

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue
Martinsville, Virginia

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026

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We are a Matthew 25 Congregation 



Sermon based upon *Psalm 1* and *Matthew 22:34-46*

Our Mission

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

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

*Please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE *Voluntary in F* E. Thiman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

One: Happy are those who are like trees.

All: Planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in due season

One: Their leaves do not wither.

All: In all they do, they prosper.

*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

God commands that we confess:

We have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

CONFSSIONAL 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
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*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
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SCRIPTURE READINGS	
First Reading:	Liturgist
<i>Matthew 22:34-46</i>	(NT pg. 25)

TIME WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES	Pastor
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ANTHEM	<i>Let All You Do Be Done In Love</i>	**Sandra Ford
	Chancel Choir	

Second Reading:	Pastor
<i>Psalms 1</i>	(OT pg.489)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON	Rev. Dr. Bea Miller
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	Pastor
One: In life and in death we belong to God.	
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.	

One: In a broken and fearful world

**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.**

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian
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Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, (In my heart,) in my heart (in my heart,)
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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

In Heavenly Love Abiding

D. Wolford

***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 HYMN**

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

GTG 707

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Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
grant us in all our thoughts to honor thee.

Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
come thou within our souls and claim thy throne;
help us to shed abroad thy deathless love;
use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;
guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.

Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all;
we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Pastor

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Holy is the Lord

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE

Processional in G Major

J. Stanley

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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

2¢'s a Meal Offering will be taken today. Your gift helps to alleviate hunger and poverty locally and around the world. Please use the provided envelopes. Thanks for your offering.



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 Joe and Susan Smith.

Please note that Martinsville Garden Club will be using the fellowship hall the morning of Wednesday, October 28th.

The Session will meet Monday, October 26th at 4:00 PM in the session room.



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 FPC Women's Circle Meeting is Monday, November 2nd at King's Grant at 11:00 AM. Our second lesson, Freedom in Christ, will be led by Cindy Edgerton. If you are not a King's Grant resident, please sign in at the front desk and purchase your lunch ticket for \$12 upon arrival.



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.

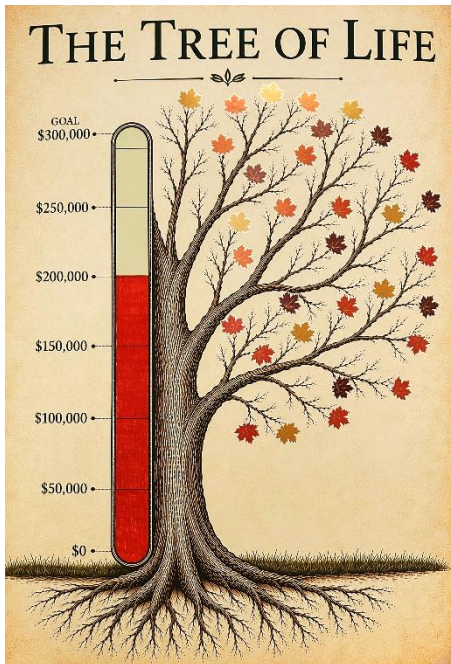
When you do your grocery shopping be sure to remember Southside Survivor Response Center (various household items and toiletries) and **Grace Network (Pancake Mix)**. Other needs: toothpaste, toothbrush (individually wrapped), dish and laundry detergent, toilet paper, deodorant, bath soap, and feminine products. Both agencies depend on us for assistance.

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), Jennifer Holland (M & N Davis), 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 21st, 32 pledge cards have been submitted totaling \$201,665.



In the Book of Revelations, the location of New Jerusalem will be marked with a Tree of Life. This single tree produces fruit of the season every month of the year. Stewardship is using the "Tree of Life" as its theme this year. **On November 8th, Gale Buck will present a narrative** exploring what might be a "Tree of Life" which you can enjoy today.

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



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.

DATE	LITURGIST	USHERS/GREETERS	2ND CUP
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 Jerri DeVault

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

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 25

9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary ~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday –Friday

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Weekday School School in Session
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Lunch Buddies

Monday, October 26

4:00 PM	Session Meeting
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Wednesday, October 28

9:00 AM	Garden Club in FH
5:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 1

9:00 AM	Communion/All Saints' Sunday Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary ~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 2

11:00 AM	Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting at KG
TBA	Session Training

Wednesday, November 4

5:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 8

9:00 AM	Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary ~Second Cup in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 10

9:00 AM	Cooks Who Care
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Wednesday, November 11

2:00 PM	Worship Meeting in Session Room
5:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 15

9:00 AM	Commitment Sunday Sunday School
10:00 AM	Worship in Sanctuary ~Potluck Lunch/Advent Workshop

Monday, November 16

TBA	Session Training
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Wednesday, November 18

5:30 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 21

8:00-9:30 AM	Community Breakfast (cooking begins at 7:00 AM)
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