

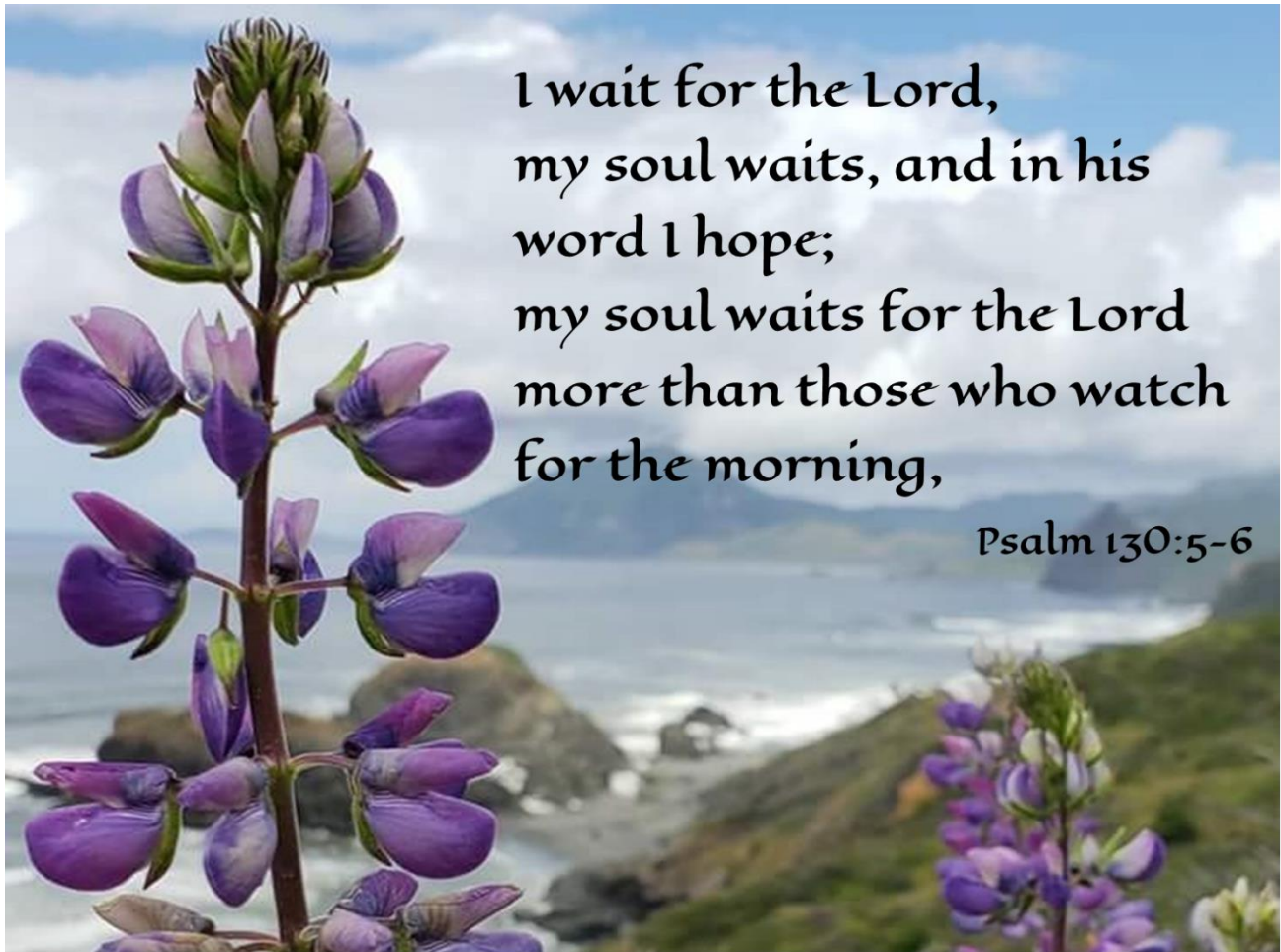
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
June 30, 2024

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



I wait for the Lord,
my soul waits, and in his
word I hope;
my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch
for the morning,

Psalm 130:5-6

Sermon based upon Mark 5:21-43 and Psalm 130

Our Mission

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

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

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

John Carter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: I wait for the Lord,

People: My soul waits, and in God's word I hope.

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

People: More than those who watch for the morning.

*OPENING 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Loving God,

Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, for we are disciples of Jesus, in whose name we pray...

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSONAL RESPONSE	<i>"Kyrie"</i>	PH#572
<p><i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i> <i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i> <i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i></p>		
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		Pastor
*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE		Pastor
<p>Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all. <i>People: And also with you.</i></p>		
*RESPONSE OF PRAISE	<i>(Gloria Patri)</i>	PH#579
<p>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.</p>		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Liturgist
SCRIPTURE READINGS		
	First Reading:	Liturgist
	<i>Psalm 130</i>	(OT pg.573)
TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES		Pastor
SPECIAL MUSIC	<i>How Gentle God's Commands</i> Spencer Koger	Sally DeFord
	Second Reading:	Pastor
	<i>Mark 5:21-43</i>	(NT pg.39)
<p>Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. <i>People: Thanks be to God.</i></p>		
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Bea Miller
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Pastor
<p>In life and in death we belong to God.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.</p>		

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

For All the Faithful Women

GTG#324

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For all the faithful women who served in days of old,
To you shall thanks be given; to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness, proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam who sang triumphantly
While Pharaoh's vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;
For Ruth, who left her homeland and ventured forth in faith,
Who pledged to serve and worship Naomi's God till death.

We sing of busy Martha who toiled with pot and pan
While Mary sat in silence to hear the word again.
We praise the other Mary, who hastened to the tomb
And found her Lord arisen, dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas, who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness, her heart an open door.
O God, for saints and servants, our fervent prayer we raise,
That, faithful in your service, our lives may sing your praise.

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**

We Are One in the Spirit

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We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (chorus)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
We will work with each other; we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride: (chorus)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (chorus)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor

POSTLUDE

It Is Well

Betacustics

*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 church office will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

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

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 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.

Session Meeting Highlights

- A stated session meeting for FPC was held, June 24, 2024, beginning at 6:10 pm.
- Bea Miller, moderator declare a quorum present for the meeting.
- Session members shared joys and concerns followed by prayer led by Bea.
- Pearl Minter led the group in devotions.
- The program Opportunities for Churches suggested by General Assembly was approved. This program identifies ways of becoming the Church the World today.
- A Certificate of Appreciation from the Presbytery of the Peaks session records work group for FPC 2023 session records was received.
- Approval was given for the committee to remove part of the fence at the small playground and plant grass there in the fall.
- Susan Pilson will have devotions at the next stated session meeting, July 29.
- The meeting ended at 7:10 with prayer led by the moderator.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 30
 9:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Worship in Sanctuary

Monday – Friday **MH-C After 3 Summer Program**
 No Camp This Week (resumes the following week)

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 **Community 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 30	Janet Fentress	Monty and Joan Montgomery
July 7	Pearl Minter	Ron Rebman, Nancy Baker
July 14	Jerri DeVault	Randy and Martha Rollins
July 21	Joe DeVault	Billy and Sharon Kirby
July 28	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.