

A Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 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 *Morning Has Broken* arr. Wyrzten
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Day after day, an abundance of God's love,

All: Morning by morning, new signs of blessing:

Leader: A gentle rain, an awesome sunset,

All: A friend's embrace, a child's smile,

Leader: A new insight, a sense of peace,

All: A shared meal, a treasured moment.

Leader: All around us and deep within us are signs of God's presence.

All: How can we not sing of God's faithfulness?

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 229 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 130 Bill Sapp
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson John 11:1-45
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Prayer of Confession Dr. Hatfield

Leader: As we mark the season of remembrance of the life and passion of our Lord, we pray to you, Father,

People: forgive us our folly and excess, our coldness to human sorrow, our envy of those who prosper and are at ease,

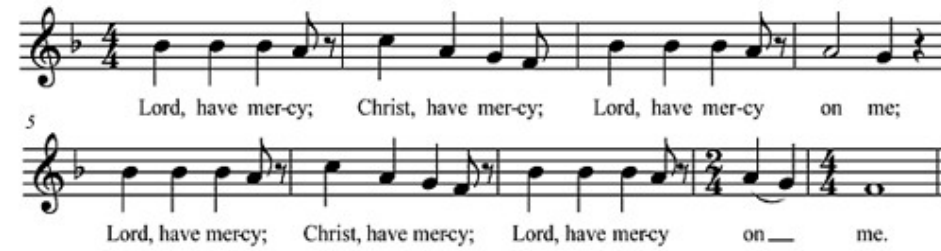
Leader: our passion for things of the moment that perish in the grasping, our indifference to those treasures of the Spirit which are life and peace, our neglect of wise and gracious laws.

People: Heal us, but with the painful understanding of how our hands nail the Son of God to the cross again, exposing him to public shame;

Leader: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Response *Lord Have Mercy* ° by Steve Merkel



Children's Worship Dr. Mike

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 295 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

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 *Come To Us, Lord Jesus* Hopson

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

Responding to God

*Song of Response Hymn 499 *Lord, I Was Blind*
TRADITIONAL ENGLISH MELODY

*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

Go in peace to wait for Christ, living in uncertain times, but with eagerness and hope. And may the love of God protect you, the grace of Christ walk with you, and the power of the Spirit grant you all good gifts for the living of these days. Amen.

Postlude *Holy is the Lord* Handel
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 Fifth 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.

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 #, #

Deacon of the Month: Merle Prince
She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

*Please stand as you are able

°CCLI Song # 2989578 Steve Merkel
CCLI License # 2019471

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

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 this Thursday, March 26th. There are forms in the Narthex or church office.

Thank you for the Spring Flowers!

The ELC & FBC have been hard at work planting flowers around the church grounds. Take time to walk around and enjoy all the beautiful flowers. Thanks to Marsha Frith for the Forsythia bushes and Irises, Sue Lester, Mary Lewis & Dean Johnston and Jack Johnston for the Lenten Roses. A special thanks to the Committee & Beth Kotchish for overseeing this improvement.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 22

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm. 105/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
12:15 p.m. Business Meeting-Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 25

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

Thursday, March 26

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-1 Chronicles-Rm 105/Zoom
12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch-Chatham Heights Baptist Church
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Saturday, March 28

11:00 a.m. FBC/CHBC Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch-Fellowship Hall

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 what God is doing and serve among us as we worship in Christ's name.



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Lent

*Hymn 229

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

Refrain

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

O Lord, once lifted on the tree of pain,
draw all the world to seek you once again. *Refrain*

Let every race and every language tell
of him who saves our souls from death and hell. *Refrain*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

*Hymn 295

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

*Song of Response

Hymn 499 *Lord, I Was Blind* TRADITIONAL ENGLISH
MELODY

Lord, I was blind; I could not see in your marred visage any grace:
but now the beauty of your face in radiant vision dawns on me.

Lord, I was deaf; I could not hear the thrilling music of your voice:
but now I hear you and rejoice, and all your spoken words are dear.

Lord, I was mute; I could not speak the grace and glory of your
name: but now, as touched with living flame,
my lips will speak for Jesus' sake.

Lord, I was dead; I could not move my lifeless soul from sin's
dark grave: but now the power of life you gave
has raised me up to know your love.

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, TODAY at 12:15 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. Raised to date \$ 422.00.

Last Lenten Lunch-March 26th at 12:00 p.m.

Lunch is week will be at Chatham Heights Baptist Church
located at 1235 Chatham Heights Road.

FBC & CHBC Kids Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch*

Saturday, March 28th 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.**

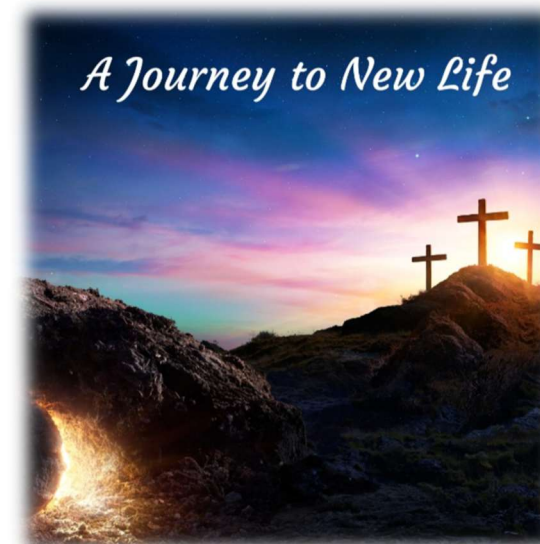
Palm Sunday in the Park

March 29th at 9:00 a.m.-J. Wilson City Park

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

Chatham Heights Youth Mission Trip Fund Raiser

The youth at Chatham Heights are planning a mission trip to
Norfolk, Va. and their fund raiser is selling Krispy Kreme donuts.
If you would like to place an order for some please come by the
church office.



Holy Week

42nd Annual Ecumenical

Palm Sunday in the Park

March 29th at 9:00 a.m.

J. Frank Wilson Park

Palm Sunday Service

March 29th at 11:00 a.m.

FBC Sanctuary
Streaming on Facebook & YouTube

Shared Maundy Thursday Service

April 2nd at 6:00 p.m.

FBC Sanctuary
Streaming on Facebook & YouTube
*Chatham Heights Baptist, Starling Avenue Baptist Church &
St. Cleophas Ministry*

Shared Stations of the Cross Service

April 3rd at 6:00 p.m.

Chatham Heights Baptist Church Sanctuary
*First Baptist, Starling Avenue Baptist Church &
St. Cleophas Ministry*

Easter Morning Breakfast

Sunday, April 5th at 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Easter Service

April 5th at 11:00 a.m.

FBC Sanctuary
Streaming on Facebook & YouTube