

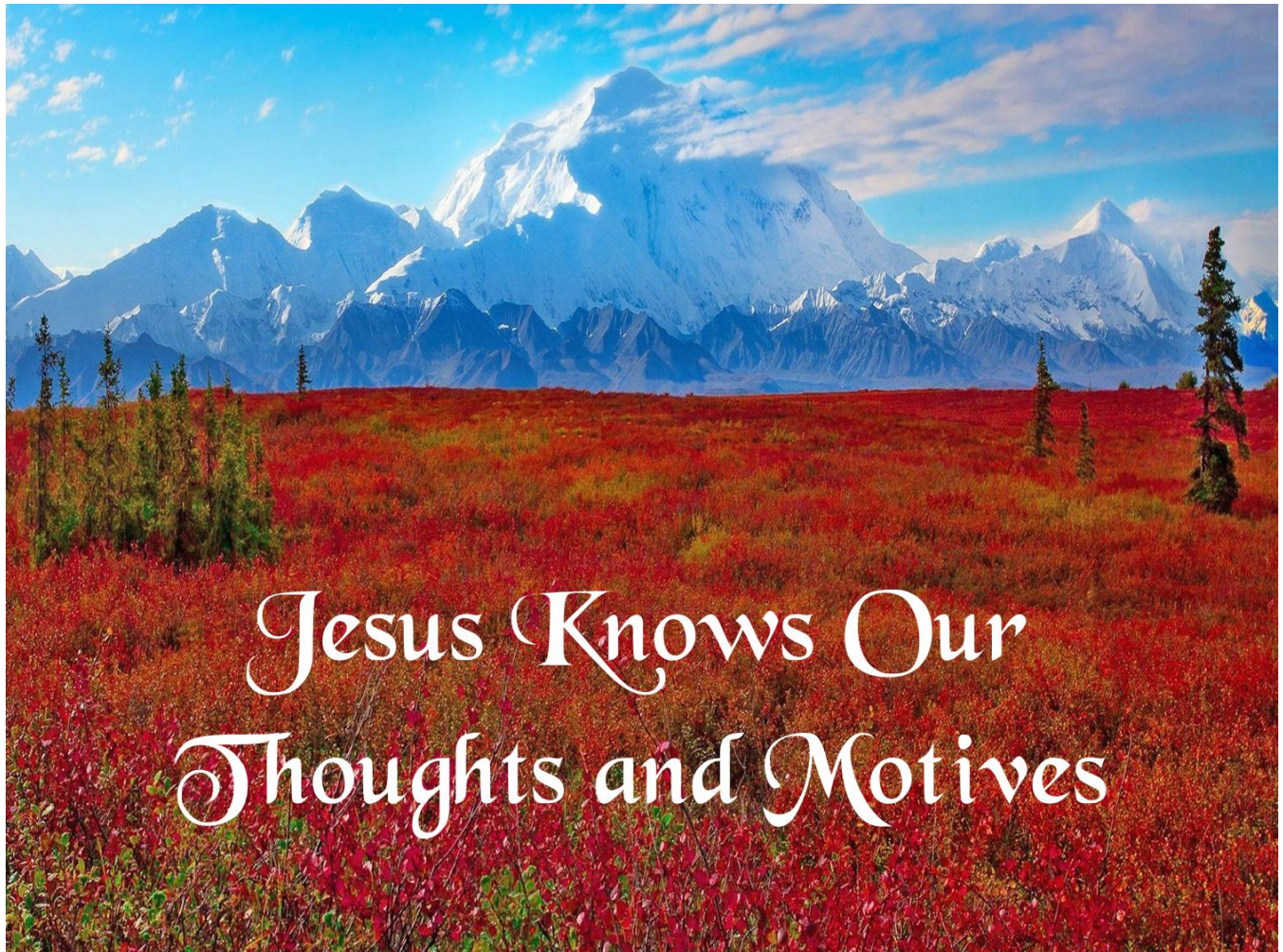
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026

<https://www.facebook.com/FPCMartinsvilleVA>

We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon *Matthew 22:15-22* and *Psalms 96:1-9*

Our Mission

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

The Service for the Lord's Day
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Fugue in A Minor* J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

One: Lord, you have welcomed us, saying,

All: "I know you by name, and you have found favor with me."

One: Lord, you have promised us,

All: "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

One: Lord, you have blessed us, saying,

All: "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you."

One: Lord, you have humbled us, saying,

All: "I will proclaim my holy name in your presence."

One: Lord, show us your glory!

All: We worship you!

*OPENING HYMN *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verses 1-4)* GTG 610
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O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease;
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Pastor

God of all blessings,

We owe you a huge debt. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent and the enemy, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test. Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFESSONAL RESPONSE	<i>Kyrie</i>	PH 572
<i>Lord, have mercy upon us.</i> <i>Christ, have mercy upon us.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. (x2)</i>		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		Liturgist
SCRIPTURE READINGS		
	First Reading:	Liturgist
	<i>Psalm 96:1-9</i>	(OT pg. 550)
TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES		Pastor
ANTHEM	<i>Walking On Our Way</i> Chancel Choir	Jayne Cool
	Second Reading:	Pastor
	<i>Matthew 22:15-22</i>	(NT pg.24)
One: This is the Word of the Lord. <i>All: Thanks be to God.</i>		
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Bea Miller
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		Pastor
One: In life and in death we belong to God. <i>All: 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.</i>		
One: In a broken and fearful world <i>All: The Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.</i>		

One: In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 All: **We strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

One: With believers in every time and place,
 All: **We rejoice that nothing in life or in death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
 all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
 and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

The captive to release, to God the lost to bring,
 to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be;
 whate'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

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

Andante

Mendelssohn

*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

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.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

More Precious Than Silver
Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Allegro

Boëllmann

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 Archie Vipperman by his family.



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 hosts are Ione and Mary Linker.



A Called Congregational Meeting will take place **TODAY** following worship to elect elders for the Class of 2029: Joan Montgomery as Chair of Administration, Anne Madonia, as Chair of Community Office Wing for a second term, and Lynn Pritchett, Chair of Congregational Care. Also, Jerri DeVault, Christian Education, to fill the seat vacated by Nancy Davis, class of 2028.



Jack Kirby will be offering technical support in the coming weeks as part of his Sophomore service project. He is available to assist any church member needing help with smartphones, tablets, laptops, smartwatches, and other devices. He will be available by appointment and is able to make house calls. Please reach out to him directly by text at 276-734-7460 or email at kirbyjack@carliseschool.org to schedule an appointment. When you contact him, please include a brief summary of the technical issue so he can come prepared.

The next Presbytery Meeting is October 22nd at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church (1837 Grandin Rd., SW, Roanoke). Registration opens at 9:15 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:35 a.m. The meeting portion of the day will adjourn around 12:10 with small group discussions held from 12:15- 1:00 p.m. **Lunch is not provided at the meeting.** Click this link to register <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/new-presbytery-meeting-information/>



Call for Volunteers! The FPC Mission Committee is participating with Grace PC and other local churches to put on a Community Thanksgiving Meal. We need a lot of volunteers to sign-up and come to an organizing meeting on Sept. 21 at 6pm at Grace PC. The meal event will be on Wed. Nov 25, 1-4 pm. Go to <https://forms.gle/ThBsPawUTfbcAZ5X7> to complete the volunteer form. Questions, text Ione (310) 951-5138.

When you do your grocery shopping be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (*various household items and toiletries*) and **Grace Network** (*Pancake Mix*). 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.



Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

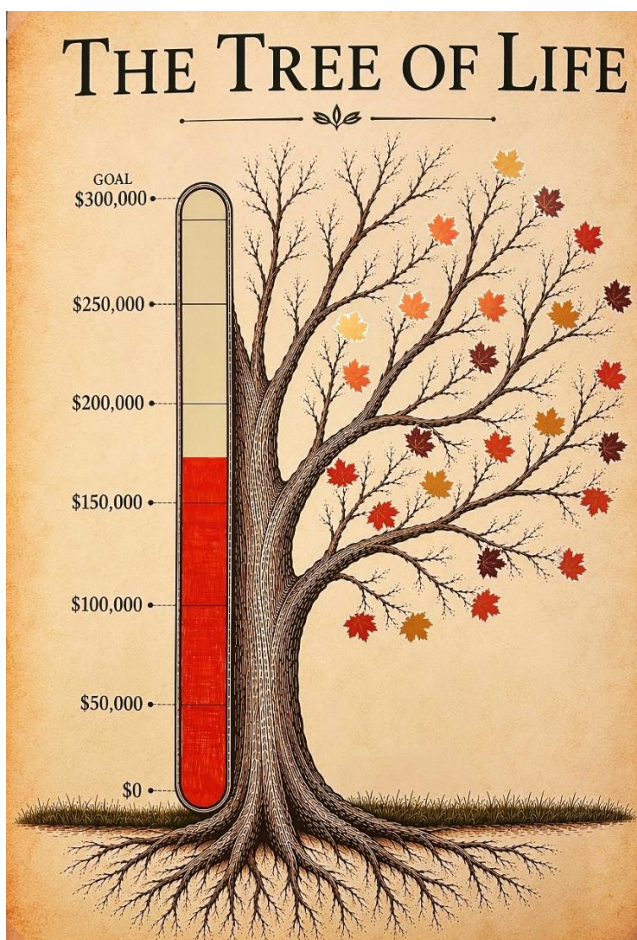
If you need to conduct office business outside these hours, please call to make an appointment.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Laura Stevens, Barbara Adams (Patsy Stanley), Ernest Bremner, Evelyn Cannaday, Smith Chaney, Joel Christman (B. Stanley), Bob Davis, Nancy Davis, Marge Dunn, Sandra Ford, Michelle Handy (Pearl Minter's daughter), Randy Lawson (P. Stanley), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Marion Miller, Skyler Oaks (P. Minter), Maggie Pilson, Ann Reaser, Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Rebecca Smith (P. Stanley), 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.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of October 18th, 25 pledge cards have been submitted totaling \$168,365.



\$10,000+		14 for \$154,000
\$5,000		15 for \$54,000
\$2,500		16 for \$16,000
	Units pledging and amounts for 2026	

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 18

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Called Congregational Meeting

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday –Friday

Weekday School

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

School in Session

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch Buddies

Monday, October 19

10:30 AM

Mission and Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, October 21

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 22

9:35 AM

Presbytery Meeting in Roanoke

Sunday, October 25

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 26

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

Wednesday, October 28

9:00 AM

Garden Club in FH

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
October 18	Mary Linker	Duke and Liz Ferrell	Ione Linker, Mary Linker
October 25	Pearl Minter	Randy and Martha Rollins	Joe and Susan Smith
November 1	Joan Montgomery	Billy and Sharon Kirby	Gale and Christy Buck
November 8	Nancy Moore	Monty and Joan Montgomery	Joe and Brenda Williams
November 15	Lynn Pritchett	Bob Weutefeld, Barbara Duncan	Stewardship Luncheon
November 22	Martha Rollins	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard	Janet Fentress, Judy King
November 29	Ron Rebman	Bill and Susan Kirby	Joe and Susan Smith

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

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