

# A Service of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 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 *Toccata in E Minor* Caellerts  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: We are looking for paradise here on Earth.

**All: We are searching for a love that lasts.**

Leader: We yearn for a glimpse of God.

**All: We thirst for the fountain of life.**

Leader: We hunger for lasting joy.

**All: Our hearts ache for something more.**

Leader: Bring all your hopes and longings to this place, for God is big enough to hold us all.

**All: God's love embraces us, calms us and strengthens us. God's grace surprises us and causes us to sing.**

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

\*Hymn 50 *Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above*  
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## Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 95 Roslyn Wingett  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson John 4:5-42  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Prayer of Confession Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Merciful Savior, we confess that what we say we believe and the beliefs our lives profess frequently aren't the same.

**People: We say that you are good, yet we're quick to blame you when discomfort, turmoil or distress arises.**

\*Please stand as you are able

Leader: We say that you love us, but we act as if your will for our lives cannot be trusted.

**People: We proclaim that we are forgiven, yet we continue to carry the burdensome baggage of our past.**

Leader: We profess that you are a faithful God, yet we're riddled with anxiety, fear and impatience.

**People: Forgive us, Lord. Give us the courage to look honestly at the disparity between what we say we believe and the truth that our actions and attitudes tell.**

Leader: We pray for the grace to close the gap between the two.

**All: Amen.**

Response *Lord Have Mercy* ° by Steve Merkel

5 Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy on me;  
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Children's Worship Dr. Mike

*After children's worship, elementary aged children are invited to join our volunteers for age-appropriate children's church*

## Committing Our Lives

\*Hymn 486 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

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.**

°CCLI Song # 2989578 Steve Merkel  
CCLI License # 2019471

## Engaging the Scriptures

Anthem

Sermon "A Journey to New Life" Dr. Hatfield  
*A Meeting at a Well*

## Responding to God

\*Song of Response

Hymn 121 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* QUEBEC

\*Benediction

Dr. Hatfield

*Go forth to be the river of God's love.*

*Go now and carry Christ's living water to all the world.*

*Go to a thirsty world and share the overflowing grace and love of God's eternal nourishing water.*

*Amen.*

Postlude *Toccata in D* Caellerts

*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 Third 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. 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 four and under.

The nursery is down the hall from the Narthex and to the right. Chapel for elementary age children is the room next door.

**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.

## Opportunities for the Week

**Sunday, March 8**

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

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

**Monday, March 9**

7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

**Tuesday, March 10**

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

**Wednesday, March 11**

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

**Thursday, March 12**

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

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch-First Presbyterian Church

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

**Gratitude for Giving: GENERAL FUND:** A gift has been given in memory of Mary Frith by the Frith family.

## 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 50 *Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above*

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Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills:  
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping;  
by morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.  
And where he rules in kingly might, there all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored:  
to God all praise and glory!

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God ;the praise and glory.  
Let all who know his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone:  
to God all praise and glory!

\*Hymn 486 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good.  
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word,  
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

\*Song of Response

Hymn 121 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* QUEBEC  
Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life,  
thou light of all, from the best bliss that earth imparts,  
we turn unfilled to heed thy call.

Thy truth unchanged has ever stood;  
thou savest those that on thee call;  
to them that seek thee thou art good,  
and them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,  
and long to feast upon thee still;  
we drink of thee, the fountain head,  
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
where-e'er our changeful lot is cast,  
glad when thy gracious smile we see,  
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
make all our moments calm and bright;  
chase the dark night of sin away,  
shed o'er the world thy holy light.

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

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

Lunch is week will be at First Presbyterian Church located at 1901 Patrick Henry Ave.

#### 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.**

#### 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.

#### 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.