church (USA): [www.pcusa.org/](http://www.pcusa.org/)

Daily Bible Readings: [www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/devotion/daily/)

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### **THE SESSION**

Clerk: Liz Ferrell

Treasurer: Henry Moore

### **Class of 2025**

Ron Rebman: Mission/Outreach

Janet Fentress: Worship

Monica Stevens: Christian Education

### **Class of 2026**

Billy Kirby: Administration

Susan Pilson: Congregational Care and Fellowship

Anne Madonia: Think Tank

### **Class of 2027**

Nancy Moore: Stewardship

Johnny Pinkard: Facilities

Judy King: Worship (co-chair)

### **TRUSTEES**

2025: William Kirby, Gale Legg

2026: Sharon Kirby, Dru Rothrock

2027: Duke Ferrell, Joe Williams

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