

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
Martinsville, Virginia

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Communion Sunday*  
June 7, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation



*Call on me in the day of trouble; I will  
deliver you, and you shall glorify me.*

*Psalm 50:15*



**Sermon based upon Matthew 9:9-13 and Psalm 50:7-15**

**Our Mission**

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

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

\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE *Grace Alone* arr. M. Hayes and M. Gaspard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

One: Return to the One Holy God, who calls you to steadfast love.

**All: The Lord, desires love, not sacrifice.**

One: Return to the One who heals and binds, revives and raises up.

**All: The Lord desires knowledge, not burnt offerings.**

One: Rejoice in the name of the One who favors all creation with light and life.

**All: We praise the Lord with our light and life.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Take My Life* GTG 697  
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Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose,  
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself and I will be ever, only,  
all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

Merciful God,

**your word and your promises come to us when our hearts are full with rejoicing and when our hearts fall with sorrow for our failings. The gifts you have given us we have not shared with our neighbors. By overt acts and by omission, we diminish your creation. We deceive ourselves about our true nature, and we do not honor your desire for Earth and all her creatures. We beg your mercy. Forgive us. Help us to amend our lives in accord with your admonitions. Show us the pathway toward healing and give us peace, in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen**

*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

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.

**All: *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)***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading:

Liturgist

*Psalm 50:7-15*

(OT pg.519)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

CHOIR ANTHEM

*Here at this Table  
Chancel Choir*

\*\*Sandra T. Ford

Second Reading:

Pastor

*Matthew 9:9-13*

(NT pg.9)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: *Thanks be to God.***

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Pastor

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.**

**Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:**

**Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE***I Come with Joy*

GTG 515

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I come with joy a to meet my Lord, forgiven loved and free,  
In awe and wonder to recall, His life laid down for me,  
His life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,  
In Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share each proud division ends,  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
And strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, His presence, always near,  
Is in such friendship better known; we see and praise Him here,  
We see and praise Him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,  
And as His people in the world, we'll live and speak His praise,  
We'll live and speak His praise.

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS & OURSELVES**

Liturgist

Call to Offering

Offertory

*A Eucharist Meditation*

L. Leatherman

**\*The Doxology**

GTG 606

***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 the Table

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

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

Christ is risen from the dead! He has burst forth from the tomb to break the tangles of despair and death.

**Love is come again.**

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the eternal rejoicing chorus who forever sing:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power, Giver of life, heaven and earth declare your splendor. Praise, glory, and love are yours.**

We give thanks for Jesus, the risen Lord of life, who rose victorious from the grave and made the whole creation new.

He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed, then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love.

**Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.**

Remembering his life, death, and glorious resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine.

**We also offer our lives in thanks and praise.**

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

**Breath your Spirit upon the whole earth, that we may proclaim good news to all the world and rise together as children of your new creation.**

Then bring us to that new heaven here on earth, O God, where death and pain are no more and you dwell with us forever.

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you eternally in songs of pure unbounded praise. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Serving of the Great Feast

Prayer after communion

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life.

**Keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly.**

We pray as Jesus taught us to pray:

**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.**

\*SENDING HYMN

*Just as I Am, without One Plea*  
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Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*  
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Simon Marak

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*This Little Light of Mine*  
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Spiritual

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

\*\* *Here at this Table* used by permission

# *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**



**Please join us for Lemonade on the Lawn** following today's service. Come enjoy some fellowship time along with refreshing lemonade and scrumptious cookies. Everyone is invited.



**Cooks Who Care will meet Tuesday, June 9th at 9:00 AM** in the Marge Dunn Kitchen where they will prepare a delicious meal for our shut-ins.



**Facilities will have a church Clean-Up Day on Saturday, June 13th from 8:00 AM – Noon.** Reach out to Johnny Pinkard if you are available to help trim tree limbs, weed-eat or assist with moving some heavy items out of storage.

**The local Juneteenth event is on Friday, June 19th at 6:00 PM.** The Martinsville-Henry County NAACP hosts the annual Juneteenth Youth Expo & Gospel Music Extravaganza at the New College Institute (NCI), 191 Fayette St., Martinsville. Held in observance of Juneteenth National Independence Day, which became an official U.S. federal holiday in 2021, the event features an evening of youth expression, praise, and musical performances. Festivities kick off at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. The money goes to support of college and vocational scholarships for seniors and those enrolled at PHCC in vocational studies. For the most up-to-date details, you can check the NAACP Martinsville Henry Facebook Page or the New College Institute Calendar. Let's all turn out to support and enjoy this event!



**The Community Breakfast is Saturday, June 20th.** Cooks arrive at 7 am, servers & others about 7:30. If you can help on Saturday, please contact Mary Linker at 919-548-2452 (text or call).

**When you do your grocery shopping be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center** (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (GRITS)** Other needs: toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), dish and laundry detergent, toilet paper, deodorant, bath soap, and feminine products. Both agencies depend on us for assistance.



# **Congratulations to The Class of 2026!**



## **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:**



**Elena King**, daughter of Shanna King and the late Rob King and granddaughter of Judy King, graduated from **Bassett High School** and also earned an associate degree from P&HCC. Elena plans to major in neuroscience at Virginia Tech.



**Will Kirby**, son of Billy and Sharon Kirby and grandson of Bill and Suzan Kirby, graduated from **Carlisle School**. Will plans to attend Hampden-Sydney College this fall.



**Fletcher Ann Richards**, daughter of Leighton (Kirby) and Mike Richards, graduated from **Dowling Catholic High School** in Des Moines, IA. and plans to attend Texas Christian University. She is also the granddaughter of Bill and Suzan Kirby and niece of Billy and Susan Kirby.



**Heath Russell**, son of Gavin Russell and Dr. Leanna Blevins, graduated from **Glenvar High School**. Heath plans to attend Virginia Tech this fall.



**Cole Tatum**, son of Neil and Kym Tatum and grandson of Barbara Tatum, graduated from **Magna Vista High School** and the Career Academy. Cole plans to attend P&HCC to study to become an electrician.

## **COLLEGE GRADUATES:**



**Mary Hunter Millet**, granddaughter of Randy and Martha Rollins, graduated from the **University of South Carolina** with honors with a B.S. in Mathematics. She was a member of the equestrian team which became 2026 National Equestrian Champions. Mary plans to take the state actuarial exam and also continue competitive riding.



**Grayson Russell**, daughter of Gavin Russell and Dr. Leanna Blevins, graduated from **Virginia Tech** with a B.S. in Public Health. Grayson plans to work for one year before attending graduate school to become a Physician's Assistant.



**Sam Smith** graduated from **Union Presbyterian Seminary** with a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Christian Education. Sam is currently enrolled in the Clinical Pastoral Education program at Wake Forest Baptist and is completing a chaplaincy internship. Sam's parents are Joe and Susan Smith.

# ~Community Worship~

*Light refreshments will be served following each service.*

**June 14th - Grace at 11:00 AM**

(218 Fayette Street, Martinsville)

**July 12th - FPC Collinsville at 11:00 AM**

(4500 King's Mountain Road, Collinsville)

**August 9th - FPC Martinsville at 10:00 AM**

(1901 Patrick Henry Avenue, Martinsville)



**Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

**CLOSED on Friday**

**If you need to conduct office business outside these hours,  
please call to make an appointment.**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Family of Jeff Gareau (Maxine Edwards), Family of Pat Pearl Dole, Family of Cecil Robbins, Family of Marvin Hudson, Family of Sarah Altizer, Family of Neil Fine, Family of Steve Fitzgerald, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Randy Lawson (P. Stanley). Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Tammy Tucker Wardinski, persecuted Christians, military service men and women, missionaries, refugees and immigrants forced to flee their countries, and families and areas devastated by severe weather.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>Sunday, June 7</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	<b>Communion/Graduate Recognition</b> Sunday School Worship in Sanctuary ~Lemonade on the Lawn
<b>Tuesday, June 9</b> 9:00 AM	Cooks Who Care
<b>Wednesday, June 10</b> 12:00 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Visioning Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, June 13</b> 8:00 AM	Church Clean-Up Day
<b>Sunday, June 14</b> 11:00 AM	<b>Community Worship at Grace Presbyterian</b> Worship
<b>Wednesday, June 17</b> 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, June 19</b> 6:00 PM	Juneteenth Youth Expo & Gospel Music Event at NCI
<b>Saturday, June 20</b> 8:00-9:30 AM	Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)
<b>Sunday, June 21</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Sunday School Worship in Sanctuary ~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday, June 24</b> 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, June 28</b> 9:00 AM 10:00 AM	<b>2-Cents a Meal Offering</b> Sunday School Worship in Sanctuary ~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
June 7	Ashby Pinkard	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan	<b>Lemonade on the Lawn</b>
June 14 ***	***COMMUNITY	WORSHIP AT GRACE PC	*****
June 21	Ron Rebman	Billy and Sharon Kirby	Ione and Mary Linker
June 28	Ione Linker	Monty and Joan Montgomery	Joe and Susan Smith
July 5	Martha Rollins	TBD	Milt and Nancy Davis
July 12	***COMMUNITY	WORSHIP AT COLLINSVILLE PC	*****
July 19	Lynn Pritchett	TBD	Janet Fentress, Judy King
July 26	Randy Rollins	TBD	Gale and Christy Buck

If you cannot serve on the Sunday scheduled, please find a substitute.  
If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office.