

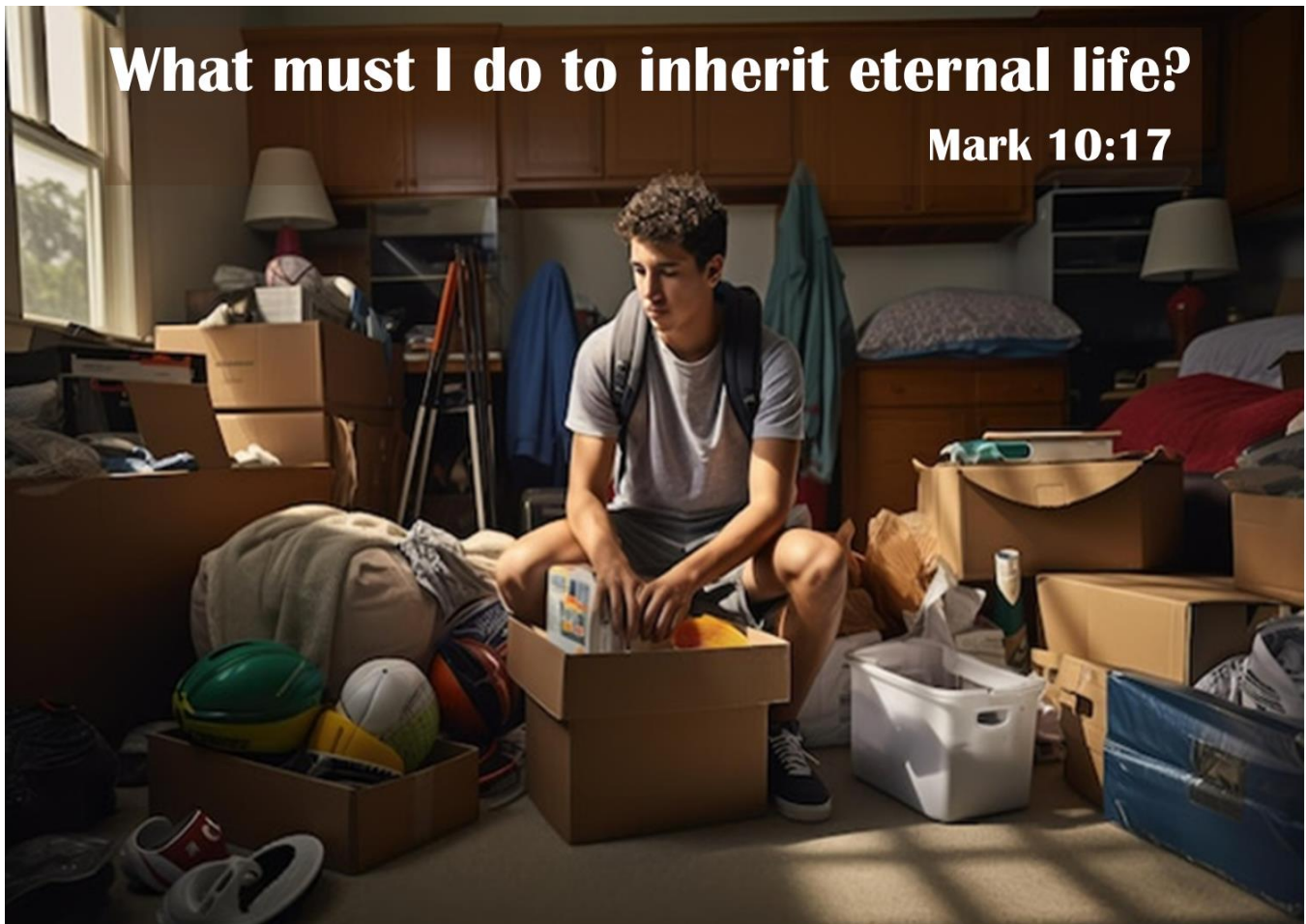
# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue  
Martinsville, Virginia

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
October 13, 2024

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



**What must I do to inherit eternal life?**

**Mark 10:17**

**Sermon based upon Mark 10:17-31 and Psalm 90:12-17**

**Our Mission**

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



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

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

(silence)

Leader: 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.

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

Leader: Amen.

**People: 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.**

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

**People: Amen.**

*Silent prayers of confession may be offered.*

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE

*"Kyrie"*

PH#572

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

***Lord, have mercy upon us.***

\*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 *(Gloria Patri)*

PH#579

**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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading:

Liturgist

*Psalm 90:12-17*

(OT pg.548)

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture, and other wellsprings of nourishment.

For the Word of God among us. For the Word of God within us.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

SPECIAL MUSIC

*It is Well with My Soul*  
Connie Burleson, organist

Phillip P. Bliss arr. Rafael Griffin

Second Reading:

*Mark 10:17-31*

Pastor

(NT pg.46)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bea Miller

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor

Leader: With the whole church

**People: We affirm that we are made in God's image  
befriended by Christ,  
empowered by the Spirit.**

Leader: With people everywhere

**People: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

Leader: With all creation

**People: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,  
the unfolding purposes of God,  
forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

GTG#727

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Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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**

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

GTG#547

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Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor

Leader: This is the day that God has made:

**People: We will rejoice and enjoy it.**

Leader: Today we will share with God

**People: Everything that is important to us.**

Leader: Go in peace and be kind.

**People: Today we will help those around us.**

Leader: Go in the name of God,

**People: God who loves us forever.**

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare for a New Day*

J. Wayne Kerr

\*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**

**Today's flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shank Sr., Ralph Shank Jr., and Walker Shank by Sandra Shank.

**We welcome and thank** Connie Burlison as she substitutes at the organ while Spencer is away.

**Anyone wishing to support the Presbytery flood disaster relief efforts** may do so by sending a check to Presbytery of the Peaks and designate your gift to DR000169. Checks may be placed in with the offering and we will get them to the Presbytery office for you.

**The Community Breakfast is Saturday, October 19th** with team leaders Sharon and Billy Kirby. Cooking begins at 7:00 AM and breakfast is served from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Reach out to Sharon (276-806-9709) if you are available to cook, serve, or clean.

**There will be a covered dish lunch Sunday, October 27th** after the worship service with a follow up regarding the congregational identity.

**Wanted: Faithful Elders to share our Lord's Supper** with members who are not able to attend services. This is an opportunity to visit and share with other members by extending our Lord's Supper to all who want to be served and you may serve them any day of communion week. Training is provided for anyone interested in serving as part of First Presbyterian's **Extended Table**. Reach out to Nancy Davis (276-634-1403 or [davistwo@comcast.net](mailto:davistwo@comcast.net)) for more information on how you can serve others through this vital ministry.

**Handbell and Choir rehearsals are each Wednesday.** 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 (canned fruit)** (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 A. Robert Chapman (Organist/Director of Music at Broad Street Christian Church), Anne Abercrombie, Sue Benfield, Jerry Bishop, Jackie Bloxom (P. Stanley), Bud Buffkin, Evelyn Cannaday, Bob Chapman, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Steve Edgerton, Marge Dunn, Teri Ferguson, Neill Ferrill (S. Ford), Martin Ford, Gary Francisco (Shanna King's father), Juanita Griffin (J & B Williams), Daniel Handy, Jennifer Holland (N. Davis), Dr. Mervyn King, Marvin Hudson, Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, 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. Areas and families affected by Hurricane Helene.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

### **Sunday, October 13**

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

### **Wednesday, October 16**

No Handbell Rehearsal

No Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday, October 19**

8:00-9:30 AM

Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)

### **Sunday, October 20**

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

### **Wednesday, October 23**

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal ~ Session Room

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

### **Thursday, October 24**

**Presbytery Meeting @** Raleigh Court PC in Roanoke

This will be an all-day meeting and you must register if you plan to attend so they can plan for lunch.

### **Saturday, October 26**

11:00 AM

A. Robert Chapman funeral at Broad Street Christian

### **Sunday, October 27**

**2 Cents a Meal Offering**

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary followed by a Covered Dish Lunch

### **Monday, October 28**

6:00 PM

Session Meeting

### **Wednesday, October 30**

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal ~ Session Room

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary

