A Service of Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 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. Dr. Mike Hatfield

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Prelude

How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them Handel Baxter Jennings, organ

Sicilenne Fauré Amy Stuart, cello; Baxter Jennings, piano

Call to Worship

From Psalm 113

Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise. O servants of the Lord:

May The Lord Watch Over You

Ruth Elaine Schram

praise the name of the Lord.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore.

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

People: The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Leader: Let us worship and praise the Lord our God!

Invocation

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

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Rev. Dr. Dennis Knight The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7 The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 702 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord ST. THOMAS

Children's Worship Dr. Mike

*Please stand as you are able

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 519

It Is Well with My Soul VILLE DU HAVRE

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

Sermon

There is No Balm in Gilead

Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

*Song of Response

Hymn 619 God Will Take Care of You

GOD CARES

Presentation

Linda Dorr Vice Chair of Personnel

*Benediction

Dr. Hatfield

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:33, 36

* Choral Response

Go With God

Wesley L. Forbis

Postlude

From the "Kum ba ya" Suite Ranev Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano A musical reflection on our worship of God today.

As we depart, we go into the world to serve to the glory of Jesus Christ.

This is the season after Pentecost in the Christian year. Having celebrated the "birthday of the church" through the giving of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission.

Welcome Amy Stuart, Cellist to our worship this morning. Amy Stuart is originally from San Diego but appreciates the Virginia life since 1998. She is in her 26th year of teaching elementary music for Henry County Public Schools and enjoys being involved with the Arts community playing the bass, guitar, and cello. She has three adult sons and lives in Bassett.

+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/qive.*

Nursery

Our nursery is available for children seven 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 #, #

Reminders

September Birthdays: 12 Linda Read, 16 Susan Hatfield, 20 Frank Taylor, 21 Mary Taylor, 23 Charlie Miers, Margie Shytle, 24 Debby Simpson, Mark Miller, 25 Martha Medley, Judy S. Bunin, 27 Melva Stultz, 29 Judy Epperly, 30 Mary Lewis Johnston

Prayers for our Church Family: John Burgess, Mary Clifton, Martha Drane, Ann Grogan, Nancy McDaniel, Imogene McMillan, Betsy Miers, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Reeves, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Yvonne Turner

In Christian Sympathy to Merle Prince and her family on the loss of her sister, Martha Minter Lee. Funeral Service will be at Norris Funeral Chapel on Sunday, September 21st at 3:00 p.m. Visitation will be one hour prior to service.

In Christian Sympathy to the family of Joshua Moore who passed away unexpectedly. His parents are Sherrie and Paul Setliff. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Deacon of the Month: Crystal Darden

She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

Grace Network July-Sept. 2025 Food Assignment: Canned Spaghetti w/meatballs, Ravioli, Beefaroni, Chili.

Place items in the Missions Room 103.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, September 21

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

12:00 p.m. Called Business Meeting-Sanctuary12:15 p.m. Reception for Rev. Cameron-Bell Tower

Monday, September 22

5:00 p.m. Missons Committee/Zoom 6:00 p.m. Stillwater-Choir Room

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

Tuesday, September 23

10:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting- Rm.1055:00 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm. 105

Wednesday, September 24

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

Thursday, September 25

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 Kings-Rm 105/Zoom5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Announcements

Called Business Meeting Agenda, TODAY in the Sanctuary

1. Recommendation from the Nominating Committee on the Deacon Selection Committee.

Reception for David Cameron Today after Worship

Please join the Hospitality Committee, after worship and the Business Meeting, for a reception in the Narthex and Bell Tower for David's last Sunday with us. There will be a basket for cards.

Reception at Chatham Heights Baptist Church Sunday, September 28th after Worship

Chatham Heights Baptist Church wishes to invite our friends at First Baptist Church to a Reception in honor of the Reverend David Cameron on Sunday, September 28th after worship. It will take place in the Chatham Heights' Fellowship Hall and we invite you to bring your favorite pick up / finger food. We look forward to joining you as we say goodbye to David and Mary Helen.

September's Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) invites you to join in giving to the Alma Hunt State Mission Offering. **First Baptist's goal is to raise \$1,800.** Help us reach and exceed this goal by designating an offering to "Alma Hunt Offering" on your check memo line or online at *fbcmartinsville.com/give* (memo Alma Hunt). Raised to date \$935.00

Grace Network Pumpkin Patch

FBC will be taking a shift at the Pumpkin Patch on **October 9**th **from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Please contact the church office if you are willing to work from **2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** We need **one** volunteer for this shift. The 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. has been filled.

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, (276) 632-6336, mike@fbcmartinsville.com or his cell (276) 340-7550.

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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Baxter Jennings Organist

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"Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope"



Season after Pentecost

*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 702 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode, the Church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love thy Church, O God! Her walls before thee stand, dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend; to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways, her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

*Hymn 519 It Is Well with My Soul VILLE DU HAVRE When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

My sin— O, the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin—not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend: "Even so"— it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

*Song of Response

Hymn 619 God Will Take Care of You

GOD CARES

Be not dismayed what e'er betide, God will take care of you; beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way; he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you; when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. *Refrain*

All you may need he will provide, god will take care of you; nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. *Refrain*

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you; lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you. *Refrain*