

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



October 5, 2025

Worship 10:00 am



The Worship of God

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 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

Rêverie Op. 31, No. 10

Louis Vieme

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Colson Hartman

Call to Worship

Colson Hartman

From north and south,
from east and west, we come:

**As God's children called to the Table
where lavish grace nourishes us.**

We come,

**As God's people called to community,
where we live and serve one another.**

We come,

**As God's faithful called to witness to God's hope,
to offer peace to a shattered world.**

All: Let us worship the living God!

♦ Hymn

O Christ, the Great Foundation

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Prayer of Confession

Beckett Hartman

Creator God,

**We hear your invitation to love our neighbors as ourselves,
to live like we belong to one another.**

And yet, what is out of sight is often out of mind.

Forgive us for training our hearts to focus only on what is in front of us.

Forgive us for ignoring the tie that binds us to all of creation.

Forgive us for assuming that you being with us means you can't be with others too.

Our gaze has been too narrow.

Open our hearts.

Expand our understanding.

Help us to celebrate the many places you are present in this world.

Remind us of the ties that bind us to all of creation.

With hope in our hearts we pray, amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon

Beckett Hartman

Family of faith, I don't know what this past week has looked like for you, but I do know this:
there is a seat at God's table saved for you.

And that is the case

even if you overlooked your neighbor,

even if you doubted God's love for you,

even if you chose scarcity over abundance, or fear over joy.

God has a seat saved for you.

Trusting this good news, join me in the words of forgiveness:

We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven. We begin again.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

♦ 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

Henry Barco

First Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-8 - Pew Bible: OT p.656
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Henry Barco

Special Music

My Own Way by Josh Cumbee & Jordan Powers

Ruby & Laura

Second Scripture Reading

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

Claire Hill

Children's Message

Robert Barco

Sermon

Anderson Hartman

Responding to the Word

♦ Affirmation of Faith ~ The Apostles' Creed

Leo Kochanczyk

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried;**

He descended into hell; the third day he rose again;

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty,
from there he will come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church,
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Hymn

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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Call for the Offering

Colson, Beckett, Audra, Robert

Offertory

♦ Doxology

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*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.*

Celebration of Communion

♦ Hymn

I Come with Joy

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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

Anderson Hartman

Sending

♦ Hymn

This Is My Song

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Benediction

Rev. John Erickson

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.

LEAD ME, LORD

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

Postlude

Beckett Hartman

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

♦ All who are able, please stand



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