

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
Martinsville, Virginia

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 14, 2024

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



**Sermon based upon Ephesians 1:3-14 and Psalm 85:8-13**

**Our Mission**

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

*The Service for the Lord's Day  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

PRELUDE

*Standing on the Promises*

Joel Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Hope in Christ!

**People: Hear the word of truth, the good news of our salvation.**

Leader: Believe in Christ!

**People: We are sealed with the mark of the Holy Spirit.**

Leader: Live in Christ!

**People: We embrace our inheritance, as children of God.**

Leader: We live to the glory of Christ!

**People: Forever! Amen!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

GTG#305

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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!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Merciful God,

**In your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ, we pray.**

*Silent prayers of confession may be offered.*

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| CONFESSONAL RESPONSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <i>“Kyrie”</i>                                                                               | PH#572              |
| <b><i>Lord, have mercy upon us.<br/>Christ, have mercy upon us.<br/>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                              |                     |
| ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                              | Pastor              |
| *THE PASSING OF THE PEACE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                              | Pastor              |
| Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.<br><b><i>People: And also with you.</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                              |                     |
| *RESPONSE OF PRAISE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <i>(Gloria Patri)</i>                                                                        | PH#579              |
| <b>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;<br/>As it was in the beginning, is now,<br/>and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.</b>                                                                                                    |                                                                                              |                     |
| PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                              | Liturgist           |
| SCRIPTURE READINGS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                              |                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | First Reading:                                                                               | Liturgist           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>Psalm 85:8-13</i>                                                                         | (OT pg.543)         |
| TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                              | Pastor              |
| SPECIAL MUSIC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>How Deep the Father’s Love for Us</i><br>Virginia King, violinist; Spencer Koger, pianist | Stuart Townsend     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Second Reading:                                                                              | Pastor              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>Ephesians 1:3-14</i>                                                                      | (NT pg.192)         |
| Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.<br><b><i>People: Thanks be to God.</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                              |                     |
| SERMON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                              | Rev. Dr. Bea Miller |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                              | Pastor              |
| Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,<br><br><b>Just as He chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before Him in love.</b> |                                                                                              |                     |

He destined us for adoption as His children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of His will.

**In Him we have redemption through the blood of the Beloved; forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace that He lavished on us.**

With all wisdom and insight, He has made known to us the mystery of His will, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

**In Christ we have obtained an inheritance, so that we might live for the praise of His glory.**

In Him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in Him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit;

**This is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of His glory. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

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Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (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

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

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,  
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:  
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

POSTLUDE

*Andantino in G Minor*

Paul Taylor

\*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

*Thank you* for worshiping with us today!  
Join us for refreshments following the service.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Randy and Andrew Stevens by Monica, Laura and Daniel Stevens.

The Community Breakfast is Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> and the Mission/Outreach team will be the leaders. Please contact Ron Rebman, Joan Montgomery, Barbara Duncan, Joe DeVault or Judy King if you are willing to cook, serve, or clean up. We need about 15 total volunteers. Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Thanks go out to Jerri and Joe DeVault for being team leaders for the June breakfast. We filled about 100 plates. Thanks to all the volunteers that make this event a success each month.

The Think Tank will meet Monday, July 22 at 2:00 PM in the session room.

In case you missed it, our 226th General Assembly wrapped up its business earlier in July. Here is the link to an article that you may enjoy: <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2024/7/4/226th-general-assembly-is-now-one-for-the-ages/>. As you delve into the work of the GA, you will quickly notice how much it has in common with our legislature ~ except at GA there are also opportunities for worship and fun. The next GA will be hosted by the Presbytery of Milwaukee in 2026.



FPC will host a blood drive for the Red Cross on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 1-6:00 PM. As Hurricane Beryl came ashore in Texas, flooding is the biggest concern and the American Red Cross is in Texas, providing comfort, support and relief services. Right now, it is important to maximize our efforts to collect blood at drives in unaffected areas to ensure there is blood on the shelves. Due to recent drastic shortfalls of donations over the last several weeks, donors of all blood types are critically needed, **especially those with type O blood**. Help make donating a priority this summer by encouraging friends, family and co-workers to give at our upcoming drive. **As a thanks for all donors who come to give blood Aug. 1–31, 2024, they'll get a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.**



Be sure to remember **Southside Survivor Response Center** (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (toothpaste)** (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.

**Join us again this summer for**

**COMMUNITY**

**WORSHIP**

**August 11 - Forest Hills Presbyterian @ 11 am**  
725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville, VA

**September 8 - First Presbyterian Collinsville @ 11 am**  
4500 King's Mountain Road. Collinsville, VA

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Light refreshments will be served  
following each service.



Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Gary Francisco (Shanna King's Father), Juanita Griffin (J & B Williams), Daniel Handy, Marvin Hudson, Harold Lamm, Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Susan Rosser, Heath Russell, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, 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.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

|                          |                                                 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, July 14</b>   | <b>Community Summer Worship at FPC</b>          |
| 9:00 AM                  | Sunday School                                   |
| 10:00 AM                 | Worship in Sanctuary                            |
|                          | Lemonade on the Lawn                            |
| <b>Saturday, July 20</b> |                                                 |
| 8:00-9:30 AM             | Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM) |
| <b>Sunday, July 21</b>   |                                                 |
| 9:00 AM                  | Sunday School                                   |
| 10:00 AM                 | Worship in Sanctuary                            |
| <b>Monday, July 22</b>   |                                                 |
| 2:00 PM                  | Think Tank Meeting                              |
| <b>Sunday, July 28</b>   |                                                 |
| 9:00 AM                  | Sunday School                                   |
| 10:00 AM                 | Worship in Sanctuary                            |
| <b>Monday, July 29</b>   |                                                 |
| 6:00 PM                  | Session Meeting                                 |

| DATE         | LITURGIST           | USHERS/GREETERS                   |
|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| July 14      | Jerri DeVault       | Randy and Martha Rollins          |
| July 21      | Joe DeVault         | Billy and Sharon Kirby            |
| July 28      | Janet Fentress      | Neil Tatum, Betty Hudson          |
| August 4     | Cindy Edgerton      | Johnny and Ashby Pinkard          |
| August 11*** | no liturgist needed | Summer Worship at Forest Hills PC |
| August 18    | Duke Ferrell        | Monty Montgomery, Betty Hudson    |
| August 25    | Billy Kirby         | Joe and Jerri DeVault             |

If you cannot serve on the Sunday scheduled, please find a substitute.  
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.



Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Friday – Closed

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