

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Fifth Sunday Musicfest

Our Mission

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

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

*GATHERING HYMN

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.

PRELUDE

The Heather Rose+

Gale Buck, bagpipes

+Fourth part of a medley that tells the story of the Heather Rose.
A story of enduring love and never giving up.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise God in his mighty firmament!

Leader: Praise God for his mighty deeds; praise God according to his
surpassing greatness!

People: Praise God with trumpet sound;

Leader: Praise God with tambourine and dance;

People: Praise God with strings and pipe!

Leader: Praise God with clanging cymbals!

People: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Pastor

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in our time of need.

We confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

**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 offences, 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.**

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

Hear the good news!

Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us in baptism.

Believe this good news and give thanks:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*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

We Are Forgiven

GTG 447

We are forgiven. We are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

(repeat once)

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Seek Ye First

GTG 175

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Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Bradbury

Janet Fentress and Spencer Koger, handbells
Marion Miller, piano

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

I Danced in the Morning

GTG 157

Sydney Bertram Carter

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I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had My birth.

Chorus

*Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.
They came with me and the dance went on. [Chorus]

I danced on the Sabbath, and I cured the lame.
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die. [Chorus]

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But I am the dance and I still go on. [Chorus]

They cut Me down and I leapt up high.
I am the life that'll never, never die.
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. [Chorus]

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

GTG 39

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Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES

Pastor

Call to Offering (**responsively**)

All that we seek to accomplish, all that we strive to achieve,
all that we claim to possess – all of this amounts to nothing without the grace of Christ.

We offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Sandra T. Ford

Virginia King, violin; Spencer Koger, piano

***The Doxology**

GTG 607

**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 THANKSGIVING

Pastor

God of compassion, we praise you that you look upon our frail lives with love and understanding, and that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ.

We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, and leads us to new life.

By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold in Christ's service.

Take our offerings, and use them and us for your purposes, in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. -Amen-

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

GTG 687

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Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Beneath the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

TRIBUTE AND PRAYER

Pastor

BENEDICTION

Pastor

Because God cares for us,

We will care for each other.

Because we are part of God's creation,

We will care for the earth.

Because we are loved by God,

We will share God's love with everyone.

May the steadfast love of God, the abundant grace of Jesus Christ, and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **-Amen-**

POSTLUDE

Be Thou My Vision

Irish Folk Melody

Lynn Pritchett, flute

Marion Miller, piano

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 flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in thanks for everyone's hard work preparing for the Presbytery meeting.

Join us for Lemonade on the Lawn following today's service.

A Congregational Meeting will follow the worship service **July 6th** for the purpose of electing a nominating committee who shall recruit elder and trustee candidates for the Class of 2028.

~Community Worship~

Light refreshments will be served following each service.

July 13th - FPC Martinsville at 10:00 AM (1901 Patrick Henry Avenue, Martinsville)

August 10th - Forest Hills at 11:00 AM (725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville)

September 14th - Grace at 11:00 AM (218 Fayette Street, Martinsville)

Our church is once again the host site for the Martinsville-Henry County After 3 Summer Camp sponsored by P&HCC. This program will run **Monday through Friday, 7:45 AM to 6:00 PM, June 9th-July 18th (no camp the week of June 30th- July 4th).** 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 (applesauce 24-32 oz.)** (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), Nancy Davis, 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, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Angela Calaman Troxell (F. & F. Childress), Carl Utley, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, and all refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 29

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Fifth Sunday Music-fest

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday –Friday

MHC-After 3 Summer Program

No camp this week

Wednesday, July 2

5:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

Sunday, July 6

Communion Sunday

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, July 8

9:00 AM

Cooks Who Care

Wednesday, July 9

5:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

Sunday, July 13

Community Worship/Pastor Installation

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
June 29	No liturgist needed	Monty Montgomery, Betty Hudson
July 6	Gale Buck	Duke and Liz Ferrell
July 13	Joe DeVault	Randy and Martha Rollins
July 20	Barbara Duncan	Billy and Sharon Kirby
July 27	Duke Ferrell	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard

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

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