

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 28, 2024

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon John 6:1-21 and Ephesians 3:14-21

Our Mission

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

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

PRELUDE

Wonder of Life

David M. Combs

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: We bow our knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes their name.

People: We pray, that according to the riches of God's glory, we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through the Holy Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are rooted and grounded in love.

Leader: We pray that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth of our grounding in love and, knowing that the love of Christ surpasses knowledge while we are filled with all the fullness of God.

People: And now to God, who by the power at work within us, is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

There are blessings you cannot receive
till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." [Refrain]

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 offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.		
<i>Silent prayers of confession may be offered.</i>		
CONFESSATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>“Kyrie”</i>	PH#572
Lord, have mercy upon us.		
Christ, have mercy upon us.		
Lord, have mercy upon us.		
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>(Gloria Patri)</i>	PH#579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;		
As it was in the beginning, is now,		
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Liturgist
SCRIPTURE READINGS		
First Reading:		Liturgist
<i>Ephesians 3:14-21</i>		(NT pg.193)
TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES		Pastor
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>By The Gentle Waters</i>	Cindy Berry
Second Reading:		Pastor
<i>John 6:1-21</i>		(NT pg.97)
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.		
People: Thanks be to God.		
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through Him and for Him. He Himself is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that He might come to have first place in everything. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me
in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [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
*SENDING HYMN	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	GTG#630
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<p>Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.</p> <p>Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring. Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.</p> <p>Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host. Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.</p> <p>Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!</p>		
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		Pastor
POSTLUDE	<i>Echo Alleluia</i>	Richard Blake

*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

Two Cents-a-Meal offering will be collected today. Every member is invited to prayerfully contribute to this vital ministry to help alleviate hunger and poverty. Please use the provided envelopes. Neighbors near and far benefit greatly from your generosity!

The Session will meet Monday, July 29th at 6:00 PM in the session room.



FPC will host a blood drive for the Red Cross on Monday, August 26th from 1-6:00 PM. 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 August 1-31 they'll get a \$20 Amazon.com Gift Card by email.** To give, sign up online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time> or call 1-800-733-2767.

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.

SUMMER
Office Hours

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.

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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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, Teri Ferguson, 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, Regina Newman (P. Stanley), Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Susan Rosser, 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

Sunday, July 28	Two Cents-a-Meal Offering
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
Monday, July 29	
6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Sunday, August 4	
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
Sunday, August 11	
11:00 AM	Community Worship at Forest Hills PC

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
July 28	Janet Fentress	Billy and Sharon Kirby
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.**