

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 

Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

Psalm 103:2



Sermon based upon Luke 13:10-17 and Psalm 103:1-8

Our Mission

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

The Service for the Lord's Day
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Judy King, Community Breakfast

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

All: And do not forget all his benefits.

*OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

GTG 664

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Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light, Eden saw play!
Praise with elation; praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

God of goodness and truth,

We have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend through Christ our Lord.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE	<i>Kyrie</i>	PH 572
<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>		
<i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i>		
<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>		
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		Pastor
*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE		Pastor
One: The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.		
<i>All: And also with you.</i>		
*RESPONSE OF PRAISE	<i>We Are Forgiven</i>	GTG 447
<i>We are forgiven. We are forgiven.</i>		
<i>Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.</i>		
<i>(repeat once)</i>		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Liturgist
SCRIPTURE READINGS		
First Reading:		Liturgist
<i>Psalm 103:1-8</i>		(OT pg.554)
TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES		Pastor
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>Amazing Grace</i> Janet Fentress and Sam Smith, handbells	Arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Second Reading:		Pastor
<i>Luke 13:10-17</i>		(NT pg.76)
One: This is the Word of the Lord.		
<i>All: Thanks be to God.</i>		
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Bea Miller
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Pastor
<i>The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)</i>		
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.		

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Refrain:

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. [Refrain]

Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,
and if you lack for knowledge, he'll not refuse to lend. [Refrain]

If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." [Refrain].

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**

GTG 606

**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 HYMNWill You Let Me Be Your Servant*

GTG 727

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Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

POSTLUDE

English Folk Melody
Janet Fentress and Sam Smith, handbells

Sandra T. Ford

*Please rise in body or in spirit

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

We welcome and thank **Beth Chapman** as our guest pianist this morning.

2¢'s a Meal Offering will be taken today. Your gift helps to alleviate hunger and poverty locally and around the world. Please use the provided envelopes. Thanks for your generosity.



The worship committee would like to thank **Susan Pilson** for the donation of an apartment size refrigerator for the sacristy. Now we can have all the communion elements in one location.

The Session will meet **Monday, August 25th at 4:00 PM** in the session room.



The Weekday School will be back in session beginning **Tuesday, September 2nd.** Please watch for children having fun!

Share the Parking Lot. Teachers and staff from Patrick Henry Elementary School are using our parking as the school's parking lot is undergoing extensive drainage issue repairs that will take several weeks to complete.

We are currently looking for **music subs** for our worship services until we are able to hire a new music director. If they only play piano that will be fine. If you have a suggestion of someone that might be interested, please contact Janet Fentress (276 618-0153) or Judy King (276 340-8101).



August 31st will be a Music-Fest service. If anyone would like to provide special music for this service, please reach out to Pastor Bea, or Rita, and give them the details. Children and grandchildren are always welcomed to share their musical talents with us. Don't be shy, let your light shine!

REVISED DATE - Adult Education Forum is schedule for Wednesday, October 1st at 11:30! Plan on bringing your lunch money to Hugo's back room for an Adult Education Planning Forum. All adults in the congregation are encouraged to attend as we plan future programming, with your interests and needs in mind.

~Community Worship~

Our final summer community worship service will take place **September 14th at Grace Presbyterian** (218 Fayette Street, Martinsville) at **11:00 AM**. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

Be sure to remember **Southside Survivor Response Center** (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network** (applesauce 24-32 oz. OR 6 count, 4oz cups) (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.



Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM and CLOSED on Friday

If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), 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, Richard Rkomorowski (M&N Davis), Cecil Robbins, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Angela Calaman Troxell (F&F Childress), Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas devastated by severe weather.

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Pastor, Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

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Weekday School

Niki Grogg, Director

The Session

Moderator, Rev. Dr. Bea Miller, Clerk, Liz Ferrell

Administration, Billy Kirby (2026)

Congregational Care and Fellowship, Susan Pilson (2026)

Facilities, Johnny Pinkard (2027)

Worship, Janet Fentress (2026)/Judy King, (2027)

Christian Education, Monica Stevens (2025)

Stewardship, Nancy Moore (2027)

Mission and Outreach, Ron Rebman (2025)

Think Tank, Ann V. Madonia (2026)

Treasurer, Henry Moore

Trustees

Moderator, Duke Ferrell (2027)

Joe Williams (2027), Bill Kirby (2025), Gale Legg (2025)

Sharon Kirby (2026), Dru Rothrock (2026)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 24

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, August 25

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

Sunday, August 31

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Monday, September 1

Labor Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

Weekday School Opens

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

School in Session

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch Buddies

Sunday, September 7

Communion Sunday

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 9

9:00 AM

Cooks Who Care

Sunday, September 14

11:00 AM

Community Worship at Grace
(218 Fayette Street, Martinsville)

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
August 24	Mary Linker	Ron Rebman, Judy King
August 31	Liz Ferrell	Bill and Suzan Kirby
September 7	Ione Linker	Monty and Joan Montgomery
September 14	No liturgist needed	Service at Grace – no ushers needed
September 21	Billy Kirby	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan
September 28	Pearl Minter	Monty Montgomery, Betty Hudson

If you cannot serve on the Sunday scheduled, please find a substitute.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.



Tell us your favorite hymn(s): _____

(tear off and submit during the offering)