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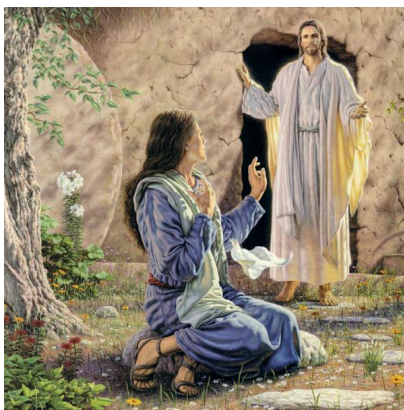
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE, VA

Christ Crucified

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at **6:00 PM on Maundy Thursday, April 13**, for a time of remembrance and reflection as we approach the crucifixion. We begin with Jesus' Last Supper—a Passover seder—with traditional foods plus communion. We then go to the Sanctuary for a **Tenebrae** (darkness) service for our **Good Friday** observance.



Alleluia! Christ is Risen!



Come celebrate Christ's resurrection on **Sunday, April 16**. Festivities begin with a true **Easter Sunrise Service at 6:45 AM** on the west shore of Lake Lanier off Root Trail. **Easter Breakfast** will be served at the church at **9:30 AM**, courtesy of the Christian Education Committee, and the menu will feature sausage casserole, hash brown casserole, and fruit, plus other goodies. After breakfast, all children are invited to an **Easter Egg Hunt** (approximately 10:15 AM). Our joyous celebration continues with **Resurrection Sunday Worship at 11:00 AM** in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome!

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What's Happening This Week

Maundy Thursday, April 13

[Exodus 12:1-4, \(5-10\), 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#)

Last Supper Passover Seder with Communion, 6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall,

followed by **Good Friday Tenebrae Service**, Sanctuary

Good Friday 14

[Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42](#)

Christ's Seven Last Words, 7:00 PM, Agape Bible Christian Fellowship, 240 E. Market St., Martinsville. Pastor Mark will participate with six other pastors. **Dinner, 5:30 PM**, will be served before the service. Call our church office (632-3431) if you would like to attend the meal.

Holy Saturday 15

[Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42](#)

Free Community Breakfast, Volunteers needed beginning at **7:00 AM**, serving **8:00–9:30 AM**, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen. Jean Williams (632-3995, jeanwms@gmail.com) is in charge.

Facilities Work Session, 9:30 AM–12:00 Noon. Come help the Facilities Committee with projects to spruce up our building. Lunch provided. Contact Denny Casey (632-8306, d.a.casey@comcast.net) for more information.

Resurrection Sunday/Easter 16

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Easter Sunrise Service, 6:45 AM, Lake Lanier, Root Trail, Martinsville

No 8:30 Service today

Easter Breakfast, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 AM, for children

Worship with Communion, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #3: *Monty Montgomery, Milt Davis, Nancy Davis, Buck Flythe, Joan Montgomery

Liturgist: Peter Marshall

Communion servers: *Teri Ferguson, +Nancy Baker, Dru Rothrock, David Garland, Manly Boyd, Judy Ware, Bill Kirby, Smith Chaney

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided all morning in the nursery under the Sanctuary. Children's Worship for age 4 through 2nd grade is provided during the Traditional Worship service after the Time with Young Disciples.

Easter Monday 17

Church Office Closed

No G.P.S.

Tuesday 18

Agape Ministry, 12:00 Noon

Steeple Views Deadline, 4:00 PM. Please email information to Gael Chaney, steepleviews@firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org.

Wednesday 19

Sanctuary Ringers, 5:45 PM, handbell room

Chancel Choir, 7:00 PM, Choir Room. New singers always welcome!

Thursday 20

Praise Band, 7:00 PM, Chapel

Sunday 23

Contemporary Worship, 8:30 AM, Chapel

Fellowship & Refreshments, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Sunday School, 9:45 AM, Children 4 yrs-2nd grade, Room 11-12 under the Sanctuary; Adult Adult class, Session Room

Traditional Worship, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Usher group #4: *Monty Montgomery, Jeri DeVault, Joe DeVault, Lang Mauck, Bill Stone

Liturgist: Denny Casey

For a complete calendar of what's happening at FPC Martinsville, visit our website: <http://www.firstpresbyterianmartinsville.org/calendar.cfm>.

The Service for the Lord's Day, April 16, 2017

Resurrection Sunday/Easter

Scripture Lessons

Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

Sermon by Rev. Mark Hinchcliff

"Bear Witness to His Victory"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Additional Lectionary Readings for Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Full text of lectionary readings

<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/texts.php?id=85>

Welcome New Member

Pam Rakes

Our congregation welcomed new member Pam Rakes on Sunday, April 9. She comes to us by letter of transfer from Blackberry Baptist Church.



More than Conquerors

What then shall we say in response to this? If God is for us then who can be against us?...No, in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither life nor death, neither angels nor demons, neither present nor future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. —Romans 8:31, 37-39



In one of my previous churches, I moved on my own to a community four hours away from home and family. I was starting with no familiar faces to support me in this ministry nor spouse to talk to when situations arose in difficulty. However, I was fortunate enough to find a nice rental house just a few blocks away from the church. Many possessions of the previous

occupants had to be removed in order to make room for the new resident (that's me)! In doing so many lives were being affected beyond my own. The aging widow who had lived there previously was moving in with her daughter out of town, and the effects of the father who had passed away many years ago now had to be dealt with. Years of memories were being unearthed, and in the words of the family, "With every room we tackled, we were afraid of what issues we believed we had put to bed years ago that we would have to deal with all over again!" The fear of what couldn't even be changed—the past—caused almost a month of delays before the house was finally ready for my move in.

Where the previous residents feared reliving the past, my fears revolved around an unknown future. As I began to unpack each box of my own, I began to turn fear into excitement of this new place God had brought me—new friends I would be making and new ministry opportunities. With each box unpacked, this house became more of a home.

And then it happened! I was moving around some boxes in the garage and a scurry of movement from underneath sent me running from whatever it was! Fearing the worst, a deadly snake or the likes, I ran out of the garage, found a big stick and slowly snuck back in armed to take on this unknown monster. Carefully picking up the box, I revealed a nest of mice and multiple hairless babies looking up at me with the same fear I previously had for them. My fear then turned to compassion as I cautiously moved the nest outside to the backyard away from the house. During the night I continued to unload boxes passing the nest of mice on the way to the trash cans and noticed the nest was now empty.

It didn't take long to find the mother moving her babies to the edging in the grass to keep them warm in the cold winter night. As I looked at these shivering hairless mice I felt a real change of heart and boxed some hay and the mice and placed them in a storeroom until the warmth of the next day. In the morning I moved the family to a protected hollowed out tree in a field where their chances of survival would be better. After that experience I couldn't believe I could have been so afraid of something so small. In a moment of choice between strength and fear, too often I choose fear.



The Apostle Paul assures us that through Christ we are more than conquerors of our fears. Nothing can separate us from God's love! So regardless of the size of the challenges we face, from a mouse to a giant, we don't have to fear. Like David, we do not need to be afraid of even the Goliaths we may encounter. We have all we need in Jesus. We can stand tall, armed with the courage and strength given to us in Christ every day!

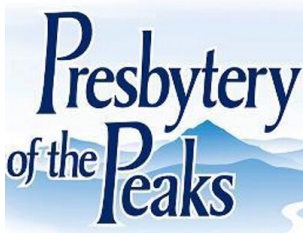
As we approach this time of Easter, we should be reminded of how Jesus took away the greatest fear of all, being accepted by God! By bearing the sins of the world on His shoulders, we have been given the means to be accepted by God. By His stripes we have been healed, and by His death and resurrection the door to an eternal relationship with God has been opened. So put away your fears and celebrate this gift of Easter today!

In the Faith and Hope in Christ,
Pastor Mark

Congratulations!

Kellene Wotring appointed to Youth Council

Kellene Wotring has been appointed to the Presbytery of the Peaks Youth Council. Our church has never had a youth representative. Kellene had the support of session members, multiple church member references, and submitted her own faith statement and other questions. She will attend her first meeting at the end of the month. Kellene is the daughter of Chuck and Elizabeth Wotring, big sister to Connor and granddaughter of Carol and Greg Darnell.



Presbytery of the Peaks Youth Council is a way for 9th–12th graders to gain valuable leadership skills, learn more about the Presbyterian Church (USA), get to know other youth from the Presbytery and serve the church in an important and challenging way. The Youth Council meets five times a year and ordinarily consists of eighteen youth and nine adults.

Presbytery of the Peaks Youth Council is responsible for planning and implementing weekend retreats and events for Senior Highs and Middle School youth, and planning the Presbytery-wide youth events so they are balanced in worship, recreation, fellowship and study.

Youth who serve on the Presbytery Youth Council must be an active member in their local church and youth activities, be a 9th–12th grader and able to serve a 2-year term or until graduation, be an exemplary role model to other youth, be willing to make Youth Council a priority in their schedules, and be very regular in attendance to meetings and events.

Serving Others

Prayer Shawls are now in the Library

Many thanks to Nancy Davis for her help moving things around in the library so the prayer shawls can be available there. If you know of anyone in need of comfort or even congratulations, whether for illness, bereavement, birth of a baby, marriage, etc., you may take them one—they don't have to be a member of our church. The shawls tied with a ribbon have been dedicated in a church service after being lovingly knit or crocheted with prayer by members of our congregation. Be sure to sign the sheet so we'll know who has received a shawl.



Martha G. Valentine

September 21, 1946 - April 7, 2017

Our dear friend and regular visitor Martha Valentine passed away on Friday, April 7, 2017. Pastor Mark announced last Sunday that the service might be this week; however, the family has decided to wait until a later date.

The obituary may be found here:

[http://www.norrisfuneral.com/obituaries/Martha-G-Valentine?
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Prayer Concerns

The following members and friends of our congregation need our prayers: Walter Anderson, Sue Benfield, Deborah Brooks (Marshall family), H.C. "Bud" Buffkin, Dot Bryson, Kelly Bryson, Kimberly Bryson, Evelyn Clark, Ernie Cobb (M. Dunn), Tommy Cobb (M. Dunn), Virginia Coley, Brennen Cox, Sandra B. Cox, Floyd Craig, Marie-Bernice Downey, Jim Ford, Daniel Handy, Clara Hartley, Marvin Hudson (Betty's husband), Ann King, Margaret Knight, Christy Kropp, Rita and Leonard Lawson, Waymon Lockett, Palmer Lowery (B. Lawson), Dewey Milton, Jr. (Laura Stevens' future father in-law), Ed Pace, Anne Peterson, Dr. Dan Prince, Louise Mauck Rawls, Barbara Regen, Doris Rogers (D. Bryson), Lilian Turman, Geneva Turner, Martha Valentine Family, Sarah V. Wells, and all our troops throughout the world.



Please submit prayer requests to Rita in the church office (276-632-3431, office@fpcmartinsvilleva.org).

Gifts to the Church

In memory of Betty Boyd, Manly Boyd's mother
Reed S. Moore

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