# A Service of Worship

## Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

November 23, 2025

10:30 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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Raney

Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Call to Worship

Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Leader: The earth has brought forth its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us.

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the

peoples praise you.

Invocation

Dr. Hatfield

\*Hymn 262

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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## **Hearing the Scriptures**

Epistle Reading Colossians 1:11-20

Judy Epperly

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Our Gospel Lesson Luke 1:68-79

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Children's Worship

Dr. Mike

A Word From Cleopas Ministry in Martinsville

Rev. Mychael Gallop

## **Committing Our Lives**

\*Hymn 381 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

\*Please stand as you are able

Congregational Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer
( See insert) 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

O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Harris

(FBC & CHBC Choirs)

Sermon Benedictus From God

Dr. Hatfield

## **Responding to God**

\*Song of Response

Hymn 834 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SILICIAN MARINERS

\*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

May the blessing of God warm you like the sun. May the love of Christ wash over you like a gentle rain. May the joy of the Spirit raise you to new heights like an eagle soaring. Amen.

Postlude

Rondeau from Fanfare Symphony Mouret 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 Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday, the final Sunday of the season after Pentecost and the liturgical church year, which begins anew with the first Sunday of Advent next week. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing the purity and light of Christ.

**Flowers on the Lord's Table** are in memory of Lloyd B. Jennings, (October 17, 1925- November 25, 1964) on the occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in heaven, given by Baxter Jennings.

Saint Cleophas Outreach Ministry is an Anglican rite parish of the Reformed Catholic Church pastored by Father Mychal Gallop. We're a Christ-centered mission serving neighbors who are unhoused or experiencing extreme poverty. Rooted in a simple ministry of presence, we strive to recognize the face of Christ in every person, offering spiritual support, compassion, and a community where all are treated with dignity and love.

+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

**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, Imogene McMillan, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Reeves, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Yvonne Turner

**In Christian Sympathy** to Linda and Ross Gale in the loss of Linda's brother, Paul Hudson. The funeral was November 19, 2025.

#### Deacon of the Month: Ruth Anne Collins

She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

# Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, November 23

10:30 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Lunch-Fellowship Hall

## Monday, November 24

12:00 p.m. Setting up Christmas Trees6:00 p.m. Stillwater Group-Choir Room7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

#### Tuesday, November 25

10:00 a.m. Decorating for Christmas-Narthex/Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

# Thursday, November 27- Friday, November 28 Office & ELC Closed- Happy Thanksgiving!

### **Gratitude for Giving**

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Kenny Smith by Julia Fowler Boynton.

#### **Announcements**

# Thanksgiving Lunch, Today after Worship FBC Fellowship Hall

Join us after worship as we enjoy a meal together! We will also be celebrating Helen Wright's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday at lunch with her family!

Special Called Business Meeting Sunday, November 30th

There will be a special called Business Meeting on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary immediately following worship to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation for two Trustees, Dr. Dennis Knight and Dr. Ross Gale, to serve their second seven-year term as Trustee.

### **Decorating for Advent & Christmas-This Tuesday**

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

# Adult Trip to Wake Forest's "Moravian Lovefeast" Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

First Baptist & Chatham Heights are planning an Adult Trip to Winston Salem on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> for a "Moravian Lovefeast" at Wake Forest's "Wait Chapel". The doors open at 6pm and the Prelude begins at 6:20 pm. This is a traditional service of music, scripture and candle lighting. We will meet here at the church to ride together on the bus & van. Please contact the church office if you plan on going to reserve your seat on the bus.

# Children's Christmas Play-FBC & CHBC Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Rehearsals for the children's play, held at Chatham Heights, 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.

### **WMU Mission Action Project for November**

WMU will be collecting monetary donations for God's Pit Crew. These donations will be sent to God's Pit Crew for 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.

### **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.

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

## **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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"Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope"





Christ the King /Reign of Christ Sunday

\*Hymn 262 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains he took his seat above: lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given: lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Rejoice in glorious hope! Ou

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

### \*Hymn 381 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God, our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield; wheat and tares together sown unto joy or sorrows grown. First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear, Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home, from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away, give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home, gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in your presence to abide.

Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

## \*Song of Response

Hymn 834 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SILICIAN MARINERS

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace; O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound; may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound; ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Congregational Prayer of Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting.

Leader: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

People: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

Leader: For the good world: for things great and small, beautiful

and awesome, for seen and unseen splendors.

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For human life: for talking and moving and thinking together, for common hopes and hardships shared from

birth until our dying.

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For work to do and strength to work: for the comradeship

of labor, for exchanges of good humor and

encouragement,

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For marriage: for the mystery and joy of flesh made one,

for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared, for secrets

kept in love,

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For family: for living together and eating together, for

family amusements and family pleasures.

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For children: for their energy and curiosity, for their

brave play and startling frankness, for their sudden

sympathies,

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For growing up and growing old: for wisdom deepened by

experience, for rest in leisure, for time made precious by

its passing,

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow: for healing

our diseases, for preserving us in temptation and danger.

People: Thank you, God.

Leader: For the church into which we have been called: for the

good news we receive by Word and sacrament, for our life

together in the Lord,

People: We praise you, God.

Leader: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us

gifts of faith and love, who prays in us and prompts our

grateful worship,

People: We praise you, God.

Leader: For your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation: for our hope in him, for the joy of

serving him,

People: We praise you O Lord, in the name of the one who

taught us to pray: Our Father ...



### Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m.- First Sunday of Advent

### Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m.-Piedmont Arts Tree Lighting PAA Art Garden

## Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m.-Second Sunday of Advent 5:00 p.m.- Moravian Lovefeast Wake Forest Chapel

### Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m.-ELC Christmas Pageant Sanctuary

### Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m.- Breakfast with Santa CHBC Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

11:00 a.m.-Third Sunday of Advent 4:00 p.m.- Children's Play-CHBC

## Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m.- Smith River Singers Galilean House of Worship

# Sunday, December 21st

11:00 a.m.-Fourth Sunday of Advent

# Sunday, December 21st

4:00 p.m.-Longest Night Service FBC Chapel

# Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m.- Christmas Eve Service FBC Sanctuary

# Thursday, December $25^{\rm th}$

10:00 a.m.- Richard's Dinner Fellowship Hall