

October 22, 2026



Steeple Views

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Pastor's Corner

Pastor Bea Miller

Dear First Presbyterian family,

One of the scriptures for this coming Sunday is Psalm 1. The Psalter is our prayer book. It was the prayer book of Jesus. The Psalter illuminates our relationship with God, and all that God creates. Everything we think, feel, know or experience is reflected in the Psalms.

This week I read a poem by Jane Simpson entitled "Psalm 1."

We go on a Sunday to the old church,
one parent gone in mind, the other weak
in body, though they swap places at will.
It's homecoming – when the Baptist round up
the past or the young who mow lawns, play golf.
My parents sit close, cloaked in habit, hope.
When they slump their round shoulders and chins down
they both look like they're sleeping – I can't tell.
When they stand, they rock, tremble the hymnal
that neither reads, that sways their gravity.
I hear the breathy vocals of lungs, lips –
musty, empty as hot water bottles.
They seem content, at home, here in this place
they know – this place on and above earth.

Psalm 1:3, They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Bea



Please join us for worship this twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost at 10 AM

Sermon by Pastor Bea

based on Psalm 1 and Matthew 22:34-46

Liturgist: Pearl Minter

Ushers/Greeters: Randy And Martha Rollins

2nd Cup: Joe and Susan Smith

Liturgist Schedule

November

1 Joan Montgomery

8 Nancy Moore

15 Lynn Pritchett

22 Martha Rollins

29 Ron Rebman

December

6 Randy Rollins

13 Taylor Shank

20 Ashby Pinkard

24 TBD

27 Gale Buck

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM - 4 PM
Friday - 9:30 AM - 2 PM

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

BEWARE: Two members of our congregation recently received **scam** emails that purported to be sent by Pastor Bea asking for help with the purchase of gift cards. PLEASE remember, SHE WILL NEVER ASK you to purchase anything on her behalf with the promise to pay you back. If you have questions about any email communications from her, please call or text her or Rita!

Be Aware!

**Protect yourself
from scammers!**

Watch for emails, texts or calls that might be fraudulent and do not trust communications (even if they sound legitimate) that ask for personal information, money or gift cards.

You will NEVER get an email from the church or your pastor asking you to purchase gift cards because we are busy or in a meeting.



ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS

Stewardship

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.

Presbytery Meeting - October 22nd, 2026 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.

FPC Circle Meeting - Monday, November 2nd, 11 AM at King's Grant. Lesson 3 will be led by Cindy Edgerton.

Call for Volunteers! The FPC Mission Committee is participating with Grace PC and other local churches to put on a Community Thanksgiving Meal. 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](tel:3109515138))



As part of his Sophmore service project, Jack Kirby will be offering technical support in the coming weeks to any church member needing assistance with wireless phones, tablets, laptops, smart watches, etc.

He will be available by appointment and does make house calls! Please message him at [276 734-7460](tel:2767347460) or email at kirbyjack@carliseschool.org to schedule an appointment. *Please briefly summarize your issue so that he may come prepared to solve your issue!*

Harmonic Expressions from Whitney

Pope XIV states that sacred music "means to pray, attuning one's heart to that of our sisters and brothers and to God, through active participation in the mystery that is being celebrated."

Let each of you become a choir," he said, "so that, harmonious in agreement and taking the pitch of God in unity, you may sing with one voice through Jesus Christ to the Father, so that He may hear you and, from the good works you perform, recognize that you are members of His Son." --Pope XIV

October Birthdays

- 1** Shane Pinkston
- 5** John Abercrombie, Nancy Baker
- 6** Jane Ford, Mary Linker
- 9** Cole Tatum
- 11** Fran Hensley, Richard Lawhon
- 15** Joe Smith
- 16** Emily Kelly, Liz Knighton
- 26** Dwight Christenbury, Eileen Powell, Melissa Jessup
- 28** Gwendolyn B. Sowdon



November Birthdays

- 2** Colton Sanders
- 3** Bill Hensley, Elizabeth Harris
- 5** Neil Tatum
- 6** Brooke Cundiff
- 8** Donna Lawhon
- 11** Ione Linker
- 15** Steven Minter
- 18** Donna King
- 21** Henry Grady III Moore
- 27** Joe DeVault, Leanna Blevins
- 28** Norah Cundiff

These members and friends of the congregation need our prayers:

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 Melosh, Marion Miller, Shirley Oake



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.



Congregational Care and Fellowship

If you are in need of a [prayer shawl](#), or know someone that could use one, please pick one up from the narthex and be sure to sign it out. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Susan Pilson**.

If you are in need of prayer, a meal, transportation, etc...due to a death in the family or the birth of a baby, please reach out to the Congregational Care and Fellowship committee by contacting **Susan** at [276 340-7288](tel:2763407288).

Grace Network Donations

[4th Quarter Food Donation Item is Pancake Mix](#)



Please consider donating extra when you are able to get out and about as your donations will become more important than ever.

ALSO in need of plastic grocery bags and empty egg cartons (dozen size). These can be deposited in the bins inside the Narthex

Hygiene Items are always needed (optional)

- *Toilet Paper
- *Bath Soap
- *Dish Detergent
- *Feminine Products
- *Deodorant
- *Toothpaste
- *Laundry Detergent

**Items may be brought to the church or dropped off at Grace Network, Monday - Friday, 9-2 PM*



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Share God's Love, Embrace Our Neighbors, Nurture Each Other

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www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/page.cfm/topic/newsletter

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FPC online directory: members.instantchurchdirectory.com/

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Presbytery of the Peaks: www.peakspresbytery.org/

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