

# First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



February 8, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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# The Worship of God

## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



### 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

*He who allows dear God to rule, Op. 135a, No. 28*

Max Reger

### Preparing to Hear the Word

#### Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

#### Remembering Our Baptisms

#### Opening Prayer

#### Call to Worship

Susie Goldsboro

Holy One, you call to us from shores and open waters,  
from crowded boats and ordinary days.

**You call us by name and invite us into your work of love.**

When we feel unworthy, you cleanse and send us.

**When we feel afraid, you speak: Do not be afraid.**

When we feel empty, you fill our nets with grace.

**Come, let us worship the God whose glory fills the earth, whose  
mercy meets us here, and whose call still echoes in our lives.**

#### ♦ Hymn

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

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#### Prayer of Confession

God of holiness and compassion, we confess that we often resist your call. Like your Prophets, we are aware of our unclean lips and the brokenness of our world—yet instead of trusting your mercy, we shrink back in fear or hide in silence.

Like the disciples by the lake, we doubt that our small efforts matter. We cling to what is safe and familiar rather than casting our nets into deeper waters. We forget that your abundance exceeds our imagination.

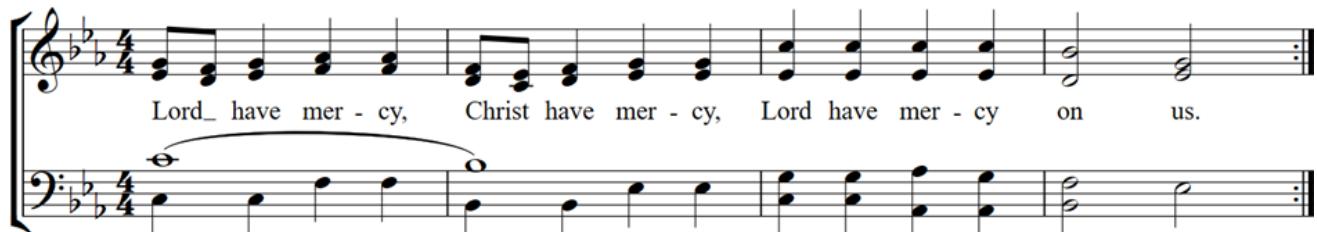
We confess that we have ignored your call to justice, to mercy, to humility. We have turned away from neighbors in need, from the work of reconciliation, from the courage of discipleship.

Forgive us, O God.

Touch our lives with your cleansing grace. Still our fears. Open our ears to hear your call again. By your Spirit, make us ready to say, “Here am I; send me.” Amen.

## Silent Prayer

### Kyrie



Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy on us.

DOMINE DEUS

WORDS: Kyrie eleison  
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

## Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:  
The God who calls us is the God who forgives us.  
When Isaiah confessed, a coal of mercy touched his lips.  
When Simon Peter fell in fear, Christ spoke peace.  
When we falter, grace meets us still.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and called anew.  
Do not be afraid.  
Your sins are forgiven.  
You are set free to follow in love and service.

**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

Susie Goldsboro

#### First Scripture Reading

Psalm 111

Pew Bible: OT p.531

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

#### Special Music

*The grace of God cannot be fixed*

Thurlow Weed

#### Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Pew Bible: NT p.4

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

#### Children's Message

Austin Hartman

#### Sermon

Rev. John Erickson



## Responding to the Word

♦ Hymn *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

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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

*Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

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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.)

*He who allows dear God to rule, BWV 642*

Johann Sebastian Bach

♦ All who are able, please stand



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