

A Service of Worship & Communion

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 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 *Serenade in E-flat* Schubert
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Rev. Zimmerman

Leader: Sing praises to God, all you faithful ones.

People: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.

Leader: Where there was no way.

People: God leads us in a new way of joy.

Leader: Where there was no mercy.

People: God surprises us with fresh mercy.

Leader: Where there was weeping.

People: God invites us to step into a new dance.

*Hymn 20 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Caroline Taminger

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 30 Pam Caudill
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 22 *Come, We That Love the Lord* ST. THOMAS

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 337 *When the King Shall Come Again*
TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*Please stand as you are able

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 *Praise The Lord With Joyful Song* Hopson

Sermon *Finding Your Joy* Rev. Zimmerman

Philippians 1:12-16

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 Rev. Cameron
Rev. Zimmerman

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**God of Wondrous and Expansive Love, we give you
thanks that while we were yet sinners, you died for us.**

**While we still sin against others through exclusion,
you forgive us and bring us back into paths of
righteousness. For all this and more, we are
forever grateful. Amen.**

*Benediction *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Today is the Third 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.

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

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,
Imogene McMillan, Betsy Miers, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Reeves,
Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Yvonne Turner

Deacon of the Month: Susan Sapp

She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

Announcements

Welcome Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield!

Our church voted unanimously to extend the call to him last
Sunday. He begins his ministry here on Sunday, June 1st.

**Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) God's Pit Crew Trip
Tomorrow, Monday, May 5th - 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

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Betty Minter
and Martha Crawley by Susan & Bill Sapp. A gift has been given in
memory of Martha Crawley by Nancy Baker.

GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of
George Lester, Betty Minter, and Martha Crawley by Melva Stultz.

Ongoing Missions Opportunities

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

Thank you for all the donations for the food pantry for this school year. We will start collecting food again in August when school starts back up.

Grace Network Apr.-Jun. 2025 Food Assignment:

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

Opportunities for the Upcoming Weeks

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 Trip to God's Pit Crew-Danville
6:00 p.m. Still Water Rehearsal/Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 6

8:45 a.m. Children's Chapel-Classrooms
10:30 a.m. Administrative Planning Meeting-Rm 105
12:15 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-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

Sunday, May 11

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm. 105/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Monday, May 12

12:15 p.m. ELC Committee-Rm. 105
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers' Concert
Galilean House of Worship

Tuesday, May 13

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

Wednesday, May 14

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

Thursday, May 15

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

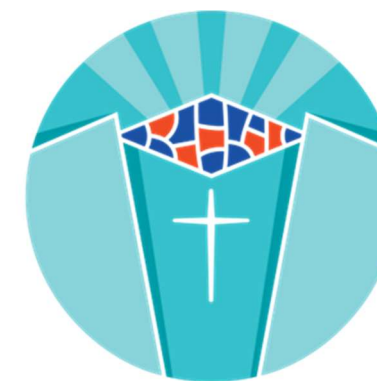
Welcome to First Baptist Church!

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, (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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