

**May 2024****Third Presbyterian Church****Pastor's note - May 2024**

On our second day in Barcelona, Tony and I joined a tour group that left the city and drove by bus to the foot of Montserrat. There we boarded a train that took us up the mountain to the Benedictine monastery and the Santa Maria Montserrat Abby. The monastery is active with 80 monks and a choir school with 30 boys in residence. The views from that monastery were stunning and we were not even at the peak of the mountain.

Our tour took us inside the monastery's chapel. The chapel hosts the revered statue of the Virgin of Montserrat. The statue is carved of oak and is at least over 1,000 years old and possibly even older. It is one of the most famous Black Madonna statues in the world, and in 1844 Pope Leo XIII declared the Virgin of Montserrat the patroness of Catalonia.

To get to the statue you walk past several side chapels and climb a set of stairs until you reach a niche where the statue is on display. The Virgin is holding the Christ child in her lap. In her right hand is an orb symbolizing the world. The statue is protected by a glass shield; however, the orb extends beyond the shield and may be touched.

We as Presbyterians are taught that we do not need an intercessory (whether a canonized saint or an active priest) to be able to offer our prayers to our God and his Son, our Savior. We have an open and direct line of communication with our God. Yet, when I stood before the Virgin of Montserrat my heart was moved and the experience was transcendent. I was looking at an object that was created centuries ago and had been the focus of prayer and devotion from an uncounted number of believers. I prayed not to the Virgin but to our Lord asking that the chaos of our world be brought under his rule and that the peace that he has promised will be realized. I prayed for myself, for my family and for you, my congregation. All in all, it was a very moving experience.

Having an object to help us center ourselves and focus our thoughts and prayers is helpful. But a healthy prayer life does not need an object. We are told to find a quiet place and to open our hearts to our Lord. We are told that he hears our prayers. But praying is more than just us doing the talking. We are also called to listen for God's guidance in our lives. Please take time daily to converse with our Lord.

The following is a link to a picture of the Virgin of Montserrat - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:A\\_Virgem\\_de\\_Mont\\_Serrat.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:A_Virgem_de_Mont_Serrat.jpg).

Grace and Peace,

*Don+*

## Join Us For Worship Every Sunday In-Person and Live Stream at 11 AM

Below is the Zoom link where you will be able to see those leading worship and along with parts of our liturgy. Below is the most updated link, phone number and password.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/605837516?pwd=V0R5VmNCQ2Mraml1TFdOVXpGMEpiQT09>

If you do not have computer access, you can call in with your home or cell phone using Zoom's dial in option.

Meeting ID: 605 837 516

Password: 23518

Phone: 312-626-6799

## Communion for Homebound

Rev. Martin and an elder will be bringing communion to any homebound person that would like to receive it. This will be done once a quarter on Monday following the first Sunday. The months this will be done are April, July and October. If you would like to receive communion at home, please contact the church office at 757-587-7576 or Rev. Martin at 757-754-9232 so that a time can be scheduled with you.

## Looking Ahead

May 19th – Pentecost Sunday

Celebrate Pentecost with us by wearing red, or any color of “flames”.

We will have a birthday celebration with some light refreshments following worship.

Wearing red on Pentecost is a traditional sign of the inward transformation by the Holy Spirit in each of our hearts. As “tongues of fire” came to rest on these disciples on that first Pentecost long ago, we gather together and then leave still blazing with the fire of hope God offers all through God's Spirit.

Red is a sign that the good news of Jesus came to all who were there in a language they could understand from people with whom they would not otherwise have communicated.

## PW Bible Study & Fellowship

Join us for fellowship and Bible Study on the 2nd Tuesday each month at noon.

Lunch at noon and study starts at 12:30. Bring your lunch if you like.



### New Addresses

Dot Grandstaff  
The Gardens of Virginia Beach  
5620 Wesleyan Drive #247  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
757-583-2244

Peggy Russell  
Aspire at West End  
5020 Sulky Drive, # 415  
Henrico, VA 23228  
Phone: 757-387-9301

Patricia Basnight  
Lake Taylor Hospital  
1309 Kempsville Road  
Room 29A  
Norfolk, VA 23502

Lexi White & Marc Cahill  
89 Winchester Dr.  
South Kingstown, RI  
02879

Judy & Tim Cook  
2909 Arc Road  
Mobile, Alabama  
36605-4466  
251-385-0615



CJ Jones—May 3  
Tom Maxwell—May 3  
Judy Floyd Apelt—May 8  
Lillian Smith—May 8  
Lisa McKinney—May 12  
Claudia Glover—May 26  
Doug Hughes—May 27

### Don Martin's Contact Information

[pastordonatthird@gmail.com](mailto:pastordonatthird@gmail.com)  
757-754-9232

### Prayer List

Please remember the following people and families in your prayers, that they might be lifted up through your conversations with God:

Claudia Cary  
Peggy Russell  
Jennifer Russell  
Jessica and Ray Fitzgerald  
Ginny Davis  
Steve & Claudia Glover  
Carol Maxwell's Mom  
Larry McKinney  
Patricia Basnight  
Darlene Pick  
Holly Gaff  
Nancy & Steve Babor  
Toy Hefner  
Bessie Williams and Family  
Noah Lucas  
The Family of Ruth Bray  
Di Ricks  
Our Pastor - Don  
Our Church  
The Session  
Our Community

### Offerings

April 7—\$1,700  
April 14—\$1,195  
April 21—\$525.00  
April 28—\$695.00

**Office Hours** -Monday - Friday from 9am - 1pm.  
Please feel free to call 757-587-7576 or send an email ([thirdpc@hrcoxmail.com](mailto:thirdpc@hrcoxmail.com)), if you need any assistance. Thank you!

### Shepherd's List 2024



**Amy Griffin**

**757-618-3006**

\*Dee Glover

\*Steven and Claudia Glover

Ginny Davis

Nancy and Vernon Barham

Dorothy Grandstaff

Marguerite Duke

Peggy Russell

Teri Howard

**Teri Howard**

**757-274-3311**

Don Martin and Tony Crudup

Darlene Pick

Debbie and Ray Platte

Amy and Dennis Griffin

Di Ricks

Sybil Crooks

Joseph Bray

**\*Anne Basnight**

**Tom Maxwell**

**757-531-9851**

\*\*Brittany French

Dave and Jenni Joyce

Holly Gaff and CJ Jones

T.J. and Larry McKinney

Lexi White and Marc Cahill

Deb King

The Rapacon Family - Amanda,  
Manny, Christian, Samantha, Rachel,  
and Peter

\*no email-please call

\*\*Text

**Red+Shut-in**

**Stacy Apelt**

**757-583-5872**

Nancy Babor

Jim Rudiger

Carol and Tom Maxwell

Mary Ann Shepard

Kayla and Bryson Shepard

Margaret Chewning & Dan Cudney

**Margaret Chewning**

**757-581-0428**

Jessica Fitzgerald & Family

Cheryl and Fred Holtz

Ginny Keisel

Claudia Cary

Artie and Milinda Derrenbacker

Stacy Apelt and Judy Floyd Apelt

Mike Gallond

**Calvin Presbyterian Church**

2901 E Little Creek Rd, Norfolk, VA  
23518

(757) 587-1591

**• Food Pantry Hours**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

• Third Saturdays of the month  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**The food pantry serves Norfolk  
zip codes 23518 and 23503.  
Those in need of assistance  
may obtain a referral from any of  
the participating churches.**


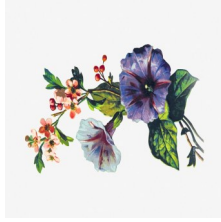
**Pantry Wish List:**

- 25 oz Apple Sauce
- 16 oz Baked Beans
- 24 oz Beef Stew
- 15 oz Peas
- 15 oz Green Beans
- 1 lb 13 oz Canned Fruit
- 32 oz Jelly
- 18 oz Peanut Butter
- 32 oz Pancake Mix
- 24 oz Syrup
- 1 lb Rice
- 8.25 oz Tuna Helper
- 6 oz Tuna
- 15 oz Spaghetti O's
- 15 oz Thick Soup
- 64 oz Juice
- 12 oz Luncheon Meat
- 7.25 oz Macaroni & Cheese
- 13.75 oz Mashed Potatoes
- 13.7 oz Oatmeal Individual Packs
- 16 oz Spaghetti Noodles
- 26.5 oz Spaghetti Sauce
- Dry Milk, Individual Packs

*Please, no baby food, coffee, tea, sugar, pickles, olives, condiments, tomatoes, cranberries, canned milk, crackers or mushrooms.*



# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm AA Meeting	2 7-9:30pm Square Dancers	3	4 6:30pm Square Dance Group
5 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship Communion	6	7 6:30-10pm Dance Group C. Crofford	8 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm AA Meeting	9 7pm Civic League Meeting	10	11 10am- Noon Clothes Closet 
12 <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	13	14 Noon PW Fellowship and Bible Study 6:30-10pm Dance Group C. Crofford	15 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm AA Meeting	16 7-9:30pm Square Dancers	17	18
19 <b>PENTECOST</b> 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	20	21 6:30-10pm Dance Group C. Crofford	22 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm AA Meeting	23 7-9:30pm Square Dancers	24	25
26 11am In-Person & Virtual Worship	27 <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	28 6:30-10pm Dance Group C. Crofford	29 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm AA Meeting	30 7-9:30pm Square Dancers	31	



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### **CHURCH STAFF**

Don Martin, Covenant Pastor  
Debbie Platte, Secretary  
Lexi White, IT Facilitator  
Joseph C. Bray, III, Organist/ Choir Director  
Clara Barnes, Sexton  
Teri Howard, Clerk of Session  
Holly Gaff, Treasurer  
Teri Howard, Financial Secretary

### **SESSION**

#### **Building & Grounds**

Stacy Apelt

#### **Stewardship**

Teri Howard

#### **Witness & Outreach**

Tom Maxwell

#### **Worship**

Amy Griffin

### **Administration and Personnel**

Margaret Chewning

### **Presbyterian Women**

#### **Presbyterian Men**

Tom Maxwell, President

Fred Holtz, Vice-president

### **Memorial Committee**