

# A Service of Worship

Easter Sunday

April 20, 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 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* arr. Raney  
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Call to Worship Rev. Zimmerman

Leader: Friends, our road has led us to the resurrection.  
The tomb is empty! The stone has been  
rolled away!

**People: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

**People: But God's love cannot be contained  
by anything, not even death!**

Leader: Thanks be to God, who gives us victory through  
our Risen Lord.

**People: Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

Leader: Where, O death, is your victory?

**People: Where, O death, is your sting?**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

\*Hymn 254 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* ODE TO JOY

## Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Judy Epperly  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson I Corinthians 15:17-22  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music *O How Good is Christ the Lord* Folk Hymn  
Children & Sanctuary Choir

\*Please stand as you are able

Children's Worship Pastor Caroline

*After children's worship, children age 4 and under are invited to  
join our nursery workers for age-appropriate children's church*

## Committing Our Lives

\*Hymn 92 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

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 *Easter Jubilation* Barrett

Sermon *What Do We Do Now?!* Rev. Zimmerman  
Mark 16:1-8

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

## Responding to God

\*Song of Response  
Hymn 234 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN  
*Please come forward to place a flower(s) in the cross.*

Postlude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Paul Fey  
*Join us as we reflect on our worship of God today.*

Benediction Rev. Zimmerman

***Today is Easter Sunday, the joyous celebration of the resurrection  
of Jesus Christ! Easter Sunday marks the end of Holy Week, the end  
of the season of Lent, and is the beginning of Eastertide in the  
liturgical year. Eastertide is celebrated from Easter Sunday for fifty  
days, until the day of Pentecost, and focuses on the meaning of  
Christ's resurrection. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing light,  
victory, and eternal life.***

## 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.

**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.

**Our Worship** is Live Streamed on Facebook and YouTube each  
Sunday morning at the worship hour and a video recording is posted  
on the church website/YouTube page within 24-48 hours. To listen by  
phone during the worship hour: **Zoom Call-in Number:**  
1-833-548-0276; Meeting ID: 276 632 6336 #, #

**+Giving in Worship at First Baptist** – We welcome your gifts to  
support the mission and ministry of First Baptist Church. You can  
give in worship by dropping your offering (check/cash) in our  
offering plate in the Narthex, or you can give online anytime at  
[fbcmartinsville.com/give](http://fbcmartinsville.com/give).

## 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.

## Announcements

**Flowering Cross**  
Our Flowering Cross will be in the Sanctuary this year. Flowers will  
be in a container by the Cross. During the Song of Response please  
come forward and place a flower or flowers in the Cross. After the  
service feel free to take family photos!

**Question & Answer Session with Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield**  
Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Regular Business Meeting-April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m.-Fellowship Hall**  
1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee  
Reports. 4. Vote on Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield for Senior Pastor position.

**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.

**Gratitude for Giving**  
BEREAVEMENT FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of  
Betty Minter by Betty Claveloux and Teresa Andrews.  
FULLER DAVIS FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Betty  
Minter by Ruth Dandridge.

## Women Mission Union (WMU) God's Pit Crew Trip

**Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 a.m.**

WMU will be taking the bus to Danville to God's Pit Crew and then stopping for lunch. Everyone interested is welcome to attend. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and return after lunch.

## Opportunities for the Upcoming Weeks

### **Sunday, April 20**

9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast-Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

### **Monday, April 21**

#### **Church Office & ELC Closed for Easter Monday**

6:00 p.m. Still Water Rehearsal/Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, April 22**

8:45 a.m. Children's Chapel-Classrooms

10:30 a.m. Administrative Planning Meeting-Rm 105

### **Wednesday, April 23**

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

### **Thursday, April 24**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-1 Kings-Rm 105/Zoom

4:15 p.m. School Age Chapel-Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

### **Saturday, April 26**

2:00 p.m. Martha Crawley's Funeral-King's Grant Chapel

### **Sunday, April 27**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm. 105/Zoom

11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

12:15 p.m. Business Meeting- Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, April 28**

6:00 p.m. Still Water Rehearsal/Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, April 29**

8:45 a.m. Children's Chapel-Classrooms

10:30 a.m. Administrative Planning Meeting-Rm 105

### **Thursday, May 1**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-1 Kings-Rm 105/Zoom

4:15 p.m. School Age Chapel-Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

## Ongoing Missions Opportunities

### **Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry**

The Missions Committee invites the church to serve these children in our community through food donations to Patrick Henry Elementary School. They are asking for Breakfast and Lunch Foods only. See the list on the bulletin board outside the church office. This is the last month for collections before summer break. Please place any of the needed items in the box marked "PHE" in Room 103, the Missions Room.

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

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

## 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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Rev. Steve Zimmerman  
Interim Pastor

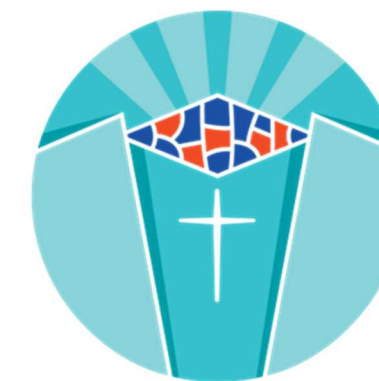
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# EASTER SUNDAY

\*Hymn 254 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;  
once he died, and once was buried: now he lives for evermore,  
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:  
there in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;  
hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands  
and side; now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

\*Hymn 92 Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as  
thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

\*Hymn 234 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Special Music \*Oh How Good Is Christ The Lord  
Children & Sanctuary Choir

Oh how good is Christ the Lord  
On the cross He died for me  
He has pardoned all my sin  
Glory be to Jesus  
Glory be to Jesus  
Glory be to Jesus  
In three days He rose again  
Glory be to Jesus

\*Dale Grotenhuis  
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*The Easter Lilies this morning are given to the  
Glory of God and in memory or honor of loved  
ones by the following persons:*

*In Memory of*

*Given by*

*Margaret Lester*

*Her Family*

*Betty Minter*

*Cliff & Jean Rood*

*Rural & Lolene Gusler*

*Their Family*

*Martha Crawley*

*Max & Roslyn Wingett*

*Louise & John Fulcher, Sr.*

*John Fulcher, Jr.*

*Jean & Boyd Gray*

*Sherri & Kevin Lewis*

*John Buck*

*Audrey Buck*

*Betty Minter*

*Baxter Jennings*

*Jesse & Jane Shumate*

*Baxter Jennings*

*Stacey Steagall*

*Shirley Stone &  
Family*

*In Honor of*

*Given by*

*Our Children*

*&  
Grandchildren*

*Mary & Frank Taylor*

