

# A Service of Worship & Communion

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

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 C Minor* Luebeck  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship

Leader: God of rainbow and promise,

**People: God of the swirling waters of baptism,**

Leader: God of the dark night of doubt,

**People: God of comfort and call,**

Leader: Dwell with us as we journey through this season of Lent.

**All: And lead us from temptation to trust, from fear to love, from despair to hope, and from sadness to joy.**

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

\*Hymn 72 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

## Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 121 Pam Caudill  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson John 3:1-17  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Prayer of Confession Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Our Father, we acknowledge the sins that we abhor; and we confess the sins that we enjoy.

**People: We admit to the sins that everyone knows; and we confess the sins kept hidden in our hearts.**

Leader: We own up to our disobedience of following the rules; and we confess to our bending of those rules.

**People: We realize our sins of deciding individually as well as conforming to society's attitudes.**

Leader: We are sorry for the sins we've committed against others as well as those which we have created against ourselves.

**All: Renew our lives as we journey through these Lenten days. Amen.**

Response *Lord Have Mercy* ° by Steve Merkel



Children's Worship Dr. Mike

## Committing Our Lives

\*Hymn 547 *O for the Closer Walk with God* BEATITUDO

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 *Call to Lent* Jerome Williams

Sermon **"A Journey to New Life"**  
*A Meeting in the Dark* Dr. Hatfield

## Celebrating Communion

Congregational Prayer of Confession Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Merciful Savior, we have been a wayward people.

**People: We were dead in our sin, and you gave us life.**

Leader: We wandered away from you, becoming exiles, and you rescued us and carried us home.

**People: We have been sick, broken and needy, and you healed and restored us.**

Leader: We deserve none of this. We deserve the penalty you bore on our behalf.

**People: Yet, your love is so deep, your mercy so wide, your embrace so all-enfolding that you have done for us what we could never do for ourselves.**

Leader: You have made us your own. You have forgiven us and loved us. We receive this gift with gratitude, joy and awe. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup Dr. Hatfield

\*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.***

***Today is the Second Sunday in Lent.*** Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty days through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Lent is a strongly penitential season. The liturgical color is purple, used to symbolize penance, preparation, and sacrifice.

**Welcome Kevin Lewis** as our guest music director this morning.

**+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](http://fbcmartinsville.com/give).

### Nursery Schedule

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.

\*Please stand as you are able

**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

**March Birthdays:** 4 Ann Draper, 5 Benny Shires, 7 Jessica Brannock, 12 Marie Lannom, 13 John Fulcher, Merle Prince, 16 Dennis Knight, 22 Susan Sapp, 26 Becky Stone, Marcus James

**Prayers for our Church Family:** John Burgess, Mary Clifton, Martha Drane, Imogene McMillan, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Reeves, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Yvonne Turner

**Deacon of the Month: Merle Prince**

She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

**Grace Network Jan-March 2026 Food Assignment: Pancake Mix**  
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.

### Opportunities for the Week

**Sunday, March 1**

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, March 2**

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm. 105  
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

**Tuesday, March 3**

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

**Wednesday, March 4**

2:30 p.m. Communion at King's Grant-Multi Purpose Room

**Thursday, March 5**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study- 1 Chronicles-Rm 105/Zoom  
12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch-FBC East-1403 E. Church St.  
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

**Gratitude for Giving:** GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Ann Grogan by Joretta Draper. GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Jim Connelly by Dottie & David Lewis. Gifts have been given in memory of Mary Frith by Mary Frances Gibbs & Ruth Dandridge. MISSIONS: A gift has been given in memory of Mary Frith by Dottie & David Lewis. HOSPITALITY: A gift has been given in memory of Mary Frith by Sue Lester. FULLER DAVIS MUSIC: A gift has been given in memory of Bitsy Morgan by Ruth Dandridge.

## 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](mailto:info.fbcmartinsville.com), (276) 632-6336, [mike@fbcmartinsville.com](mailto:mike@fbcmartinsville.com) or his cell (276) 340-7550.

*Our doors are always open. Come see what God is doing and serve among us as we worship in Christ's name.*



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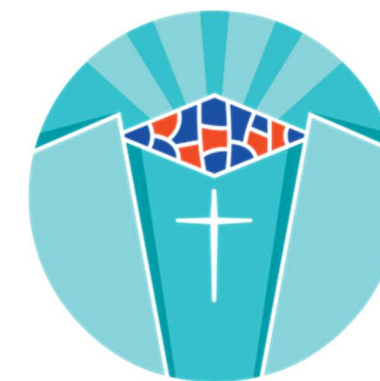
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# Lent

\*Hymn 72      *To God be the Glory*      TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the glory, great things he has done,  
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to every believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *Refrain*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see. *Refrain*

\*Hymn 547      *O for the 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.

## Announcements



**Cooperative Baptist Fellowship:  
Offering for Global Missions**

WMU and the Church Missions Committee invite you to give generously to our annual CBF Offering for Global Missions. 100% of your gift will send CBF field personnel to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world.

**Our goal this year is \$ 1,500.**

### **Easter Lilies**

If you would like to contribute to the Easter floral decorations, please send your dedication information and your donation to the church office by Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. There are forms in the Narthex or church office.

### **Lenten Lunch-March 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.**

Lunch is week will be at First Baptist Church, East located at 1043 East Church Street.

### **FBC & CHBC Kids Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch\***

#### **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.**

We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for First Baptist and Chatham Heights Church families on Saturday, March 28th at 11:00 am followed by lunch at noon.

**\*Please RSVP to the church office by March 25th if you plan to attend.**

### **Easter Egg Candy Donations**

We are collecting candy donations for the children's Easter Egg Hunt from now until March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please drop the candy off in the church office. **We cannot accept candy with nuts, peanuts, and peanut butter due to allergies.**

### **Daylight Savings Time-March 8<sup>th</sup>**

Remember to spring your clocks forward Saturday night!



## Lenten Worship Services

**Sundays at 11:00 a.m.**

**March 1<sup>st</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup>**

FBC Sanctuary  
Streaming on FBC's Facebook, YouTube

**Palm Sunday in the Park**

**March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

J. Frank Wilson Park

## Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

**Thursdays 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**February 26<sup>th</sup> – March 26<sup>th</sup>**

March 5<sup>th</sup> – First Baptist, East Church St.

March 12<sup>th</sup> – First Presbyterian

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Starling Ave. Baptist

March 26<sup>th</sup> – Chatham Heights Baptist