

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 19, 2025

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon Luke 16:1-13 and Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Our Mission

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

The Service for the Lord's Day
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Grace

C. Uehlein

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Janet Fentress, Worship Committee

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Leader: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Unison: With thanksgiving and praise, let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

GTG 31

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Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might, filled the new-made world with light:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living God does feed; with full measure, meets their need:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord who is so kind:
for God's mercies shall endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor

God of gracious abundance,

We have sinned, hoarding what we have, grasping for more, and ignoring those who hunger and thirst. We stay with our own kind; we are complacent in the face of systems that oppress. Forgive us; purify us; remake us; that we might love as you love. In Jesus' name we pray. 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.

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

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

(OT pg.854)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor

CHOIR ANTHEM

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Naida Hearn

Chancel Choir

Second Reading:

Pastor

Luke 16:1-13

(NT pg.79)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Celebrating Abundance"

Elder Monica Stevens

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. 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.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world 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.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, 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!"

With believers in every time and place, 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

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

GTG 716

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God whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor

Hear our prayer, O Lord,
Our refuge and fortress,
Our God, in whom we trust.

Answer us, O Lord, when we call on you: show us your salvation.

For those who are under siege
From war or illness or any adversity—
Give them faith and hope
For the future you are preparing.

Answer us, O Lord, when we call on you: show us your salvation.

For those who live in fear
Of terror in the night
Or destruction in the day—
Be with them in trouble
And satisfy them with long life.

Answer us, O Lord, when we call on you: show us your salvation.

For those who live in comfort and ease,
Satisfied with gluttony, drunk with power,
Wasting their days with idle pastimes—
Show them the evil of their ways
And lead them to repentance and amended lives.

Answer us, O Lord, when we call on you: show us your salvation.

For those who are hungry or oppressed,
Those in prison, or burdened by heavy labor,
For the orphan, the widow, the immigrant—
Give them food and freedom, justice and joy,
Watch over them and show them your welcome.

Answer us, O Lord, when we call on you: show us your salvation.

Merciful God, we offer you these prayers
In the confidence that you alone
Have the grace to receive us
And the power to deliver us;
Through Jesus Christ,
Who has risen from the dead
And who taught us to pray together saying:

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

Promised Land

John Leavitt

***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

We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Peace I Leave With You

David H. Williams

POSTLUDE

Festival Fanfare

J.S. Bach

*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

We welcome and thank **Monica Stevens** this morning as she brings the Word while Pastor Bea is away.

The Adult Sunday School Group is studying "Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together" on **Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the Session Room**. *"This study is 'more than a commentary or devotional, this book is designed to be read together with others, to inspire communities of faith to discuss what it might look like to put Jesus' teachings into practice today.'"* Members of the group will take turns leading discussion by authors such as E. Stanley Jones, James C. Howell, William Barclay, and C. S. Lewis. If your faith is asking you questions, join us as we all explore potential answers of faithful masters.

Please join us for a Meet and Greet Monday, October 20th from 4-5:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room at Kings Grant. Gale Buck of First Presbyterian Church will present a Stewardship Narrative.

Pastor Bea will return to the pulpit October 26th. While she is away, elders of our church will be on call if pastoral care is needed. Call 276-734-8830 and leave a message or text. You may also leave a message on the church office phone.

Join us in celebration for an open house and tour of the First Presbyterian Church Community Office Wing on **Sunday, October 26th at 11:15 AM**. We are excited to have space available for lease in our community. Refreshments will be available on the colonnade.

The October Presbytery Meeting will be held on October 23rd at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 3911 Greenland Ave, NW, Roanoke, VA. This will be an all-day meeting. Registration is now open and will close at noon on October 22nd. Follow this link to register: <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/new-presbytery-meeting-information/>



The Facilities Committee will hold a work day on Saturday, October 25th beginning at 8:00 AM to tidy up the grounds and building. We will clean up leaves, do some weeding, and trim bushes. The kitchen and pantry also need a deep cleaning. We want things to look nice for our open house and for the upcoming holidays.



November 16th is Laity Sunday when members of our congregation have an opportunity to lead us in worship. Our members will be reading Scripture, offering prayers, making announcements and conducting all parts of the service. Reach out to Judy King or Janet Fentress if you would like to participate in any way.

Chancel Choir and Sanctuary Ringers rehearsals are Wednesdays in the Music Workshop room. Join the **Sanctuary Ringers rehearsals at 5:30 PM**, and the **Chancel Choir for rehearsal 6:30 PM**. Reach out to our new Interim Music Director, Craig Campeau, if you are interested in joining either, or both choirs.

We are currently looking for music subs for our worship services until we are able to hire a new music director. If they only play piano that will be fine. If you have a suggestion of someone that might be interested, please contact Janet Fentress (276 618-0153) or Judy King (276 340-8101).

Be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (Pork & Beans 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

Sue Benfield, Bud Buffkin, Anna Beth Burton (L. & D. Ferrell), Evelyn Cannaday, Hank Childress (Ford Childress' brother), Joel Christman (B. Stanley), April Cox (B. Tatum), Marge Dunn, Martin Ford, Doug Goldstein, Marvin Hudson, Jamelle Waid Linker (Ed Linker's daughter-in-law), Mary Manning, Jackie McLachlan, Leslie Naradikian (Marion Miller's daughter), Maggie Pilson, Rusty Reaser, Richard Komorowski (M&N Davis), Cecil Robbins, Sandra Roberts (sister of Kat Walker), Susan Rosser, Becky Stone Sawyers (L. Pritchett), Dee Moore Smith, Laura Stevens, Scott Stevens, Bruce Thomas, , Tammy Tucker Wardinski, Jodi White (sister of P. Marshall/G. Chaney), 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, October 19

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

Monday –Friday

Weekday School

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

School in Session

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Lunch Buddies

Monday, October 20

4-5:00 PM

Meet and Greet at King's Grant (Multipurpose room)

Wednesday October 22

5:30 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 23

10:30 AM

Stewardship Meeting in Session Room

9:00 AM

Presbytery Meeting at Northminster PC (Roanoke)

Saturday, October 25

8:00 AM - Until

Church Work Day

Sunday, October 26

2 Cents a Meal

9:00 AM

Sunday School

10:00 AM

Worship in Sanctuary

11:15 AM

Open House for Community Office Wing

Monday, October 27

4:00 PM

Session Meeting

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS
October 19	Barbara Duncan	Billy and Sharon Kirby
October 26	Liz Ferrell	Monty and Joan Montgomery
November 2	Joan Montgomery	Johnny and Ashby Pinkard
November 9	Nancy Moore	Ron Rebman, Judy King
November 16	Susan Pilson	Bill and Suzan Kirby
November 23	Ashby Pinkard	Joe and Jerri DeVault
November 30	No liturgist needed	Bob Wuestefeld, 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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Friday 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM