A Service of Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 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 Allegro for Strings in B-flat Schubert

Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Are you weary, worn out, tired?

All: Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes

from him.

Leader: Do you feel frail, weak and uncertain of

your future?

All: Truly God is my rock and my salvation; he is my

fortress, I will not be shaken.

Leader: Are you trusting in your own strength?

All: My salvation and my honor depend on God; he

is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Leader: Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out

your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

—Based on Psalm 65:5-8

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 43 A Mighty Fortress is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Joel 2:23-32 Roslyn Wingett

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

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:9-14

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

Children's Worship Dr. Mike

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 213 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

*Please stand as you are able

Prayer of Commitment & Lord's Prayer

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

Dr. Hatfield

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 Fill Me, Lord Hollins

Sermon Keep Your Eyes On Your Own Paper Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

*Song of Response

Hymn 547 O for a Closer Walk with God BEATITUDO

*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

Go forth, relying upon the Lord to stand by you and give you strength to fight the good fight, finish the race and keep the faith, this day forward and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude Allegro maestoso in B-flat Schubert
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.

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.

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1st

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 26

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm. 105/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
12:15 p.m. Business Meeting-Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 27

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

<u>Tuesday</u>, October 28

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

Thursday, October 30

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

Friday, October 31

6:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat-Chatham Heights Baptist Parking Lot

Gratitude for Giving

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Kenny Smith by Sue Lester. Gifts have been given in memory of Betsy Miers by Sue Lester and Dottie & David Lewis.

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, TODAY 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 This Friday 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. Please let the church office know if you plan on decorating a trunk. 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.

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, November 23rd Shared Service with Chatham Heights Baptist Church A Baptism and Thanksgiving Lunch

We will join together with our sister church to share a worship service at 10:30 a.m. (Note time change) here in our sanctuary. During the service Jessica Brannock will be baptized and afterwards we will share a meal together in the Fellowship Hall. Make plans to attend this special service!

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 43 A Mighty Fortress is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

*Hymn 213 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Song of Response

Hymn 547 O for a Closer Walk with God

BEATITUDO

O for a closer walk with God, the calm of sins forgiven, a light to shine upon the road that leads at last to heaven.

O gentle Messenger, return–return, O holy Dove; I hate the sins that made you mourn and grieved your heart of love.

Restore the happiness I knew when first I saw the Lord; refresh me with the radiant view of Jesus and his word!

From every idol I have known now set my spirit free; O make me worship you alone, and reign supreme in me.

So shall my walk be close with God, my wanderings be forgiven; so shall his light mark out the road that leads at last to heaven.