

# A Service of Worship

Palm Sunday

March 29, 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 *Processional* Elgar  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

**People: Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

**People: triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

**People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

—Zechariah 9:9

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

\*Hymn 204 *All Glory, Laud and Honor* ST. THEODULPH

## Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29 Judy Epperly  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:1-11  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Prayer of Confession Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Loving God, you rode a donkey and came in peace,

**People: humbled yourself and gave yourself for us.**

Leader: We confess our lack of humility.

**People: As you entered Jerusalem, the crowds shouted "Hosanna: 'Save us now!'"**

Leader: On Good Friday they shouted "Crucify!"

**People: We confess our praise is often empty. We sing "Hosanna," but cry "Crucify."**

\*Please stand as you are able

Leader: As the crowd laid their palms in front of you,

**People: you took no glory for yourself.**

Leader: We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way.

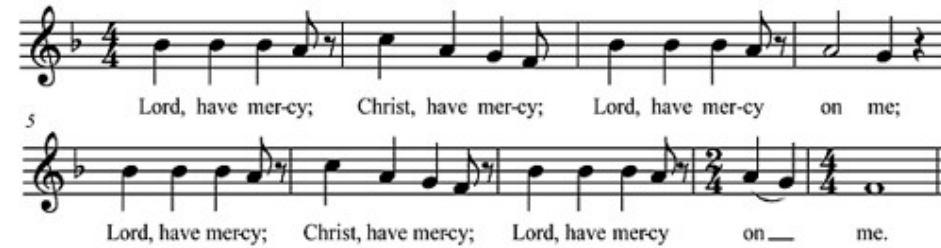
**People: We do not stay true to your will.**

Leader: Forgive us, Lord, and help us

**People: to follow in the way of obedience.**

**All: Amen.**

Response *Lord Have Mercy* ° by Steve Merkel



Children's Worship Dr. Mike

## Committing Our Lives

\*Hymn 216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPER

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 *Lo, He Comes* Horman

Sermon **"A Journey to New Life"** Dr. Hatfield  
*Are We Watching the Parade Go By?*

## Responding to God

\*Song of Response

Hymn 208 *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed* MARTYDOM

°CCLI Song # 2989578 Steve Merkel  
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\*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

*May our Lord, whose arms were spread on the cross to embrace the whole world, help us this week to take up the cross and follow him. Amen.*

Postlude *Grand Procession* Haydn

*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 Palm Sunday***, marking the beginning of Holy Week in the Christian calendar. These are some of the most significant days of the church year. The blessing and procession of palms reenacts the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. During Holy Week, we focus intensely on Jesus' last days, his execution, his burial, and finally, with Easter Sunday, his resurrection.

**Flowers on the Lord's Table** are in memory of Jerry Perdue and his birthday, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March, given by his 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](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 #, #

## Deacon of the Month: Merle Prince

She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

## Reminders

**April Birthdays:** 12 Marilyn Turner, 15 Noah White, 16 John Burgess, 19 Dean Johnston, 21 Marsha Frith, 22 Ella James, 25 Martha Perdue, Mike Hatfield, 27 Sylvia Knight, 28 Pat Austin, 30 Joseph Brannock

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

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, March 29

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

### Monday, March 30

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

### Tuesday, March 31

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

### Thursday, April 2

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-1 Chronicles-Rm 105/Zoom  
6:00 p.m. Shared Maundy Thursday Service-FBC Sanctuary

### Friday, April 3

Church Office & ELC Closed  
6:00 p.m. Shared Stations of the Cross Service-CHBC Sanctuary

## 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.**

**Grace Network Apr.-Jun. 2026 Food Assignment: Dish Detergent**  
Place items in the Missions Room 103.

### **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.

### **Shared Maundy Thursday Service-April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

#### **FBC Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.**

A shared communion worship service with Chatham Heights, Starling Avenue Baptist Churches and St. Cleophas Ministry.

### **Shared Stations of the Cross Service- April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Chatham Heights Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m.**

A shared worship service with First Baptist, Starling Avenue Baptist Churches, and St. Cleophas Ministry.

### **Easter Morning Breakfast**

#### **Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m.**

A churchwide breakfast sponsored by the Deacons. There will be no Sunday School this Sunday.

### **Business Meeting**

The vote passed on the Memorandum of Understanding between St. Cleophas Ministry and First Baptist. More information about Father Gallop is available on the bulletin board outside 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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# PALM SUNDAY

\*Hymn 204      *All Glory, Laud and Honor*      ST. THEODULPH

*Refrain*

*All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.*

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One! *Refrain*

The company of angels are praising thee on high,  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply: *Refrain*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present: *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises- accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! *Refrain*

\*Hymn 216      *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*      ST. CHRISTOPER

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand—  
the shadow of a mighty Rock with in a weary land,  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noon-tide heat, and burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
and from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess—  
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

\*Song of Response

Hymn 208      *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?*      MARTYRDOM

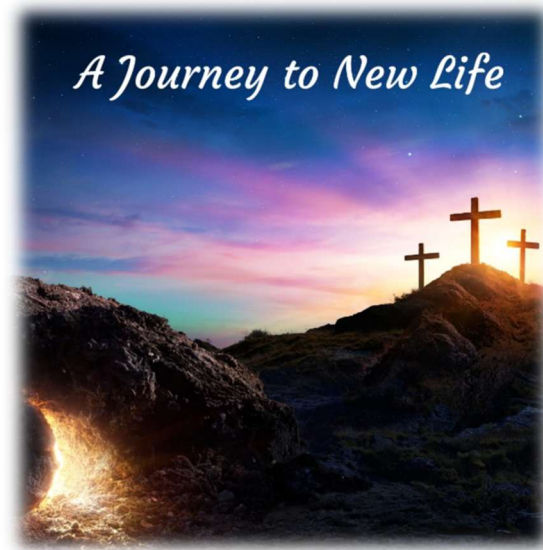
Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my sovereign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,  
when Christ, the mighty Maker, died for his own creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while his dear cross appears;  
dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe;  
here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.



# Holy Week

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ecumenical Palm Sunday in the Park

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

J. Frank Wilson Park

## Palm Sunday Service

March 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

FBC Sanctuary

Streaming on Facebook & YouTube

## Shared Maundy Thursday Service

April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

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Chatham Heights Baptist, Starling Avenue Baptist Church &

St. Cleophas Ministry

## Shared Stations of the Cross Service

April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Chatham Heights Baptist Church Sanctuary

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## Easter Morning Breakfast

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

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