

# A Service of Worship

Palm Sunday

April 13, 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 *Blessed Is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord*  
Baxter Jennings, organ Liszt

Call to Worship Rev. Caroline Taminger

Leader: We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

**People: Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!**

Leader: Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king on the road to the resurrection!

**People: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Leader: We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

**People: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

\*Hymn 135 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* HYFRYDOL

## Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Pam Caudill  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of Confession Rev. Zimmerman

Leader: Holy one, beloved of God, we rally to your side cheering and waving, caught up in the excitement and the drama of the procession. We join the procession with prophecy and song echoing in our minds: singing of the triumph of God over the enemies who have held us captive. We cry, "Hosanna! Save us!" while believing ourselves saved already. In your mercy, O Christ, forgive us.

\*Please stand as you are able

**People: Forgive us the desire for power, and the willingness to replace one empire with another. Forgive us when we think that knowing you for a long time means a privileged place in your Kingdom. Forgive us when we would push away those who seek to know you; when we consider others too sinful, too distasteful, too blind to be part of our company. Forgive us when our desire to follow ends with the joyful procession, and refuses to hear about the inevitable outcome of speaking truth to the powerful, or speaking love to the fearful. Forgive us our failure to follow. Forgive us our failure to love. Amen.**

Time of Silence

Response *Lord Have Mercy* ° by Steve Merkel



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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 103 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master* HANOVER

Prayer of Commitment & Lord's Prayer Rev. David Cameron

**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 *Hosanna To The Son* Lindh

Sermon *Palms and Passion* Rev. Zimmerman  
John 12:12-19

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

## Responding to God

\*Song of Response

Hymn 211 *Lead Me to Calvary* DUNCANNON

Postlude *Toccata in D* Paul Fey

*Join us as we reflect on our worship of God today.*

Benediction Rev. Zimmerman

*Today is Palm Sunday, marking the beginning of Holy Week in the Christian calendar. These are some of the most significant days of the church year. The blessing and procession of palms reenacts the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. During Holy Week, we focus intensely on Jesus' last days, his execution, his burial, and finally, with Easter Sunday, his resurrection.*

## Nursery & Children's Chapel Schedule

Our nursery is available for children four and under. The nursery is down the hall from the Narthex and to the right. Chapel-Crystal Darden and Roslyn Wingett

**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

**April Birthdays:** 12 Marilyn Turner, 15 Noah White, 16 John Burgess, 19 Dean Johnston, 21 Marsha Frith, 22 Ella James, 25 Martha Perdue, 27 Sylvia Knight, 28 Pat Austin

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

## Deacon of the Month: Dennis Knight

He will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

## Easter Lilies

If you would like to contribute to the Easter floral decorations, please bring your donation & information by tomorrow, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

## Grace Network Apr.-Jun. 2025 Food Assignment:

**Creamed Corn (15 oz) Place** food in the Missions Room 103.

## Announcements

### Called Business Meeting- TODAY after Worship Agenda

1. Vote on the purchase of a 15 seat Van by the ELC.
2. Vote on the Ad Hoc Committee for Dr. Libby Grammer's portrait.
3. Report from the Pastor Search Committee

**In Christian Sympathy to** Tom Crawley and his family on the loss of his wife, Martha Crawley. Funeral service will be held Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the Victory Chapel at King's Grant.

### Warming Center Needs-Churchwide April Mission Action

WMU is collecting items for the center that are needed during the summer months. Please check the list in the Narthex or your newsletter for the needed items.

### Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

They are asking only for Breakfast and Lunch Foods at this time. Place all item in the Missions Rm. 103.

### Gratitude for Giving

**BEREAVEMENT FUND:** Gifts have been given in memory of Betty Minter by Max & Roslyn Wingett, Rhonda Byrd and Edmund & Elisabeth Beldowski.

**FULLER DAVIS MUSIC FUND:** Gifts have been given in memory of Betty Minter by Sherri Lewis & family and the Minter Family.

**GENERAL FUND:** A gift has been given in memory of George Lester by Max & Roslyn Wingett. A gift has been given in memory of Betty Minter by Joretta Draper.

**GRACE NETWORK:** A gift has been given in memory of Betty Minter by Mary Frances Gibbs.

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, April 13

- 9:00 a.m. Palm Sunday in the Park  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

### Monday, April 14

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

### Tuesday, April 15

- 7:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross-Chapel  
8:45 a.m. Children's Chapel-Classrooms  
10:30 a.m. Administrative Planning Meeting-Rm 105  
11:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross-Chapel  
5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross-Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Business & Finance Committee- Rm 105

### Wednesday, April 16

- 10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study-King's Grant Multipurpose Room  
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

### Thursday, April 17

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study-1 Kings-Rm 105/Zoom  
12:15 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-Rm 105  
4:15 p.m. School Age Chapel-Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service-CHBC Sanctuary

## 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.

## 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](mailto:info.fbcmartinsville.com), (276) 632-6336, [steve@fbcmartinsville.com](mailto: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.*



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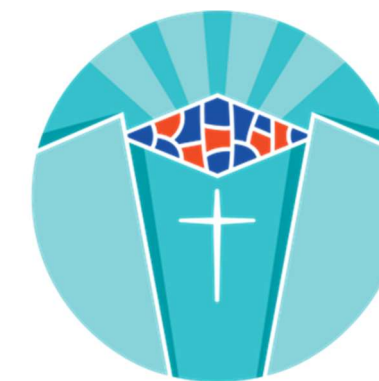
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\*Hymn 135      *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*      HYFRYDOL

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth' thou art;  
dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

\*Hymn 103      *Ye Servants of God, Your Master*      HANOVER

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish a broad his wonderful name;  
the name all victorious of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious, he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
and still he is nigh- his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God who sits on the throne!"  
let all cry a loud and honor the Son:  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might:  
all honor and blessing, with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

\*Hymn 211      *Lead Me to Calvary*      DUNCANNON

King of my life, I crown thee now, thine shall the glory be;  
lest I forget thy thorn-crowned brow, lead me to Calvary.

*Refrain*

*Lest I forget Gethsemane, lest I forget thine agony,  
lest I forget thy love for me, lead me to Calvary.*

Show me the tomb where thou wast laid,  
tenderly mourned and wept; angels in robes of light  
arrayed guarded thee while thou slept. *Refrain*

Let me, like Mary through the gloom, come with a gift to thee;  
show to me now the empty tomb, lead me to Calvary. *Refrain*

May I be willing, Lord, to bear daily my cross for thee;  
even thy cup of grief to share, thou hast borne all for me.

*Refrain*

## 40 Days of Prayer

This week we suggest you pray for your relationship with God.

**Sunday-** My Creation in God's image

- Lord, I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Help me to care for the body you gave me.
- Lord, guide my mind, teach me to rest in you and think on your love and mercy.
- Lord, your Spirit is within me, the eternal wrapped in flesh. Empower me to do your will.

**Monday-** My Worship of God

- Lord, may my worship be honest and genuine.
- Lord, may my worship be thankful and joyous.
- Lord, may my worship be continuous in all circumstances.

**Tuesday-** My Connection to God's Word

- Lord, give me a hunger to read your Word each day.
- Lord, help me understand your Word and what you are teaching me.
- Lord, please plant your word within my heart so it guides my actions.

**Wednesday-** My Prayer time with God

- Lord, quiet my mind and heart so I am still and listening in your presence.
- Lord, call me to spend time with you in prayer every day.
- Lord, help me open my heart to you completely, and renew me by your Spirit.

**Thursday-** My Brokenness and need of Grace

- Forgive me, Lord, for where I fall short and fail to follow your will.
- Lord, make me aware of my sin so I may repent and ask your forgiveness.
- Lord, help me trust in your mercy, and to forgive myself as you forgive me.

**Friday-** My Living out God's Will

- Lord, teach me your way; guide my actions and my understanding in all things.
- Lord, help me listen to your voice and to know what you are calling me to do.
- Lord, soften my heart and reshape me in the image of Christ more and more.

**Saturday-** New Life in God's Love

- Lord, make me ever aware of your unfailing, unending love for me.
- Lord, may your resurrection power bring your love to life in me every day.
- Lord, grow me deeper, fuller, stronger in your love so your abundant life shows in me.



*Holy Week*  
2025

### 41st Annual Ecumenical

#### Palm Sunday in the Park Service

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m.

(Shuttle Service begins at 8:30 a.m. in the FBC parking lot.)

J. Frank Wilson Park

(rain location: First Presbyterian Church)

*A shared outdoor service to remember Jesus's  
triumphal entry into Jerusalem.*

#### Palm Sunday Service

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m.

FBC Sanctuary

*Streaming on FBC Facebook, YouTube*

#### Prayer Stations of the Cross

Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup>  
FBC Chapel

Drop-in any time between:

7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

*Prayer stations are based on Jesus' last week  
leading up to his death on the cross.*

*Walk through prayer stations at your own pace.*

#### Maundy Thursday/ Tenebrae Service

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

Chatham Heights Baptist Church Sanctuary

*A meaningful service with*

*Starling Avenue Baptist & Chatham Heights Baptist Church*

*Streaming on CHBC Facebook*

#### Easter Morning Breakfast

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

#### Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m.

FBC Sanctuary

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