

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 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
Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

Caro mio ben
Lynn Pritchett, flute; Spencer Koger, piano

Giuseppe Giordani

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouth will proclaim your praise.

Leader: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High,

People: To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the
Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

*OPENING HYMN

When in Our Music God Is Glorified

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When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!

How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!

And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!

CALL TO PRAYER, PRAISE and CONFESSION

Move among us God; give us life;

Let your people rejoice in you

Give us again the joy of your help;

With your spirit of freedom sustain us.

God, make our hearts clean,

Renew us in body, mind and spirit.

Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us in silence confess our failings and
acknowledge our part in the pain of the world:

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to turning away from God in the ways
I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

**Before God, with the people of God, we confess to turning away from God in the ways
we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.**

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE

Kyrie

PH 572

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

MUSIC

Fairest Lord Jesus

Joel Raney

Marion Miller and Spencer Koger, piano duet

THEOLOGY OF MUSIC

MUSIC

In Memory an Arie

E. Gale Buck

E. Gale Buck, bagpipes

LECTIO DIVIAN with Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

² Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever
and his faithfulness to all generations.

BENEDICTION

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-**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Mist Covered Mountains
E. Gale Buck, bagpipes

Traditional

REMEMBERING THE POWER OF MUSIC

Barbara Duncan

POSTLUDE SING-ALONG

I'll Fly Away

with Barbara Duncan, guitar

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Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

Refrain

I'll fly away oh glory, I'll fly away; (in the morning)

When I die Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away [Refrain]

Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away. [Refrain]

*Please rise in body or in spirit

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



Lenten Lunches are Thursdays at 12 Noon and will include a light meal and a short devotional. The schedule and locations are as follows:

April 3rd – First Presbyterian; devotional by Andrew Taminger from Holy Trinity Lutheran

April 10th – First Baptist East (1043 Church St.); devotional by Charles Whitfield



The Palm Sunday in the Park Service will be Sunday, April 13th at 9:00 AM at the J. Frank Wilson Park. Angela Zimmerman of Starling Avenue Baptist Church will be the speaker. Parking will be available at First Presbyterian for those who want to walk. Buses will be available from First Baptist for those who prefer to ride. A potluck bunch will follow the service in the FPC fellowship hall. There will be no 10:00 AM worship service.

The Think Tank will meet Monday, April 14th at 2:00 PM in the session room.



Job Opportunity: Preschool Director. First Presbyterian Church Martinsville is seeking a dedicated Preschool Director for our program serving children ages 1-4. This part-time position requires a BA/BS degree and offers a wonderful opportunity to lead and inspire young learners in a nurturing environment. Early drop-off and late pickup options are available for our families. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest detailing your qualifications to ritaofficefpc@gmail.com. For more information, please visit our church website. Join us in making a difference in the lives of our youngest members of the community! *If you know of anyone whom you think may be interested, please share this opportunity with them.*

Handbell and Choir rehearsals are each Wednesday (unless otherwise noted on the calendar). If you are interested in joining, **handbells begin rehearsal at 5:30 PM** in the session room and the **choir meets at 6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. New folks are always welcome! Talk with Spencer if you have any questions.

Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (creamed corn 15 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Betty Lou Pigg, Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Nancy Davis, Jerri DeVault, 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, Cecil Robbins, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Betty Stanley, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, Carl Utley, Lil Wall, 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. Areas and families affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton and wildfires in California.

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Weekday School

Carol Carter, Director

The Session

Moderator, Rev. Dr. Bea Miller Clerk, Liz Ferrell

Administration, Billy Kirby (2026)

Congregational Care and Fellowship, Susan Pilson (2026)

Facilities, Johnny Pinkard (2027)

Worship, Janet Fentress (2026)/Judy King, (2027)

Christian Education, Monica Stevens (2025)

Stewardship, Nancy Moore (2027)

Mission and Outreach, Ron Rebman (2025)

Think Tank, Ann V. Madonia (2026)

Treasurer, Henry Moore

Trustees

Moderator, Duke Ferrell (2027)

Joe Williams (2027), Bill Kirby (2025), Gale Legg (2025)

Sharon Kirby (2026), Dru Rothrock (2026)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday – 9:30 – 2:00 PM

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 30

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Monday –Friday

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Wednesday, April 2

5:30 PM

6:30 PM

Thursday, April 3

NOON

Sunday, April 6

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Wednesday, April 9

Thursday, April 10

NOON

Sunday, April 13

9:00 AM

Monday, April 14

NOON

2:00 PM

Wednesday, April 16

5:30 PM

6:30 PM

Sunday, April 20

9:00 AM

10:00 AM

Wednesday, April 23

5:30 PM

6:30 PM

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

Weekday School

School in Session

Lunch Buddies

Handbell Rehearsal ~ Session Room

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

Lenten Lunch @ FPC

Communion Sunday/Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

Choir Rehearsal after worship

NO Handbell Rehearsal

NO Choir Rehearsal

Lenten Lunch @ First Baptist East (1043 Church St.)

Palm Sunday

Service at the J. Frank Wilson Park

Potluck Brunch in the Fellowship Hall

Session Meeting - Called

Think Tank Meeting

Handbell Rehearsal ~ Session Room

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

Sunday School

Worship in Sanctuary

Handbell Rehearsal ~ Session Room

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
March 30	No liturgist needed	Monty and Joan Montgomery
April 6	Billy Kirby	Randy and Martha Rollins
April 13 – Palm Sunday	No liturgist needed	No ushers needed
April 20 - Easter	Sam Smith	Duke and Liz Ferrell
April 27	Susan Pilson	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan

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

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