

A Service of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 23, 2025

11:00 a.m.

As we enter sacred space for worship, quiet your heart and mind, centering your thoughts on God's presence among us.

Gathering for Worship

Welcome and Invocation Rev. Steve Zimmerman

Prelude *Toccata in A Minor* Zach
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship *(based on Psalm 63)* Rev. Caroline Taminger

Leader: God of our hearts...here we are on the road to the Resurrection!

People: We've come with thirsty hearts, praying that your Word will satisfy us.

Leader: We come with aching hearts, praying for good news to comfort us.

People: We come with overflowing hearts, praying for a chance to share your love.

Leader: You, who know our hearts and hear our prayers, be with us now in this hour of worship.

People: Amen.

*Hymn 112 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* ST. AGNES

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 63:1-4 Roslyn Wingett
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession Rev. David Cameron

Leader: Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives, and we know the weariness of forty days in the desert, and the beckoning power of sweet fruit, and the vain promises of the world,

People: We need you, God.

Leader: Because we see the broken before the whole, and the half empty cup, and the unfinished task, and the thirst in freedom's quest,

People: We need you, God.

*Please stand as you are able

Leader: Because we trust in what we can see, and we are blinded by our prejudices, and we do not know what we do not know,

People: We need you, God.

Leader: Because our need for correctness exceeds our need for truth, and our excuses preempt the cry of the wounded, and our celebration of blessing is mindless of those displaced,

People: We need you, God.

Leader: Because you came among us, and breathed into our souls, and healed our pain and let us wound you, and loved us to the end, and triumphed over all our hatred,

People: We need you, God.

Leader: Lord Hear our Prayers, Amen.

Response *Lord Have Mercy* ° by Steve Merkel

Children's Worship Pastor Caroline

After children's worship, elementary aged children are invited to join our volunteers for age-appropriate children's church

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 121 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* QUEBEC
(vs. 1,2,5)

Prayer of Commitment & Lord's Prayer Rev. Zimmerman

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

**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. Amen.**

Engaging the Scriptures

Anthem *The Love of God* Lehman/Holk

Sermon *Bethany Blues* Rev. Zimmerman
John 11:17-37

The Word of God for the People of God: **Thanks be to God**

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 562 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* DIX

Postlude *Praeludium in D* Brixi
Join us as we reflect on our worship of God today.

Benediction Rev. Zimmerman

Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his passion and death. The season began with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty days through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Lent is a strongly penitential season. The liturgical color is purple, used to symbolize penance, preparation, sacrifice.

Nursery & Children's Chapel Schedule

Our nursery is available for children four and under.

Chapel-Erica James and Linda Read

Children's Worship Bags for all ages are in the Narthex (foyer at the back of the Sanctuary). These bags are intended to help children process what they are hearing and seeing as they worship with their families. Please return the bags after worship so they can be used in our next service.

Reminders

March Birthdays: 26 Becky Stone, Marcus James

Christian Sympathy to the family of Betty Minter who passed away on March 13th. A Memorial Service was held in the King's Grant Chapel. Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Tommy Doss who passed away on Friday, March 14th. A visitation will be at the home of Jay Doss on March 22nd at 1:00 p.m.

Prayers for our Church Family: Alice Bowman, John Burgess, Mary Clifton, Martha Crawley, Martha Drane, Judy Epperly, Ann Grogan, Armand Harrell, Betsy Miers, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Reeves, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Yvonne Turner

Deacon of the Month: Merle Prince

She will assist other deacons with visitation as needed.

ELC and FBC Kids Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch

Saturday April 5th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

All Early Learning Center and First Baptist Church families are welcome.

Announcements

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: Offering for Global Missions
WMU and the Church Missions Committee invite you to give generously to our annual CBF Offering for Global Missions. **Our goal this year is \$2,500. Help us meet and exceed our goal! Raised to date: \$697.00.**

Business Meeting Agenda, TODAY at 12:15 p.m. – Fellowship Hall
1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports.

Gratitude for Giving

A gift has been given in memory of Jesse Shumate by Joretta Draper to the General Fund.

Dinner Church Encounter: A Food to Faith Initiative

Have you ever considered the power of a shared meal? Have you ever wondered how a dinner table could reconnect you to your neighbors and friends who may never attend a Sunday morning church experience?

A Dinner Church Encounter is a one-day training event that will give our church a vision and practical insights to host Dinner Church meals within our community. A group from our church will be attending this training on Monday, April 7th. Your cost to go is only \$15.00. If you are interested in going or need more information, contact the church office. You must also register online for this event at: FreshExpressions.com/event/FoodtoFaithWytheville.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 23

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
12:15 p.m. Business Meeting-Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 24

6:00 p.m. Still Water Rehearsal/Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 25

8:45 a.m. Children's Chapel-Classrooms
10:30 a.m. Administrative Planning Meeting-Rm 105

Wednesday, March 26

10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study-King's Grant Multipurpose Room
12:00 p.m. Library Committee-Library
6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study-Rm. 105

Thursday, March 27

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-1 Kings-Rm 105/Zoom
11:00 a.m. ELC Music Class-Music Room
12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch-Calvary Christian Church
4:15 p.m. School Age Chapel-Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

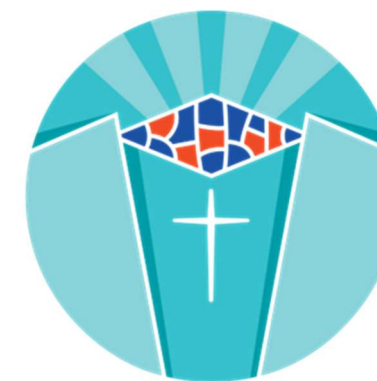
Welcome to First Baptist Church!

We are #yourcitychurch in Martinsville...

Coming together with many Christian traditions to worship, learn, and grow together as followers of Jesus.

Serving God in our church, our community, and the world by investing our energy and resources to living like Jesus called us to live — in service to God and neighbor.

Growing and changing our ministries to include more variety in our vision so as to meet the needs of our community.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARTINSVILLE, VA

Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope

Open Invitation

Our congregation wishes to partner with you and your family on a shared journey of faith. Whatever your background, we would love to explore with you how to join with us as we minister to this community together.

If you are interested in wanting to know more about following Jesus, how to join this church as an active participant, or if you'd like to recommit yourself to this church and its ministry, contact us at info.fbcmartinsville.com, (276) 632-6336, steve@fbcmartinsville.com or his cell (336) 214-3958.

Our doors are always open. Come see and serve what God is doing among us as we worship in Christ's name.



LENT



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"Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope"

*Hymn 112 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* ST. AGNES

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all!

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who ask, how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

*Hymn 121 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* QUEBEC
(vs. 1,2,5)

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts,
we turn unfilled to heed thy call.

Thy truth unchanged has ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good,
to them that find thee all in all.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away,
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

*Song of Response

Hymn 562 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* DIX

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness, arise, triumph over shades of night:
Day – spring from on high, be near, Day – star, in my heart appear!

Dark and cheerless is the dawn till your glories shine on me;
joyless is the day's return till your mercy's beams I see;
as they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief:
more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day!

40 Days of Prayer

This week we suggest you pray for our Community and all the ways
we are Neighbors.

Sunday- Community from Friends through Strangers

- Open our hearts and our eyes so that our circle of friends is ever expanding
- Expand our love & perspective so we see everyone as our neighbor

Monday- Our Closest Neighbors

- The people in the three houses nearest us
- The people we sit next to in worship
- The people we call, text, or email every day

Tuesday- Our Other Neighbors

- The people on our block
- The people in our sanctuary
- Those we call, text or email often

Wednesday- Our Similar Neighbors

- The people we interact with in town
- The other churches in our city/ county
- All those we encounter at work

Thursday- Our Difficult Neighbors

- Those in our neighborhood we don't get along with
- Those at work we don't get along with
- Those in our church we have disagreed with

Friday- Our Unknown Neighbors

- People in our community we see but don't know
- People we see but have chosen NOT to know

Saturday- Neighbors Yet to Be

- Neighbors God will bring to us in the next year
- Hearts to see everyone as a Neighbor



Lent 2025

Road to Resurrection:

Journey from Sorrow to Joy

Lenten Worship Services

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.-through April 13th

FBC Sanctuary

Streaming on FBC's Facebook, YouTube

40 Days of Prayer

Continuing through Saturday April 19th

Lenten Bible Study

“Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple”

Wednesdays through April 16th

King's Grant Multipurpose Room

10:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church

6:00 p.m.

Room 105

Join Us for Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

Thursdays- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Through April 10th

This Thursday, March 27th

Calvary Christian Church-Fellowship Hall

Devotional: Pastor Adam Herod