

A Service of Worship & Communion
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 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 *Alleluia! What A Savior* arr. Callahan
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield
Leader: All you looking for comfort,
People: Find here the arms of a loving God.
Leader: All you looking for direction,
People: Find here the hand of God to guide you.
Leader: All you hoping to end loneliness,
People: Find here the embrace of God and new friends.
Leader: All you searching for meaning,
People: Find here the Lord of the Life and the Revealer of Truth.
Leader: All you seeking happiness,
People: Find here the deep joy of the risen Christ and the lasting peace of forgiveness.

Invocation

*Hymn 52 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 137:1-6 Marsha Frith
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**
Epistle Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Dr. Mike
*After children's worship, elementary aged children are invited to
join our volunteers for age-appropriate children's church*

*Please stand as you are able

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 495 *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* LANDAS

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 *For the Bread* John Horman

Sermon *Rekindle the Gift* Dr. Hatfield

Celebrating Communion

Congregational Prayer of Confession
Leader: Most holy God, we aren't worthy of your love.
People: Yet, still you love us.
Leader: We aren't worthy of your patience.
People: Yet, still you wait for us.
Leader: We aren't worthy of your healing.
People: Even still, you mend our wounded souls.
Leader: We confess our weakness, our lack of trust and
our lack of perspective on what you're doing in
and through our lives.

**People: We fail to see that you are living and active and
deeply concerned about each fiber of our being.**
Leader: Restore our faith in you. Let us not forget the
ways you have loved and waited, healed and
worked.

**People: Thank you for your continual mercy and
forgiveness. We are most grateful.**

All: Amen.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

*Benediction 708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

*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. On the first
Sunday of each month, we celebrate communion, and the liturgical
color changes to white to recognize the holiness and majesty of
Christ.*

+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 & Children's Chapel
Our nursery is available for children four and under.
The nursery is down the hall from the Narthex and to the right.
Chapel for elementary age children is the room next door.

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 Oct.-Dec. 2025 Food Assignment: Juice (40-64 oz)
Place items in the Missions Room 103.

Gratitude for Giving
GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Betsy Miers by Nancy Baker and Mary Anne Rutledge.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 5
9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm. 105/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting-Rm. 105

Monday, October 6
10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm. 105
6:00 p.m. Still Water Group-Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 7
10:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting- Rm.105
5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee-Rm. 105

Wednesday, October 8
10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library
2:30 p.m. Communion at King’s Grant-Multi Purpose Room

Thursday, October 9
10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 Kings-Rm 105/Zoom
1:00 p.m. Work the Pumpkin Patch
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Announcements

Pumpkin Patch-We Need Your Help
First Baptist has committed to working the pumpkin patch on October 9th from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The shifts are divided into two times, 1:00-2:30 p.m. is covered but we still need **two people for 2:30- 4:00 p.m.** Please let the office know if you can work at this time.

Baby Shower for the Brannocks
October 18th 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!

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.

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
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Organist

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“Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope”



Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 52 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I can be, you, God, are present there.

*Hymn 495 *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place* LANDAS

My faith has found a resting place, not in device nor creed;
I trust the ever living One, his wounds for me shall plead.

Refrain
I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
a sinful soul, I come to him, he'll never cast me out.

Refrain
My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God,
salvation by my Savior's name, salvation through his blood.
Refrain

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;
for me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

Refrain