

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon Luke 24:36-48 and 1 John 3:1-7

Our Mission

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

*The Service for the Lord's Day
Third Sunday of Easter*

PRELUDE

Lyric Piece

Juliet Calkins

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God.

People: And that is what we are. We are children of God.

Leader: Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

**People: What we do know is this: when He is revealed, we will be like him,
for we will see him as he is.**

*OPENING HYMN

In the Bulb There is a Flower

GTG#250

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In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Eternal God,

**In whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our
offences, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and
humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, and confiding in your
grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.**

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSIONAL RESPONSE	<i>"Kyrie"</i> Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.	PH#572
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		Pastor
*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	<i>We Are Forgiven</i> We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.	GTG#447
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Liturgist
SCRIPTURE READINGS		
	First Reading: <i>1 John 3:1-7</i>	Liturgist (NT pg.240)
TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES		Pastor
ANTHEM	<i>Psalm 150</i> Chancel Choir	Nathan Jensen
	Second Reading: <i>Luke 24:36-48</i>	Pastor (NT pg.91)
	Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.	
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Bea Miller
*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.	

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!

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.*

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

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The God of Hope Be with You

POSTLUDE

Easter Chant

Gordon Young

*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

Pastor Bea will be away April 15 -May 3 on her pilgrimage in Ireland and Iona in Scotland. While she is away, elders of our church will be on call if pastoral care is needed. Call 276-734-8830 and leave a message or text. You may also leave a message on the church office phone.

The Community Breakfast is Saturday, April 20th with team leaders Billy and Sharon Kirby. Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Please contact Billy (336-254-1315) or Sharon (276-806-9709) if you are available to cook, serve, or clean.

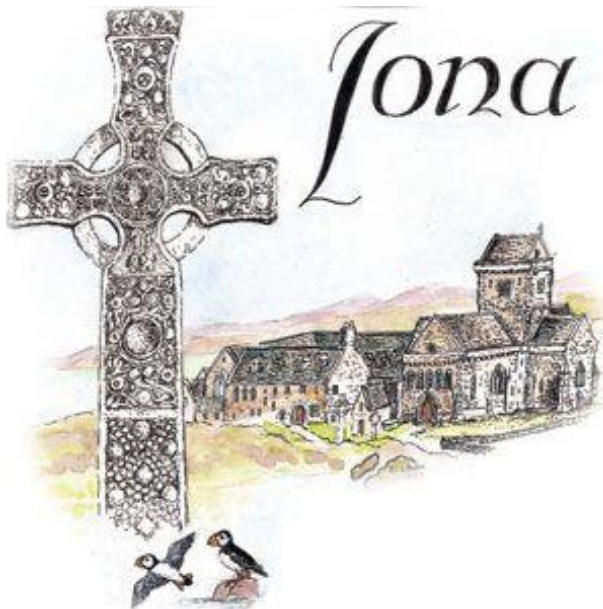
A memorial service for George Townsend will take place Sunday, April 21st at 2:00 PM. A reception for the family will follow the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.

A memorial service for Langhorne Mauck is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th at 3:00 PM. A reception for the family will follow the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.

Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (Potato products** (boxed mashed, scalloped) (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 Langhorne Mauck, Family of Nanette Smith, Family of George Townsend, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Marilyn & Ernest Bremner, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Beau Coughlen (great-grandson of M & N Davis), April Cox (B. Tatum), Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Juanita Griffin (J & B Williams), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Betty Carol and Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Maggie Pilson, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Barbara Tatum, 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.



Wishing Pastor Bea safe travels to Ireland and the Isle of Iona in Scotland. May she be renewed and inspired on this spiritual journey.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 14

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

Monday – Friday Weekday School

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM School in Session
 12:00 AM - 2:00 PM Lunch Buddies in FH

Saturday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 21

9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary
 2:00 PM George Townsend Memorial Service & Reception

Saturday, April 27

3:00 PM Langhorne Mauck Memorial Service & Reception

Sunday, April 28 **2 Cents a Meal Offering**

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

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
April 14	Mary Linker	Randy and Martha Rollins
April 21	Ione Linker	Milt and Nancy Davis
April 28	Joan Montgomery	Billy and Sharon Kirby
May 5	Monty Montgomery	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard
May 12	Nancy Moore	Monty Montgomery, Betty Hudson
May 19	Ashby Pinkard	Ron Rebman, Nancy Baker
May 28	Lynn Pritchett	Neil Tatum, Monty Montgomery

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