

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



February 15, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Transfiguration of the Lord



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

Lied, Op. 31, No. 17

Louis Vierne

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering Our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Lynette Liberge

From the mountain of mystery and light,
God calls us to come and see.

**We gather in the presence of the Holy One
whose glory shines in Christ's face
and whose Spirit moves among us still.**

When the world feels dim and uncertain,
God's radiance has not faded.

**When we are weary or afraid,
Christ's light still leads us on.**

Come, let us listen for the Voice
that speaks through cloud and silence.

**Come, let us worship the One
whose mercy and justice shine for all people.
Let us worship God.**

♦ Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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Prayer of Confession

God of dazzling light and deep mystery, you call us to the mountaintop and to the valley below. You reveal your glory in Christ, yet we admit that we often turn away.

We confess that we cling to what is familiar and resist the transformation you offer. We veil our hearts when your truth feels challenging. We listen to voices of fear instead of your beloved Son. We seek comfort more than courage, certainty more than faith, and safety more than justice.

Forgive us, O God. Remove the veils we place over our hearts. Shine your light into our shadows. Transfigure our lives by your grace, so that we may reflect Christ's love in our communities and in your world.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

WORDS: Kyrie eleison
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

DOMINE DEUS

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news:
The God who shone with glory on the mountain
does not remain distant or hidden.
In Christ, God's mercy is revealed to us,
and in the Spirit, that mercy transforms us.

Where we have been veiled,
God brings clarity.
Where we have been burdened,
God brings freedom.
Where we have fallen short,
God brings forgiveness and new life.

Believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven,
renewed, and set free to shine with God's love.
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

Lynette Liberge

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Pew Bible: NT p.18

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

Special Music

O Thou the Central Orb

Charles Wood

Second Scripture Reading

2 Peter 1:16-19

Pew Bible: NT p.222

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

Children's Message

Rev. John Erickson

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

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♦ 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, dead and buried;
He descended to the dead; On the third day he rose from the dead,
He ascended into heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
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.

Gathering of Tithes and Offering

Offertory

♦ Doxology

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*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.*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Hymn

O for a World

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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.)

Toccata in F major, BuxWV 157

Dieterich Buxtehude

♦ All who are able, please stand



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