

# First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



February 1, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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# The Worship of God

## Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 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

*Salvation now has come for all*

Anonymous

### Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Betsy Baugh

Light has dawned upon those who walked in darkness;

**The glory of God shines upon us, guiding our steps.**

The Lord is our light and our salvation—Whom shall we fear?

**We do not fear for the love of God does not fade or dim even in the darkness.**

Christ calls disciples from the shores of everyday life to walk in the way of peace, justice, and compassion.

**And so we follow. Let us worship the God who makes us one body, calling us to walk in the light of love.**

♦ Hymn

*Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

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Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we confess that we have often walked in shadows rather than in your light.**

**We have upheld division when you call us to unity;  
we have chosen fear when you offer courage;  
we have separated mercy from justice and tended the safe shore while neighbors struggle in the deep.**

**Forgive us, God of grace.**

**Break the chains of division within and around us.**

**Turn our hearts toward your reconciling love so that we may walk together in faithfulness, care for one another as one body, and follow Jesus in the way of peace. Amen.**

## Silent Prayer

### Kyrie

WORD: Kyrie eleison  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

DOMINE DEUS

## Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:

The God who called light out of darkness calls you beloved. In Christ, every barrier that would divide us has been broken, and every sin that once separated us from God's love has been dissolved.

God's Spirit reconciles us and leads us into the way of peace.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**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

Betsy Baugh

#### First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

Pew Bible: OT p.600

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

#### Special Music

*Almighty and Everlasting God*

Orlando Gibbons

#### Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Pew Bible: NT p.3

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

#### Children's Message

Eric Hooker

#### Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

### Responding to the Word

♦ **Hymn**

*Will You Come and Follow Me-The Summons*

\*see insert

♦ **Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)**

**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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to the dead; On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; 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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## 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 God of Every Nation*

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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.

LEAD ME, LORD

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

## Postlude

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

- ♦ All who are able, please stand

## Voluntary II

George Frideric Handel



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor  
Elijah Buerk, Music Director / Organist  
Steve Ward, Media Director