First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



November 1, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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The Worship of God
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost and Communion

Gathering

The Call of the Carillon

Letthecarillonbellsinviteusintothesanctuary,where we prepare our hearts in silence to worship the Living God.

Prelude *Prelude and Fugue in G minor, BWV 558* Johann Sebastian Bach

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship Emily Hill

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
We come with empty hands, trusting in the abundance of God's grace.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
We come bearing our sorrows, trusting in the promise of God's presence.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
We come longing for a world made whole, where mercy and peace embrace.
Rejoice and be glad! For God's kingdom is among us.
With all the saints, in every time and place, let us worship God!

♦ **Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation* 442

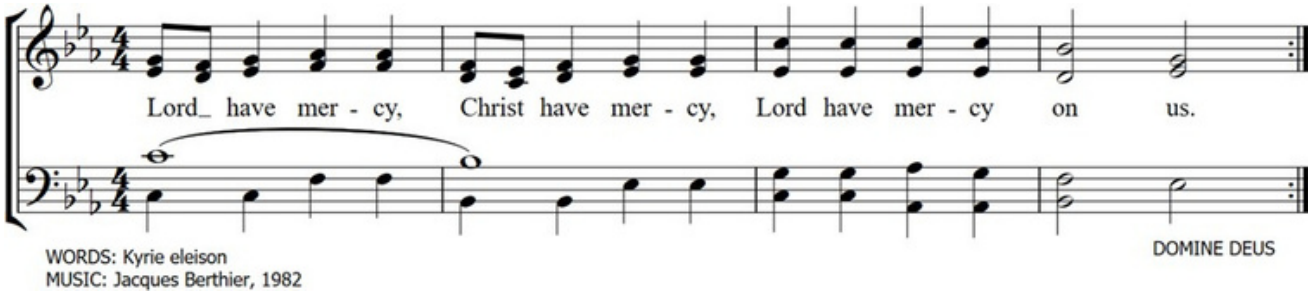
Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
You call blessed those whom the world so often overlooks: the poor, the grieving, the meek, and those who hunger for justice.
Yet we confess that we have often sought the blessings of comfort, privilege, and power.
We have turned away from suffering rather than offering compassion.
We have desired peace without the difficult work of making it, and righteousness without the courage to pursue it.

Forgive us, gracious God.
Where our hearts have grown hard, teach us mercy.
Where our spirits have grown proud, teach us humility.
Where we have accepted the world as it is, awaken in us a hunger for the world as you intend it to be.
By your grace, turn our hearts toward the way of Jesus Christ, that our lives might bear witness to the kingdom he proclaimed. Amen.

Slent Prayer

Kyrie



Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.
The grace of God is not reserved for the righteous or the strong, but freely offered to all who come seeking mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called to walk in the ways of God's kingdom.
Thanks be to God!

♦ ***GloriaPatri*** *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;* *579*
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The Word

Remembrance of the Saints

Prayer for Illumination Emily Hill

First Scripture Reading Psalm 146 Pew Bible: OT p.549
This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Special Music *"Requiem aeternam" from Requiem in D minor, K. 626* *(see insert)*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12 Pew Bible: NT p.4
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Children's Message Lynette Liberge

♦ **Sermon** Rev. John Erickson

Responding to the Word

♦ **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.

Call for the 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.

♦ **Hymn** *Blest Are They* see insert 172

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 the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Words of Institution

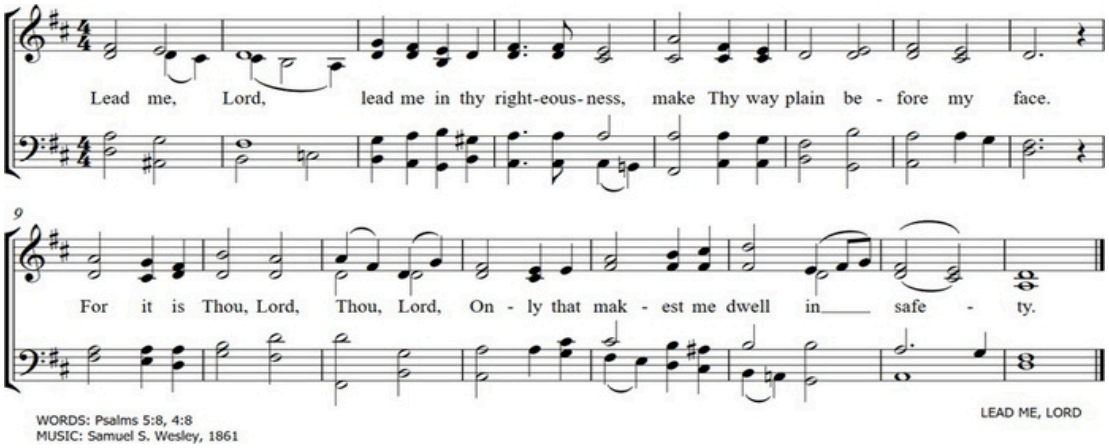
Closing Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

♦ **Hymn** *For All the Saints* 526

Benediction

Benediction Response *Lead Me Lord*



Postlude *Toccata in D minor, BWV 565, i* Johann Sebastian Bach

(Duringthepostlude, you are invited to remainseated.)

♦ *All who are able, please stand*

The Rev. John Erickson, Pastor
Elijah Buerk,Music Director /Organist
Anderson Hartman / Media Director