

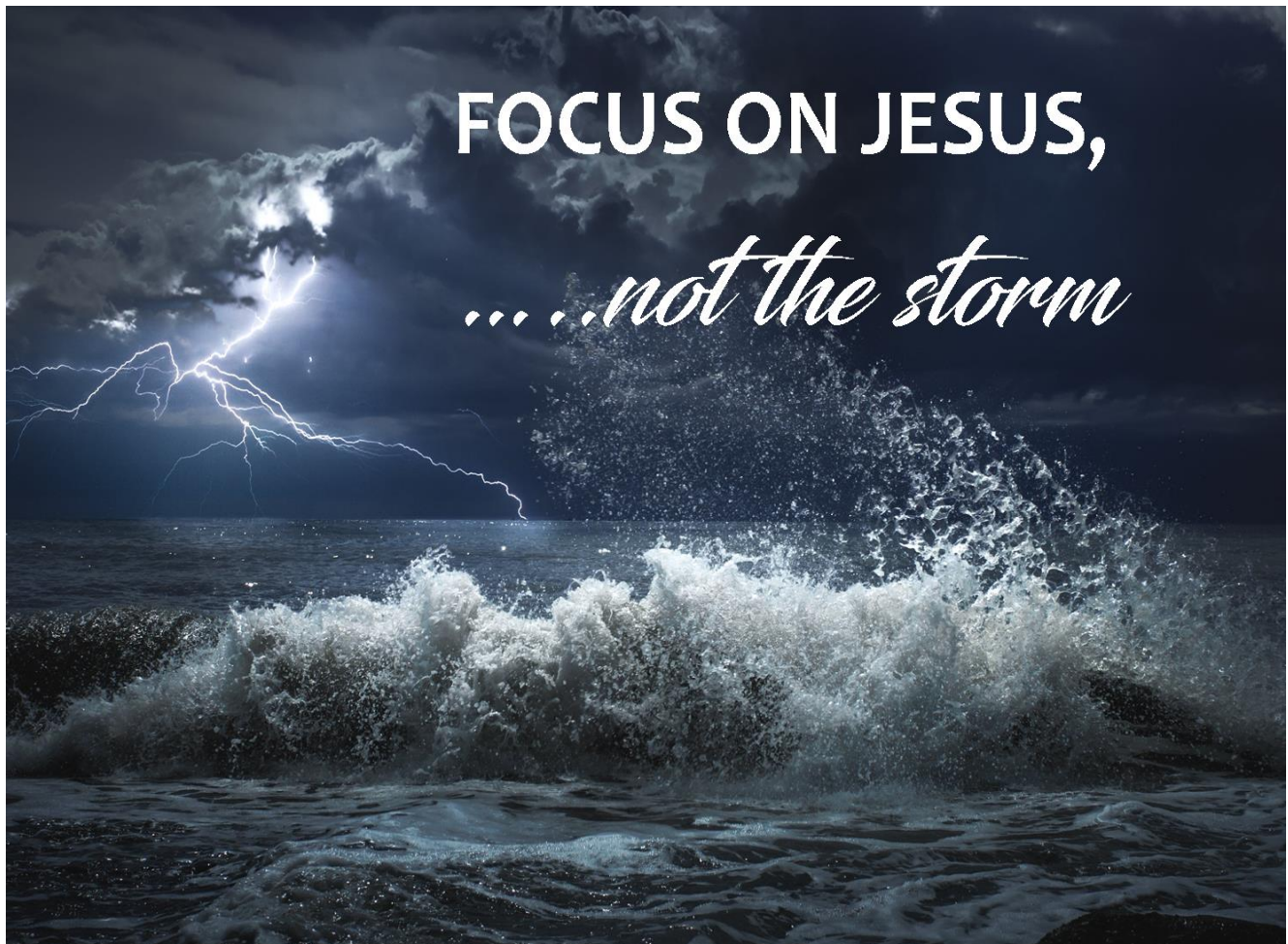
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 2024

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon Job 38:1-11 and Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Our Mission

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

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

PRELUDE

Fanfare

Uladzimir Mironchyk

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: God alone laid the foundation of the earth.

People: The morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.

Leader: From the midst of the whirlwind, God speaks with power.

People: We have seen the deeds of the Lord, who commands and raises the stormy wind and also makes the storm be still. We ourselves have seen the wondrous deeds of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

GTG#23

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God, you spin the whirling planets, fill the seas and spread the plain,
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.
We, created in your image, would a true reflection be
Of your justice grace and mercy and the truth that makes us free.

You have called us to be faithful in our life and ministry,
We respond in grateful worship joined in one community.
When we blur your gracious image, focus us and make us whole.
Healed and strengthened as your people, we move onward toward Your goal.

God Your word is still creating, calling us to life made new.
Now reveal to us fresh vistas where there's work to dare and do.
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.
Thus, new creatures in Your image, we'll proclaim Christ everywhere.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Saving God,

We confess that our faith is too small, our fear is too great. When we are overwhelmed, we think you do not care enough for us. When life is uncertain and risky, we are not sure we can trust you with our whole hearts. Even when you move among us in powerful ways, we question who you are. Forgive us and calm our fears, we pray. Teach us to trust in your power to save and guide us in every circumstance. Grant us your peace, which is clearly beyond our understanding, we pray.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSIONAL 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)

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

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

(OT pg.559)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC

Second Reading:

Pastor

Job 38:1-11

(OT pg.484)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
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I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

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

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
 Join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
 Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
 Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
 Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the amen sound from His people again,
 Gladly for aye we adore Him.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

POSTLUDE

Praise

Dennis Eliot

*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

2¢'s a Meal Offering is today. We ask members to prayerfully contribute a few cents to help alleviate hunger and poverty around the world. Envelopes are provided in the pews. Thanks for your offering.

A Congregational Meeting will follow today's worship service for the purpose of electing a nominating committee who shall recruit elder and trustee candidates for the Class of 2027.

The Session will meet **Monday, June 24 at 6:00 PM** in the session room.

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 (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 Carol Ballard (M. Dunn), 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, 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.

Join us again this summer for

COMMUNITY

WORSHIP

June 9 - Grace Presbyterian @ 11 am
218 Fayette Street, Martinsville, VA

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 23	2 Cents a Meal Offering
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
	Congregational Meeting following worship
Monday – Friday	MH-C After 3 Summer Program
7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	
Monday, June 24	
6:00 PM	Session Meeting
Sunday, June 30	
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
Thursday, July 4	Independence Day
	Church Office will be closed
Sunday, July 7	Communion Sunday
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
Sunday, July 14	Summer Worship at FPC
9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary
	Lemonade on the Lawn
Saturday, July 20	
8:00-9:30 AM	Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
June 23	Gale Buck	Monty and Joan Montgomery
June 30	Janet Fentress	Monty and Joan Montgomery
July 7	Pearl Minter	TBD
July 14	Jerri DeVault	TBD
July 21	Joe DeVault	TBD
July 28	Janet Fentress	TBD

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.