A Service of Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 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 Concerto in B-flat for Flutes Telemann
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Come, listen to the story

People: Of God's love and grace.

Leader: Come, tell the story

People: Of Jesus' life and saving work.

Leader: Come, experience the story

People: Of the Spirit's renewing power.

All: Come, let us listen, tell and experience the good

news together!

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 48 God of Creation, All-Powerful SLANE

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:27-34 Judy Epperly The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

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

Children's Worship Dr. Mike

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 290 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

MORECAMBE

*Please stand as you are able

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 Write Your Blessed Name K. Lee Scott

Sermon New Covenant, Greater Than the Old Covenant Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

*Song of Response

Hymn 295 Breathe on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

Remain in God's grace. Abide in Christ's love. Dwell in the Spirit's presence. And may the blessings of God keep us in joy and prompt us to deeds of justice and lives of peace. Amen.

Postlude Allegro Finale Telemann
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

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.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 19

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

Monday, October 20

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom6:00 p.m. Stillwater Group-Choir Room7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 21

10:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting- Rm.105 6:00 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm. 105

Wednesday, October 22

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

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

Thursday, October 23

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 Kings-Rm 105/Zoom 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Gratitude for Giving

GENERAL FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of Betsy Miers by Roslyn & Max Wingett and Marilyn Turner. Gifts have been given in memory of Kenny Smith by Marilyn Turner and Martha Medley.

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, October 26, 2024 at 12:15 p.m.

 Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports. 4. Present and vote on the 2026 Proposed Budget,
 Vote to approve nominees on the 2026 Nominating Committee Report.

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. If you are unable to decorate a car, all candy donations are welcome. 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.

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

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. Dr. Mike Hatfield Senior Pastor Rev. John Fulcher Interim Pastor for Music & Worship

Baxter Jennings Organist

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"Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope"





Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 48 God of Creation, All-Powerful

God of creation, all powerful, all wise, Lord of the universe rich with surprise, Maker, sustainer, and Ruler of all, we are your children— you hear when we call.

God of the ages, through time's troubled years you are the One in whom history coheres; nations and empires your purpose fulfill, moving in freedom, yet working your will.

God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth, called out your Church from the ends of the earth, still you are Savior—put darkness to flight; overcome sin by salvation's pure light!

God of your people, your Word still stands fast—do for us now as you've done in the past!
Yours is the Kingdom—your triumph we claim, challenging evil in Jesus' strong name.

God of our now, all our trust is in you, Covenant God, ever faithful and true; Sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Lord, now and forever your name be adored!

*Hymn 290 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King, all, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind? I see thy cross there teach my heart to cling: O let me seek thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh; teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; the baptism of the heaven descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame Song of Response

SLANE

*Hymn 295 Breathe on Me, Breath of God TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.