

A Service of Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 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 *It is Finished (from the St. John Passion)* Bach
Thor Wright, bassoon; Baxter Jennings, piano

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Come, let us walk with one another as the disciples did. Let us journey together as we tell God's story in song and proclamation.

People: Let us ponder what we have seen and heard, what we know to be true, and what we hope beyond hope is real.

Leader: Let us walk, that our minds might be clear, our hearts open, and our spirits renewed.

People: Behold, God journeys with us; Jesus walks beside us. May the Spirit give us eyes to see the risen Christ:

All: *Here and everywhere, now and always. Let us worship God!*

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 130 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson 1 Peter 1:17-23 Judy Epperly
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:13-35
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

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 768 *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

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 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* Spiritual

Sermon *Who We Travel With Matters* Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 112 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* ST. AGNES

*Benediction Dr. Hatfield
*With renewed hope, we walk and live and breathe. God is not dead; he's alive! Let us carry this hope to the world.
Our God is not dead; He's alive! Amen.*

Postlude *Sonatina* Ernst Krenek
Thor Wright, saxophone
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 of Easter. *Easter Sunday was the beginning of the season of Eastertide in the liturgical year. Eastertide is celebrated from Easter Sunday for fifty days, until the day of Pentecost, and focuses on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing light, victory, and eternal life.*

We Welcome Edward Thorburn Wright as guest musician this morning in worship. Thor grew up in Camden, SC and started saxophone and later bassoon in high school. He studied at the University of South Carolina while pursuing an engineering major. He has played in community organizations for well over 40 years.

+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 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 #, #

Deacon of the Month: Frank Taylor
He 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

In Christian Sympathy to the family of Jessica Martin Duffy who passed away on April 12, 2026. Her visitation and memorial service was Saturday, April 18th at Norris Funeral Services.

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.

*Please stand as you are able

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, April 19

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm. 105/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
12:00 p.m. Reception for John Burgess-Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 20

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom
6:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 21

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

Thursday, April 23

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 Chronicles-Rm 105/Zoom
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal- Choir Room

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, April 26th at 12:15p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report,
3. Committee Reports. 4. Vote on the part time
Minister of Music position.

Birthday Celebration!

Pam Burgess invites the church family to a reception honoring her husband, John Burgess, for his 91st birthday. The reception will be today, April 19th in the Fellowship Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please, no gifts but cards would be appreciated.

WMU Churchwide Mission Project for April

“Undies for Sundays”

The WMU will be collecting Men and Women’s underwear and socks for the Martinsville Henry County Social Services. Please place all items in the box in the Missions Room 103

Grace Network Apr.-Jun. 2026 Food Assignment:

Liquid Dish Detergent

Place items in the Missions Room 103.

Upcoming Pentecost Service- Sunday, May 24th at 10:30 a.m.

We will be having a shared service with Chatham Heights Baptist Church here in the FBC Sanctuary. Please mark your calendars and note the time change.

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.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARTINSVILLE, VA

Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope

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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EASTERTIDE

*Hymn 130 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

*Hymn 768 *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

*Song of Response

Hymn 112 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* ST. AGNES

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind recall
a sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all!

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who ask, how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is none but his loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.