

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



November 9, 2025

Worship 10:00 am

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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

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!

♦ Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Prayer of Confession

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.

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

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

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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

Stewardship Reflection

Mary Sipla

Prayer for Illumination

Suzi Horan

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 98
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: OT p.521

Special Music

How Great Thou Art

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 16:19-31
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pew Bible: NT p.75

Children's Message

Mike Marvel

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson



Responding to the Word

♦ Hymn

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

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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

*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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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

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.)

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