

First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville



October 25, 2026

Worship 10:00 am

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Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good for those who love
God, who are called according to God's purpose.

We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor
depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from
the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39, NRSV

Gathering of Tithes and Offering

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.

Prayers: of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Sending

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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Benediction

Benediction Response

Lead Me Lord

Lead me. Lord, lead me iit, thy right-cous-ness, tha. kit, 'vuyy plain be - fore my face.

For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, On - ly that mik - et me dwell in - side - ty

WORDS: Palma S.B., 4.8
MUSIC: Samuel S Wedy, 1861

LEAD ME, LORD

Postlude

"Plein Jeu" from Suite du Deuxième Ton

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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

All who are able, please stand



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

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

Jesu, Saviour, heed my greeting! (Choral and Variation I)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Preparing to Hear the Word

Welcome

Rev. John Erickson

Remembering Our Baptisms

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Susie Goldsboro

From generation to generation, God has been our dwelling place.

We gather to worship the One whose steadfast love endures forever.

Jesus calls us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind.

And to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Come, let us worship the God whose love gives life to all creation.

Let us open our hearts to God's presence and our lives to God's calling.

Hymn

Morning Has Broken

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,

You have shown us the way of love, yet we confess that we often choose another path.

We profess our devotion to you while neglecting the needs of our neighbors.

We speak of justice but remain silent in the face of injustice.

We are quick to judge and slow to understand, eager to receive compassion but reluctant to extend it.

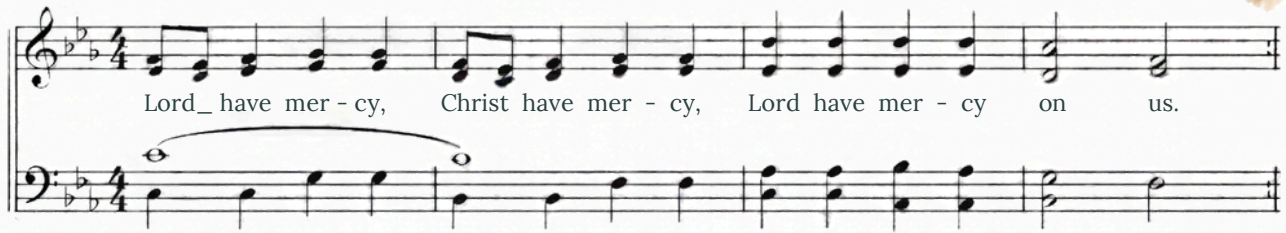
Forgive us, Lord, when our faith becomes a matter of words rather than deeds.

Turn our hearts again toward you, that we might love more generously, act more justly, and recognize in every person someone worthy of dignity and care.

Through Jesus Christ, who taught us the way of love, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Kyrie



WORDS: Kyrie eleison
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982

DOMINE DEUS

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news:

The steadfast love of God does not fade, and God's mercy is renewed from generation to generation. Even when we fail to love as we have been commanded, God remains faithful, offering forgiveness and calling us into new life.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and set free to love God and neighbor with renewed hearts.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

*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.*

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Passing of the Peace

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Susie Goldsboro

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Pew Bible: OT p.463

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

Special Music

Kyrie Eleison

Heather Soderling

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

Pew Bible: NT p.23

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

Children's Message

Lynette Liberge

Sermon

Rev. John Erickson

Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

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