

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



August 3, 2025

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost and Communion



Gathering

The Call of the Carillon

Let the carillon bells invite us into the sanctuary, where we prepare our hearts in silence to worship the Living God.

Prelude

Kleine Study

Robert Schumann

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship - Psalm 100, NIV

Anderson Hartman

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his C

**For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

♦ Hymn

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

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Prayer of Confession

**Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,
and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.**

Yet we have strayed from your way;

**we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.**

As we remember the lavish gift of your grace

we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.

Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin,

and to rise daily to new life in Christ,

who lives and reigns with you,

and in whose strong name we pray.

Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

♦ *Gloria Patri*

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

Passing of the Peace

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Anderson Hartman

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 37: 1-9

Pew Bible: OT p. 483

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Special Music

Petit Offertoire

César Franck

Second Scripture Reading

Colossians 3: 18 - 4: 1

Pew Bible: NT p. 190

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Children's Message

Austin Hartman

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ **Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried;
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty,
from there he will come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Call for the Offering

Offertory

♦ Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

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Celebration of Communion

♦ Hymn

In Remembrance of Me

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

With joy we praise you gracious God. . .

Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints

and all the angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Words of Institution

Closing Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Hymn

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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Benediction

Benediction Response

Lead Me Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy right-eous-ness, make Thy way plain be - fore my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, On - ly that mak - est me dwell in safe - ty.

WORDS: Psalms 5:8, 4:8
MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1861

LEAD ME, LORD

Postlude

(During the postlude, you are invited to remain seated.)

Choral

Flor Peeters

♦ All who are able, please stand



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Maria Cusick, Music Director / Organist
Steve Ward, Media Director