

A Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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 *Andante in c minor/C Major* Haydn
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: The Lord is our Shepherd.

People: Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd.

Leader: Our Shepherd knows us and calls us by name.

People: We follow him because we know his voice.

Leader: Our Shepherd is completely trustworthy.

**People: He leads us to that which makes for
abundant life.**

Leader: Verdant pastures, refreshing water and safe
shelter. These are the gifts of our Shepherd.

People: In trust, we follow our shepherd.

Leader: In peace, we rest secure.

**People: In joy and thankfulness, we celebrate our
Shepherd's goodness.**

All: The Lord is our Shepherd. Thanks be to God!

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 77 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
LOBE DEN HERREN

Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson 1 Peter 2:19-25 Roslyn Wingett
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson John 10:1-10
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Dr. Mike

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 635 *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* HE LEADTH ME

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 *The Lord is my Shepherd* Sleeth

Sermon *It's Tough Following a Shepherd* Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 522 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

*We leave this place to hear — and heed — the voice of our
Good Shepherd. He will never lead us astray but will lead us
only to life, abundant and everlasting. Follow him with
absolute confidence, for we are his sheep, redeemed by his
own blood, loved from the foundation of the world. In the
name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Postlude *Allegro spiritoso* 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 the Fourth 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.

Flowers on the Lord's Table are in memory of Laura & John Collins
given by their children, John Collins, Jr. and Nicole Collins Hudson.

+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: 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

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, April 26

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

Monday, April 27

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

Wednesday, April 29

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

Thursday, April 30

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

*Please stand as you are able

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, TODAY 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.

Child Dedication Service-Sunday, May 10th at 11:00 a.m.

During worship we will be having a child dedication service. If you have a child and wish to participate, please let the church office know by Monday, May 4th.

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

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

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.

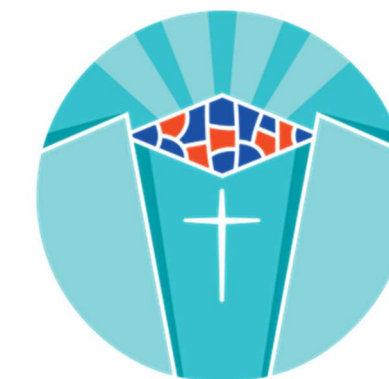
Welcome to First Baptist Church!

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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Senior Pastor

Rev. John Fulcher
Interim Pastor for
Music & Worship

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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EASTERTIDE

*Hymn 77 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth!
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee,
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly forever adore him.

*Hymn 635 *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* HE LEADTH ME

He leadeth me, O blessed thought,
O words with heavenly comfort fraught! What e'er I do,
wher-e'r I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.*

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will
not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain

*Song of Response

Hymn 522 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.