

A Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 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 *Panis angelicus (Bread of Angels)* arr. Setchell
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 126) Rev. David Cameron

Leader: We gather to worship with expectations:
God revealed in new and astonishing ways.

**People: God comes to us in real time.
God comes to us in worship.**

Leader: Sometimes God's presence is hard to take in—
difficult to believe on our road to the
Resurrection.

People: O God, we long to believe. Help our unbelief!

Leader: God is present here.
God is working in our midst.

**People: Then our mouths are filled with laughter,
Our tongues shout out with joy!**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, our God.

Bless His Holy Name Andraé Crouch



Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is with -



in me, bless His ho - ly name.

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*Hymn 649 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMANN

Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson Philippians 3:7-14 Dr. Dennis Knight
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able

*Hymn 813 *For the Life That You Have Given* PLEADING SAVOR

Lenten Prayer (inspired by Matthew 26:6-13) Rev. Caroline Taminger

Leader: Because we have preserved our joy in manna
jars for the long winter of despair,
storing them in the dark corners of our souls,

People: We have forgotten its gritty taste;

Leader: Because we have put a tight lid on our joy,
and put it in the back of the pantry,

People: We have forgotten how it can tickle our noses;

Leader: Because we are so busy prattling pious platitudes
about the poor, the least, the lost,

**People: We ignore your words which anoint them
as your children;**

Leader: Because we have put up the shutters and storm
doors to keep your future from sneaking in,

**People: We have missed the sweet breeze
carrying your hope to us;**

Leader: Because we are who we are, restore us,
Holy Grace, and make us a fragrant offering
to the world.

Time of Silence

Response *Lord Have Mercy* ° by Steve Merkel



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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 213 *When I Survey the Wonderous Cross* HAMBURG

Prayer of Commitment & Lord's Prayer Rev. Steve 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 *Remember, Remember Me* Schrader

Sermon *Pour Out Your Blessings* Rev. Zimmerman
Matthew 26:6-13

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

Celebrating Communion

Prayer of Confession Rev. Zimmerman

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**God, we are thankful that you sent Jesus not to condemn the
world but that we all might be saved through him. We come
to you with prayerful questions and immense gratitude for
your willingness to help us grow through our faithful
questioning.**

*Response 708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

*Today is the Fifth 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.*

The Rose on the Lord's Table is in honor of the birth of
Catherine Mills Babb, born on March 15, 2025. The proud
parents are Mary Catherine and Mills Babb with big sister
Collins Anne Babb. The grandparents are Ruth Anne and
Herb Collins.

Nursery & Children's Chapel Schedule

Our nursery is available for children four and under.

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 Crawley, 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 visitation as needed.

Announcements

Called Business Meeting- April 13th after Worship Agenda

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

Easter Lilies

If you would like to contribute to the Easter floral decorations, please send your dedication information and your donation to the church office by Monday, April 14th.

Prayer Stations of the Cross-Tuesday, April 15th- Chapel

The stations are based on Jesus' last week leading up to his death on the cross. Walk through at your own pace. Drop-in between 7-9 am, 11:30 am-1:30 pm, and 5-7 pm. Communion will be served during each time slot. Please use the chapel entrance.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, April 6

- 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meeting-Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Monday, April 7

- 10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm 105
6:00 p.m. Still Water Rehearsal/Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

- 10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study-King's Grant Multipurpose Room
12:00 p.m. Library Committee-Library
2:00 p.m. Communion at King's Grant-Chapel
6:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study-Rm. 105

Thursday, April 10

- 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-First Baptist Church, East
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.



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LENT

*Hymn 649 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be:
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,
to tend the lone and fatherless is angels' work below.

The captive to relieve, to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be:
what-e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

*Hymn 813 *For the Life That You Have Given* PLEADING SAVOR

For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises;
heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.

*Hymn 213 *When I Survey the Wonderful Cross* HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Response 708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

40 Days of Prayer

This week we suggest you pray for our Community to World Leaders.

Sunday – Leaders of Martinsville City Council and School Board

- **City Council:** LC Jones (Mayor), Kathy Lawson (Vice Mayor), Aaron Rawls, Rashaun Gravely, Julian Mei
- **The School Board:** Michael Williamson, Yvonne Givens, Nekia Blackwell, Kathy Carter, Anthony Jones

Monday- Martinsville First Responders

- Life-Saving crews
- Police Department, Chief Robert Fincher
- Fire Department, Chief Dan Howell

Tuesday- Local non-profits that aid those in need such as:

- Henry County Food Pantry
- Grace Network
- Pregnancy Center
- Warming Center
- Habitat for Humanity

Wednesday-Federal and State Government Leaders

- President Donald Trump
- Vice-President JD Vance
- Speaker of the House Mike Johnson
- Congressman Morgan Griffith
- Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine
- Supreme Court Justices
- Governor Glenn Youngkin
- Virginia Delegate Eric Phillips
- Senate Representative William Stanley

Thursday-Government Programs & non-profits that aid those in need such as:

- Those that protect our health
- Those who protect our food supply
- Those who help those who help the widowed, orphaned, and weak among us.
- Those who protect refugees

Friday- World Leaders such as:

- G7 Summit
- NATO
- United Nations

Saturday-World non-profit organizations that lead on the world stage and aid those in need such as:

- Peace Corps
- World Kitchen
- Doctors without Borders
- Red Cross



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, April 10th

First Baptist Church, East-Fellowship Hall
Devotional: Rev. Charles Whitfield