

# A Service of Worship

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 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 Rev. Steve Zimmerman

Prelude *Glory to God* Puccini  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship (*inspired by Psalm 150*) Rev. Caroline Taminger

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise God in the sanctuary.**

Leader: Praise God in the vault of heaven.

**People: Praise God in the earth and skies.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord.

**People: Shout and sing praises to God.**

Leader: We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

**People: We have seen the Lord's greatness.**

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

**People: Let everything that draws breath praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn 243 *Christ Is Alive!* TRURO

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Zimmerman

## Hearing the Scriptures

Gospel Lesson John 20:19-21 Merle Prince  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn 250 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* LLANFAIR  
(Vs. 1,2,4)

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.*

\*Please stand as you are able

## Committing Our Lives

\*Hymn 248 *He Lives* ACKLEY

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 *Open My Eyes* Scott/Martin

Sermon *Almost Missing Jesus* Rev. Zimmerman  
Luke 24:13-35

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

## Responding to God

\*Song of Response  
Hymn 576 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM

Postlude *Toccata* Paul Fey  
*Join us as we reflect on our worship of God today.*

Benediction Rev. Zimmerman

***Today is the Second Sunday of Easter.*** *Easter Sunday was the beginning of the season 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. **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.

**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:** 25 Martha Perdue, 27 Sylvia Knight, 28 Pat Austin  
**May Birthdays:** 1 Linda Gale, 5 Beth Kotchish, 7 Helen Hensley, 15 Marsha Garren, 30 Bill Sapp

**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

**Information on Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield**

Copies of Dr. Hatfield's resume are in the Narthex this morning.

**Regular Business Meeting Agenda-TODAY 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.

**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.

**Woman's Missionary 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.

**Gratitude for Giving**

BEREAVEMENT FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of Betty Minter by Dottie & David Lewis and Marilyn Turner. A gift has been given in memory of Martha Crawley by Dottie & David Lewis.

GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory Martha Crawley by Sue Lester.

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been in memory of Tommy Doss, Martha Crawley, and Betty Minter by Shirley Stone.

## Opportunities for the Upcoming Weeks

### 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

### Sunday, May 4

- 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meeting-Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm. 105/Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

### Monday, May 5

- 10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-God's Pit Crew, Danville, Va.

### Tuesday, May 6

- 8:45 a.m. Children's Chapel-Classrooms  
10:30 a.m. Administrative Planning Meeting-Rm 105  
5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee-Rm. 105

### Thursday, May 8

- 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. Please have your donations here by May 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.



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## 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. Caroline Taminger**  
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**Baxter Jennings**  
Organist

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