

A Service of Worship

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 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 Praeludium in G Minor Bach
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Though the mountains may shake,

All: We are standing on holy ground.

Leader: Though the earth moves under our feet,

All: Christ alone is our solid rock.

Leader: Though the walls may crack,

All: Our refuge is in the everlasting love of God.

Leader: Though structures may come tumbling down,

All: God is our stronghold.

Leader: Though fear may seek to set up camp,

All: God is our strength and guide.

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 77 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
LOBE DEN HERREN

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Bill Sapp
The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Children’s Worship Dr. Mike

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 701 God Is Here! BEECHER

*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 Be Strong in the Lord Fettke

Sermon Courage Over Fear Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 612 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

*Benediction Dr. Hatfield
Go now with fresh courage to do the work of the Lord. Do not
fear. You are not alone, and the Lord’s spirit abides among you.
—Based on Haggai 2:4-5

Postlude Praeludium in G Major Bach
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.

The Flowers on the Lord’s Table today are in memory of Jerry
Perdue and in honor of all living veterans in observance of
Veteran’s Day on November 11th. We should remember the sacrifice
and bravery of these men and women who served to protect our
freedom. Given by the Perdue family.

+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, Nancy McDaniel, Imogene McMillan,
Betty Prillaman, Shirley Reeves, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires,
Yvonne Turner

In Christian Sympathy to Joe and Merle Prince on the loss of Joe’s
brother, Dennis Prince, who passed away on Tuesday, November 4th.

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.

Decorating for Advent & Christmas
Tuesday, November 25th at 10:00 .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.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, November 9

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

Monday, November 10

12:15 p.m. ELC Committee-Rm. 105
6:00 p.m. Stillwater Group-Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Thursday, November 13

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

Announcements

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.

NEXT SUNDAY is Commitment Sunday!

Sunday, November 16, 2024, 11:00 a.m. Worship

Commitment Sunday is where we have an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the incredible work God is doing and will do in and through our church. You are asked to bring your completed pledge cards to church with you and place them in the offering plate. You have received a letter regarding this year's stewardship campaign and included with this letter is a pledge card to fill out and return next Sunday.

Raleigh Ringers, FBC Sanctuary

Sunday, November 16th at 3:00 p.m.

The Raleigh Ringers are an internationally acclaimed, Emmy-nominated, advanced community handbell choir. General admission tickets are \$30.00. FBC members are free of charge, but you must call the church office to put your name on a list if you plan on attending.

Shared Worship Service and Thanksgiving Lunch

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 by Monday, November 17th to make your reservations for lunch.

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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Season after Pentecost

Hymn 77 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth!
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
hast thou not seen how thy desires e’er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee,
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly forever adore him.

*Hymn 701 *God Is Here!* BEECHER
God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share:
here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of his Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our life-long need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place:
here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old;
here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out;
here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you, we adore you! we believe.

*Song of Response
 Hymn 612 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION
How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

“The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”