

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon John 17:1-11 and Acts 1:6-14

Our Mission

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

The Service for the Lord's Day
Seventh Sunday of Easter

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious* arr. M. Ryan

INTRIOT *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* R. Founds
Chancel Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

One: Jesus prayed:

**All: I pray that they may be one, as we are one, so that the world may know
that you have sent me.**

*OPENING HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* GTG 12
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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting,
nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
thy justice, like mountains high soaring above;
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor

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.

CONFSSIONAL RESPONSE	<i>Kyrie</i>	PH 572
<i>Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>		
ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS		Pastor
*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE		Pastor
One: The peace of our Lord Jesus be with you all.		
<i>All: And also with you.</i>		
*RESPONSE OF PRAISE	<i>We Are Forgiven</i>	GTG 447
<i>We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (x2)</i>		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Liturgist
SCRIPTURE READINGS		
	First Reading:	Liturgist
	<i>Acts 1:6-14</i>	(NT pg. 118)
TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES		Pastor
ANTHEM	<i>Worship the King of Kings</i> Chancel Choir	L. Larson
	Second Reading:	Pastor
	<i>John 17:1-11</i>	(NT pg. 111)
One: This is the Word of the Lord.		
<i>All: Thanks be to God.</i>		
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Bea Miller
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Pastor
Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.		

Christ, whose glory fills the skies; Christ, the true, the only light;
Sun of Righteousness, arise; triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

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

Christ, the King of Glory

A. L. Page

***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-**

Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

SENDING HYMNJoyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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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.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Shout to the Lord

D. Zschech

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

S. Karl-Elert

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 2nd Cup in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service. Come enjoy coffee, refreshments, and fellowship. Today’s 2nd Cup is hosted by Janet Fentress and Judy King.



AND, join us for 2nd Cup on May 31st for coffee and cake in celebration of Ed Linker’s 100th birthday!



The MHE Handbell Ensemble will perform “America – From Sea to Shining Sea!” on Sunday, May 17th, at 3:00 PM. The performance will be held at the First United Methodist Church, located at 146 East Main Street. Janet Fentress is a member of the ensemble.

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.

Beginning Friday,
May 22nd

SUMMER
Office Hours

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 Kitty Bridges Smith (Catherine Bridges' daughter), Family of Rusty Reaser, Family of Steve Fitzgerald, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Neal Fine, Martin Ford, Marvin Hudson, Randy Lawson (P. Stanley). Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, Cecil Robbins, 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

Sunday, May 17

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

3:00 PM

MHE Handbell Concert at FUMC

Monday, May 18

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

Thursday, May 21

9:00 AM

Presbytery Meeting at Blacksburg PC

Sunday, May 24

Day of Pentecost/2-Cents a Meal

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Office Closed

Sunday, May 31

Music-Fest

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
May 17	Mary Linker	Bill and Suzan Kirby	Janet Fentress, Judy King
May 24	Pearl Minter	Joe and Jerri DeVault	Joe and Brenda Williams
May 31	Susan Pilson	Bob Wuetefeld, Barbara Duncan	Ione and Mary Linker
June 7	Ashby Pinkard	Duke and Liz Ferrell	TBD
June 14 ***	****COMMUNITY	WORSHIP AT GRACE PC	*****
June 21	Ron Rebman	Billy and Sharon Kirby	TBD
June 28	Ione Linker	Monty and Joan Montgomery	TBD

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

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