

First Presbyterian Church
of Martinsville

FIRST SUNDAY IN
LENT



February 22, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

First Sunday in Lent 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

O man, bewail thy sins so great, BWV 622

Johann Sebastian Bach

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Doug Bryant

Come, all who are weary and all who are hopeful.

We come as we are, held in God's grace.

Come, you who seek justice and you who long for mercy.

We come to be shaped by love that will not let us go.

The Holy One calls us beyond fear and into courage.

We gather to listen, to learn, and to be renewed.

In every place and every time, God is at work for healing.

We open our hearts to the Spirit moving among us.

Let us worship the One who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

With grateful hearts, we worship God together.

◆ Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Prayer of Confession

Holy and merciful God,
you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves,
yet we confess how often we fall short.

We cling to comfort while others struggle.
We speak of justice yet hesitate to act.
We turn away from suffering we do not understand
and grow silent when truth is hard to tell.

Forgive us for the ways we participate
in systems that harm your beloved creation.
Forgive us when we choose fear over compassion,
indifference over solidarity,
and convenience over courage.

Renew us, O God.
Soften our hearts, open our eyes,
and turn us again toward your ways of mercy and peace.
By your Spirit, form us into a people
who embody your justice and your love
for the sake of the world you cherish.
Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "Lord_ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us." The piano accompaniment consists of a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

WORDS: Kyrie eleison
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

DOMINE DEUS

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear the good news:
God's grace is wider than our failures and deeper than our fears.
In Jesus Christ, we are met with mercy, restored to hope, and invited into new life.

No mistake is beyond God's forgiveness.
No life is beyond God's love.
We are forgiven, renewed, and set free to love one another.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

♦ 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

Doug Bryant

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 34

Pew Bible: OT p.480

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

Special Music

Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Pew Bible: NT p.3

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

Children's Message

Lynette Liberge

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ Hymn

Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ

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♦ 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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

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Benediction

Benediction Response

Lead Me Lord

Musical score for the hymn "Lead Me Lord". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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.)

Toccata avanti la Messa della domenica

Girolamo Frescobaldi

- ♦ All who are able, please stand

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