# 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.

### 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, May5

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

<u>Thursday, May 8</u>

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.

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.

**Open Invitation** 

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.



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Rev. Steve Zimmerman Interim Pastor

Rev. David Cameron Associate Pastor for Music & Worship

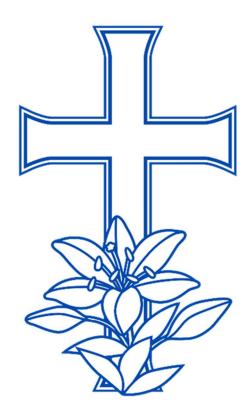
Rev. Caroline Taminger
Associate Pastor
for Families

Baxter Jennings Organist

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"Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope"







\*Hymn 243 Christ Is Alive!

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now and touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the God head reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia! who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love: Alleluia! praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! TRURO \*Hymn 248 He Lives ACKLEY

I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today; I know that he is living, whatever others say; I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer, and just the time I need him he's always near. Refrain

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. he lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care, and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair; I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast, the day of his appearing will come at last.

Refrain

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find, none other is so loving, so good and kind.
Refrain

LLANFAIR \*Song of Response

Hymn 576 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

**ASSAM** 

I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me; the world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me; no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow; though none go with me, I still will follow; no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus? no turning back, no turning back.