

First Presbyterian Church
of Martinsville



March 1, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

Second 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

Épitaphe Op. 31, No. 4

Louis Vierne

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Anderson Hartman

In the wilderness of our lives, when the winds of fear and change blow,

God is our refuge and our dwelling place.

When we are tempted by comfort, control, and certainty,

The Word is near us, on our lips and in our hearts.

When we remember who we are and whose we are,

We bring our whole selves before God with gratitude and trust.

Come, let us worship the One who delivers, shelters, and sustains.

♦ Hymn

When Morning Gilds the Skies

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Prayer of Confession

Holy and faithful God,

You led your people through the wilderness and brought them into a land of promise.

You have sheltered us under your wings

and placed your Word upon our lips.

Yet we confess that we do not always trust you.

When we feel vulnerable, we grasp for control.

When we feel uncertain, we reach for quick assurances.

When we are tempted by comfort, status, or power,

we forget that worship belongs to you alone.

Forgive us for the ways we misuse scripture to defend ourselves

rather than to love our neighbors.

Forgive us for the ways we trade trust for security, and justice for advantage.

In this Lenten season, lead us again through the wilderness.

Teach us to rely on your living Word.

Form in us the resilient trust we see in Christ,

that we may worship you alone and serve your beloved world with courage.

In silence we offer the truths of our own hearts...

(silent prayer)

Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

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

WORDS: Kyrie eleison
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

DOMINE DEUS

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:
"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart."
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

God does not abandon us in the wilderness.
God does not tempt us toward harm.
God shelters, delivers, and restores.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, strengthened, and set free to live in trust.
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

Anderson Hartman

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 121

Pew Bible: OT p.539

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

Special Music

Turn thy face from my sins

Thomas Attwood

Second Scripture Reading

John 3:1-11

Pew Bible: NT p.88

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

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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

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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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-ous-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.)

Epilogue (from Faust)

Petr Eben

- ♦ All who are able, please stand

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