

A Service of Worship

Commitment Sunday

November 16, 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 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
Baxter Jennings, organ arr. Edmunson

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
One generation shall extol your works to another,

People: We shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: They will recount the glorious splendor
of your majesty,

People: On your wondrous works we will meditate.

Leader: They will proclaim the might of your
awesome deeds,

People: We will declare your greatness.

Leader: They shall celebrate the fame of your
abundant goodness,

People: We shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

—Based on Psalm 145

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 634 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
CWM RHONDDA

Hearing the Scriptures

Epistle Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Marsha Frith
The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson Luke 21:5-19
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 517 The Solid Rock SOLID ROCK

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 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Manz

Sermon The “Not Yet” Time Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 586 Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord CAMACHA

*Benediction Dr. Hatfield
People of God, as you depart from this place, may your eyes be
set on Jesus. Whether in joy or in sadness, may you know and
experience his deep love. This life is but a moment, for eternity is
set before us and we have great hope. Our King is coming to
make all things new. The sound of weeping and crying will be
heard no more. May you live each day in the hope of the return
of our Savior. Go in peace.
—Adapted from Isaiah 65:17-19

Postlude Praeludium in D Buxtehude
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.

Today is Commitment Sunday at First Baptist Church. During the
service, in addition to blessing our tithes and offerings, our church
family prayerfully presents their financial pledges to God and the
ministries of this church for the coming year. (If you haven’t had a
chance to fill yours out yet, please make your heart dedication today
and mail/email your pledge card this week to the church office).

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 & 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

November Birthdays: 1 David Lewis, 2 Jay Frith, Suzanne Martin,
4 Marcia Collins, 5 Julie Hall, 9 Cliff Rood, 15 Anne McDaniel,
18 Chuck Martin, 21 Roslyn Wingett, 22 Joe Engle, 24 Helen Wright

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: Ruth Anne Collins
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.

Gratitude for Giving
GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in honor of
past & present FBC veterans by Max & Roslyn Wingett.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, November 16

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm. 105/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
3:00 p.m. Raleigh Ringers-FBC Sanctuary

Monday, November 17

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom
6:00 p.m. Stillwater Group-Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 18

6:00 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm. 105

Wednesday, November 19

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

Thursday, November 20

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 Kings-Rm 105/Zoom
12:00 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-Rm. 105
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Announcements

Raleigh Ringers-Today At 3:00 P.M.

FBC Sanctuary

The Raleigh Ringers are an internationally acclaimed, Emmy-nominated, advanced community handbell choir. If you did not sign up, tickets will be \$30.00 at the door.

WMU Mission Action Project for November

WMU will be collecting monetary donations for God's Pit Crew. These donations will allow them to purchase essential items that are needed. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church and write God's Pit Crew in the memo line.

Shared Worship Service and Thanksgiving Lunch

Next Sunday, November 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

We will join with our sister church, Chatham Heights Baptist Church, to share a worship service at 10:30 a.m. (Note time change) here in our sanctuary. After worship we will enjoy a meal together. Please bring your favorite vegetable side dish to share and Chatham Heights will bring the turkey, dressing, & salads. Our Hospitality Committee will provide the desserts

Please call the church office to make your reservations for lunch.

Decorating for Advent & Christmas

We will be decorating the church for Advent & Christmas on Tuesday, November 25th at 10:00 a.m. The trees will already be in place. The first Sunday of Advent is November 30th! Please let the church office know if you can help.

Children's Christmas Play

Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m.

Chatham Heights Baptist Church has started their rehearsals for the children's play. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. starting now. If you have children that wish to be a part of the play, please let Dr. Hatfield know.

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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*Hymn 634 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou are mighty–
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death, and hell’s destruction,
land me safe on Canaan’s side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

*Hymn 517 *The Solid Rock* SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain
On Christ the solid Rock I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.
When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain
His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way
he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain
When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.
Refrain

*Song of Response
Hymn 586 *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord* CAMACHA

Teach me thy way, O Lord, teach me thy way!
Thy guiding grace afford–teach me thy way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;
lead me with heavenly light, teach me thy way!

When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!
When earthly joys depart, teach me thy way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
in failure or success, teach me thy way!

When doubts and fears arise, teach me thy way!
When storm clouds fill the skies, teach me thy way!
Shine through the wind and rain, through sorrow, grief and pain;
make now my pathway plain, teach me thy way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!
Wher-e’er my lot be cast, teach me thy way!
Until the race is run, until the journey’s done,
until the crown is won, teach me thy way!

Announcements Cont.

Adult Trip to Wake Forest’s “Moravian Love Feast”

Sunday, December 7th

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