A Service of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 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

Prelude Hornpipe Handel

Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Let us hear the Word of the Lord. Let us be

warmed by its fire burning in our hearts.

People: God's Word is a lamp to our feet,

a light along the pathway.

Leader: In the presence of the Word, revealed in

Jesus Christ, written in Scripture, praised in

hymns, proclaimed in preaching,

expressed in prayer,

People: Now here in this time together, let us praise

God as we join in song.

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 50 Sing Praise to God, who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Merle Prince The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Dr. Mike

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 670 Rise Up, O Saints of God FESTAL SONG

Prayer of Commitment & Lord's Prayer Dr. Hatfield
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 All Night, All Day Spiritual, arr. McNair

Settling Into Our Mission

Responding to God

Dr. Hatfield

*Song of Response

Sermon

Hymn 530 Be Still, My Soul FINLANDIA

*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

Postlude Allegro vivace Handel 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.

+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

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 Tom Crawley and his family on the loss of his daughter Cathy Crawley. Funeral services are pending.

Deacon of the Month: Linda Dorr

She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

Grace Network July-Sept. 2025 Food Assignment: Juice (40-64 oz) Place items in the Missions Room 103.

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

A church wide mission project again this school year will be for Patrick Henry Elementary School. The school provides food bags for students who need extra food over the weekends. See the bulletin board for items needed.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 12

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

Monday, October 13

6:00 p.m. Stillwater Group-Choir Room7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 14

10:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting- Rm.105

Thursday, October 16

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 Betsy Miers by Roger & Leslie Ellmore, Ruth Dandridge, and Elizabeth Midkiff. ELC SCHOLARSHIP FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Jim Fetter by Lee & Bonnie Dellinger.

Announcements

Baby Shower for the Brannocks

October 18^{th} at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Joseph and Jessica Brannock are expecting a new baby boy in November! The church is hosting a shower for them and everyone is invited. Please let the church office know if you can attend so that we can plan accordingly.

Trunk or Treat-Chatham Heights Baptist Church Parking Lot October 31st from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Baptist will join with Chatham Heights to hold a Trunk or Treat event on Halloween night. We need volunteers to decorate their cars and hand out candy. All candy donations are welcome if you are unable to decorate a car. Please leave the candy in the church office and remember no candy with nuts or peanut butter!

BGAV 2025 Annual Meeting November 10-12 in Abingdon, VA

This year's theme is *Mission Forward* based on Philippians 3:14:
"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Registration online is now open.
https://meeting.bgav.org/register/

If you wish to attend as a messenger for First Baptist Church, please contact the church office for your registration code before signing up.

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 50 Sing Praise to God, who Reigns Above

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Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills: to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping; by morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping. And where he rules in kingly might, there all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us. Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored: to God all praise and glory!

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God; the praise and glory. Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story. Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone: to God all praise and glory!

*Hymn 670 Rise Up, O Saints of God

FESTAL SONG

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Rise up, o saints of God! His Kingdom's task embrace; redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! creation cries in pain; stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod, and, quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God!

*Song of Response

Hymn 530

Be Still, My Soul

FINLANDIA

Be still, my soul! the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly Friend thro' thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! Your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past; your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still my soul! When change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.