A Service of Worship

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 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 Toccata on A Mighty Fortress arr. Paul Fey
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Based on 1 Timothy 2:3-5. Rev. Zimmerman

Leader: Come, let us worship God our Savior,

People: Who desires everyone to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Leader: Come, let us praise the one mediator between

God and humankind,

People: Jesus the Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all!

Invocation Rev. Zimmerman

*Hymn 2 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty NICAEA

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8 Judy Epperly The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Rev. Zimmerman

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 121 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts QUEBEC

Prayer of Commitment & Lord's Prayer Rev. 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.

*Please stand as you are able

+*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 Blessed Shall They Be Natalie Sleeth

Sermon Are You Ready? Rev. Zimmerman

Responding to God

*Song of Response

Hymn 591 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind REST

*Benediction Rev. Zimmerman

Blessed are all who trust in God, Blessed are all who hear the Word, Blessed are all who live their faith, Blessed are we 'til we gather again. Amen.

Postlude Praeludium in F Bach
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 Rev. Steve Zimmerman this morning to our worship service. Steve has served as our Interim Pastor and is the founding partner of the Barnabas Partnership.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Betsy Miers given by her family.

+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.

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: 29 Judy Epperly, 30 Mary Lewis Johnston **October Birthdays:** 2 Ron Austin, 4 Ronnie Garren, Morton Lester, Joe Prince, Adalyn White, 8 Linda Penta, 13 Kaylee White, 17 David Collins, 23 Erica James, Frances Weaver 28 Charlotte James, 31 Mary Frances Gibbs

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

In Christian Sympathy to the family of Betsy Miers who passed away on September 21, 2025. Her funeral was held here at First Baptist Church September 27, 2025.

In Christian Sympathy to the family of Frances Wyatt who passed away in Killeen, Tx. on September 2, 2025.

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 28

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

12:15 p.m. Reception at Chatham Heights Baptist Church

Monday, September 29

6:00 p.m. Stillwater Group-Choir Room 7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 30

10:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting- Rm.105 12:00 p.m. Dedication of New Shelter-Gravely Lot 5:00 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm. 105

Wednesday, October 1

10:00 a.m. Trustee Meeting-Conference Room

Thursday, October 2

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 Kings-Rm 105/Zoom

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Gratitude for Giving

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Kenny & Nelson Smith by Helen Wright. A gift has been given in memory of Kenny Smith by Dottie & David Lewis.

Announcements

Reception at Chatham Heights Baptist Church After Worship Today

Chatham Heights Baptist Church wishes to invite our friends at First Baptist Church to a Reception in honor of the Reverend David Cameron. 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 you joining us as we say goodbye to David and Mary Helen.

Dedication of the New Shelter in Memory of Kenny Smith

Tuesday, September 30th at 12:00 p.m. Grace Network will have a ribbon cutting and present a plaque for the new shelter where the Pumpkin Patch is held. The shelter is being dedicated in memory of Kenny Smith. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

A church wide mission project again this school year will be for Patrick Henry Elementary School. The students will be going back to school this week and the school provides food bags for students who need extra food over the weekends. If you would like to participate, you are asked to place any of the following items in the box marked "PHE" in Room 103, the Missions Room:

single serve cereal applesauce pancake mix (eggless) instant oatmeal dried fruit macaroni & cheese granola bars crackers soup canned/packet meats juice/shelf milk canned pasta w/ sauce

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 <u>two volunteers</u> 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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Rev. John Fulcher Interim Pastor for Music & Worship

Baxter Jennings Organist

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Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 2 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky and sea; Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Hymn 121 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that earth imparts, we turn unfilled to heed thy call.

Thy truth unchanged has ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call; to them that seek thee thou art good, and them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still; we drink of thee, the fountain head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee, where-e'er our changeful lot is cast, glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright; chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world thy holy light. Song of Response

*Hymn 591 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways! Reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise.

REST

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian Sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!