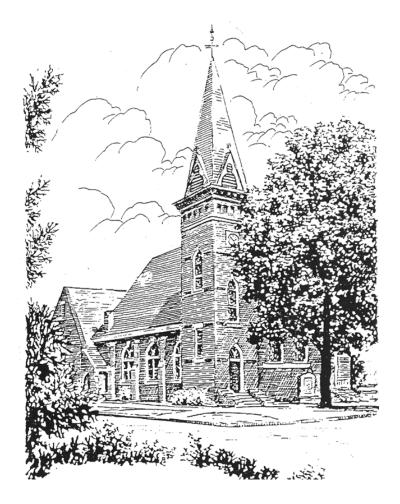
# First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



November 9, 2025 Worship 10:00 am www.fpcmartinsville.org



# The Worship of God Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



# 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** Prélude Op. 31, No. 5 Loui Vierne

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

**Opening Prayer** 

**Call to Worship** Suzi Horan

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it—

The world and all who dwell within it.

God has poured out blessings beyond measure—

The harvest of the earth, the gifts of grace, the breath of life itself.

In gratitude, we bring our hearts, our gifts, and our lives.

We offer them with joy, joining in God's work of renewal and love.

Come, people of God—celebrate the abundance of our Creator!

Let us worship the God who gives freely and calls us to share freely.

# With grateful hearts, we worship the Giver of every good gift!

## **Prayer of Confession**

Hymn

Generous God,

you have entrusted us with the richness of creation,

the abundance of your grace,

and the gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Yet we confess that we often live as though we are owners, not stewards—clutching tightly what was meant to be shared,

fearing there will not be enough,

and forgetting that all we have comes from you.

Forgive us, O God.

Turn our hearts toward gratitude and trust.

Teach us again the joy of giving, the freedom of generosity,

and the blessing of participating in your work of love in the world.

In Jesus Christ, our generous Savior, we pray.

Amen.

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### Silent Prayer Kyrie



#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear the good news:
God is generous in mercy, abounding in steadfast love.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven—
set free from fear, released from guilt,
and invited to live as partners in God's renewing work.

Thanks be to God by whom are forgiven, loved, and made new!

♦ Gloria Patri 579

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

Stewardship Reflection Mary Sipla

Prayer for Illumination Suzi Horan

First Scripture Reading Psalm 98 Pew Bible: OT p.521

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

Special Music How Great Thou Art

Second Scripture Reading Luke 16:19-31 Pew Bible: NT p.75

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

Children's Message Mike Marvel

Sermon Rev. John Erickson



Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

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#### •TheApostles' 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 592

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

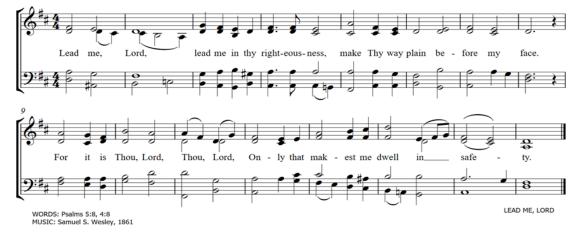
Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

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#### **Benediction**

#### **Benediction Response**

#### Lead Me Lord



**Postlude** 

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

Prelude in D minor, BWV 554, i

Johann Sebastian Bach

• All who are able, please stand



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