

First Presbyterian Church
of Martinsville

FIRST SUNDAY IN
LENT



March 9, 2025


Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God

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Gathering

The Call of the Carillon

May the carillon bells call us to gather in the sanctuary, entering into a time of silent preparation to encounter the Living God.

Prelude

Prelude in F minor

Marcel Dupré

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Addison Massey-Deckard

From Bethlehem to Nazareth,
from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem,
from then to now,
come, Lord Jesus.

To heal the sick,
to mend the brokenhearted,
to comfort the disturbed,
to disturb the comfortable,
to cleanse the temple,
to liberate faith from convention,
come, Lord Jesus.

To carry the cross,
to lead the way,
to shoulder the sin of the world
and take it away,
come, Lord Jesus.

Today, to this place, to us,
come, Lord Jesus.

♦ Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Call to Confession — based on Isaiah 58:6-8, NRSV

Is not this the fast I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice;
to share your bread with the hungry;
to bring the homeless poor into your house;
to clothe the naked?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly.
Having heard these promises, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;
teach us wisdom in our secret heart.

Send out your light, send out your truth,
and let them lead us to our home.

Take from us the weight of our sin,
that room might be made for the spirit of truth.

If we prepare a dwelling place, that spirit will abide within us,
and the truth will set our spirits free.

Then shall we love not only in word or in speech;
then shall we love in deed and in truth,
and by this know that our service is faithful.

O Lord, you desire truth in our inward being;
teach us wisdom in our secret heart. 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 — from Matthew 11:28-30, NRSV

Jesus said:

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;

for I am gentle and humble in heart,

and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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

Addison Massey-Deckard

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16

Pew Bible: OT p. 518

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

Special Music

O For a Closer Walk

Charles Villiers Stanford

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 4: 1-13

Pew Bible: NT p. 57

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

Children's Message

Anita Wolfe

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

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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

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ Hymn *This Is My Song*

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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.

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

LEAD ME, LORD


Postlude

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

Fugue in F minor

Marcel Dupré

♦ All who are able, please stand



Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Maria Cusick, Music Director / Organist
Steve Ward, Media Director