

# A Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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 *Prayer for Peace* Paul Fey  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**People: We gather together to sing our praise to God's glory.**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.

**People: We gather with open hearts and souls, to receive the comforting presence of the Lord.**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

**People: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

**All: O God, as we gather in gratitude, may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. To you we lift our voices in praise!**

—Based on Psalm 19

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

\*Hymn 90 *Christ is the World's Light*  
CHRISTE SANCTORIUM

## Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 23 Merle Prince  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson John 9:1-41  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

\*Please stand as you are able

Lenten Prayer of Confession Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Merciful God, forgive us when we stray from your path and succumb to the temptation of the moment.

**People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path.**

Leader: Forgive us for failing to see every person as one of your beloved children.

**People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path.**

Leader: Forgive us when we fail to share from the resources we have, when others go hungry for lack of food or have no place to rest.

**People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path.**

Leader: Forgive us when we hold onto our anger and hurts, failing to forgive as you have forgiven us.

**People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path.**

Leader: Forgive us when we forget to live our lives in a way that shows that you are our God and we are your people.

**People: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your path.**

Response *Lord Have Mercy* ° by Steve Merkel



Children's Worship Dr. Mike

## Committing Our Lives

\*Hymn 636 *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*  
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

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 *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You* Jay Althouse

Sermon **"A Journey to New Life"** Dr. Hatfield  
*A Meeting in a Temple*

## Responding to God

\*Song of Response  
*Hymn 502 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

\*Benediction Dr. Hatfield  
*Having seen you, may we never lose sight of you now, today,  
this week or ever – until you in your grace and mercy bring us  
together again. Amen*

Postlude *A Mighty Fortress* arr. Paul Fey  
*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 the Fourth 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.

**+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 & Children's Chapel

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

**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.

**Don't Forget-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.

### 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 26<sup>th</sup>. There are forms in the Narthex or church office.

### Easter Egg Candy Needed

The Children & Youth Committee will be stuffing eggs with candy this Thursday and need candy donations. Please leave the donations in the church office.

## 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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# Lent

\*Hymn 90 *Christ Is The World's Light* CHRISTE SANCTORIUM

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;  
born in our darkness, he became our brother— if we have seen him,  
we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;  
no one can serve him, and despise another.  
Who else unites us, one in God the Father? Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;  
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother – he,  
who redeems us reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!

Give God the glory, God and none other; give God the glory, Spirit,  
Son and Father; give God the glory, God-with-us our brother:  
Glory to God on high!

\*Hymn 636 *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*  
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If you will trust in God to guide you  
and place your confidence in him,  
you'll find him always there beside you,  
to give you hope and strength within.  
For those who trust God's changeless love  
build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping,  
in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in his care and keeping,  
in sorrow will he love you less?  
For he who took for you a cross  
will bring you safe through every loss.

In patient trust await his leisure, in cheerful hope,  
with heart content to take whate'er your Father's pleasure  
and all discerning love have sent.  
Doubt not your inmost wants are known  
to him who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,  
offer your service faithfully, and trust his word;  
though undeserving, you'll find his promise true to be.  
God never will forsake in need  
the soul that trusts in him indeed.

\*Song of Response

Hymn 502 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved:  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, March 15

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm. 105/Zoom

11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

### Monday, March 16

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom

6:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

### Tuesday, March 17

10:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting-Rm. 105

5:00 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm 105

### Thursday, March 19

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-1 Chronicles-Rm 105/Zoom

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch-Starling Avenue Baptist Church

12:00 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-Rm 105

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

## Announcements

### **Business Meeting Agenda, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:25 p.m.**

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report,  
3. Committee Reports. 4. Vote on the Memorandum of  
Understanding between St. Cleophas Ministry and  
First Baptist Church.



### **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.**

### **Lenten Lunch-March 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.**

Lunch is week will be at Starling Avenue Baptist Church  
located at 932 Starling Avenue.

### **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 FBC and CHBC 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.**

### **Palm Sunday in the Park**

#### **March 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.-J. Wilson City Park**

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Palm Sunday Service in the Park  
is a shared outdoor service with area churches.