

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
Martinsville, Virginia

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Communion Sunday*  
July 7, 2024

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation



LET US GO TO HIS DWELLING PLACE;  
LET US WORSHIP AT HIS FOOTSTOOL.  
PSALM 132:7



**Sermon based upon Mark 6:1-13 and Psalm 132**

**Our Mission**

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

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

PRELUDE *Aria on "Jewels"* Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

Leader: God is mighty in word and deed.

**People: God's mercy is everlasting.**

Leader: Blessed be the one holy and living God.

**People: Glory to God forever.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* GTG#298

Cyril Vincent Taylor | Jeffery Rowthorn

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Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,  
Help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to Your service: "In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,  
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy: "This my body; this my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,  
Asking that the world around us share Your children's liberty:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that you so freely give.  
May Your care and mercy lead us to a just society:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,  
And amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:  
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Almighty and merciful God,

**We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just and humble life to the glory of your holy name.**

*Silent prayers of confession may be offered.*

CONFSSIONAL RESPONSE

*"Kyrie"*

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 (*Gloria Patri*)

GTG#580/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

*Psalm 132*

(OT pg.574)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC

*Blessed Assurance*  
Spencer Koger

Peter Ramsey

Second Reading:

Pastor

*Mark 6:1-13*

(NT pg.40)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

## \*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.**

## \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Here in This Place*

GTG#401

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Here in this place new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken; gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery. We are the old who yearn for your face. We have been sung, throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty; gather us in, the proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daughters; call us anew to be salt for the earth. Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away: here in this place the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own; gather us in! all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS &amp; 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-**

## Invitation to Table

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful to give you thanks and praise, O God of mystery and miracle. When there was darkness, you made light. When we cried out to you from captivity, you claimed us as your own. When we forgot our love for you, you did not forget us, sending your prophets to turn us around and renewing your promises with a bow in the sky, the parting of the sea, your own Son.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you, Jesus – for your teaching and healing, your challenging and feeding, your living and dying and rising, that we might be raised with you, and with all the world as you continually make all things new.

**Dying, you destroyed our death; rising, you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who join in this feast, that we may be one in ministry in your name. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in Martinsville and in the world.

**All glory and honor are yours, Holy God, through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## Words of Institution

## Serving of the Great Feast

## Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Savior, when your love shall call us, from our struggling pilgrim way,  
let no fear of death appall us, glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever reign with you in endless day.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

POSTLUDE

*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

Robert J. Powell

\*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

**The Community Breakfast is Saturday, July 20th** and we are still in need of a team leader(s). Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Please contact Judy King if you are interested in being a team leader for July. Thanks to all who serve and make this possible each month.

**Next Sunday, July 14th**, FPC will host the summer community worship service. Refreshments will be served on the lawn (weather permitting) following the service.

**Our church is the host site for the Martinsville-Henry County After 3 Summer Camp sponsored by P&HCC.** This program will run **Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, now through July 19 (no camp July 1-5).** Middle school children will be using multiple areas of the building including the fellowship hall and kitchen. Please keep this in mind if you schedule meetings or activities.

**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**

**July 14 - First Presbyterian Martinsville @ 10 am**

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue, Martinsville, VA

**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), Marilyn & Ernest Bremner, Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Cathie Carter (B. Tatum), 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, Maggie Pilson, Susan Rosser, Heath Russell, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Barbara Tatum, Bruce Thomas, Nathan Toms (A. Madonia), Carl Utey, 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 7</b>	<b>Communion Sunday</b>
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
<b>Monday – Friday</b>	<b>MH-C After 3 Summer Program</b>
	No Camp This Week (resumes the following week)
<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)

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
<b>July 7</b>	Pearl Minter	Ron Rebman, Judy King
<b>July 14</b>	Jerri DeVault	Randy and Martha Rollins
<b>July 21</b>	Joe DeVault	Billy and Sharon Kirby
<b>July 28</b>	Janet Fentress	Neil Tatum, 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.



**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.