

# A Service of Worship & Communion

Easter

April 5, 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 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Paul Fey  
Baxter Jennings, organ

### Call to Worship

Leader: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

**All: *Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!***

Leader: Walk in the light of his love.

**All: *We will live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.***

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

**All: *Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.***

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

\*Hymn 234 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

## Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Colossians 3:1-4 Dr. Dennis Knight  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson John 20:1-18  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Dr. Mike

### Easter Prayer of Thanks

Leader: Gracious God, we are here today to celebrate. You have defeated sin and conquered death through the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.

**People: We recognize that without the cross, we would have no reason to live; we would have no hope.**

Leader: Thank you, Father, for giving us hope!

**People: We do not know what it was like to watch your Son die, but we know you endured it because of your great love for us.**

**All: *We are full of gratitude and worship. He is risen! Amen.***

## Committing Our Lives

\*Hymn 254 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* ODE TO JOY

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 *Halle, Halle, Halle* Hal Hopson  
Cody Kesling, djembe & claves & Sage Abueznaid, maracas

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

## Celebrating Communion

Congregational Prayer of Confession Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Jesus, before you died, you prayed that we would be one, and that the world would know we are yours by our love for one another.

**People: We confess that we have failed. Instead of seeking unity, we have gossiped. Instead of seeking to serve one another, we serve only our own interests. Instead of embracing the outsider, we isolate ourselves away from the world. God, save us from seeking redemption in such small ways.**

Leader: God, save us from seeking redemption in such small ways. Lift our eyes to see your movement and work in the world. Give us the joy of finding your work and joining the movement of the Spirit.

**All: *Make us one, Lord, here, there and everywhere.***

Sharing the Bread and the Cup Dr. Hatfield

### Musical Interlude

*Please come forward to place a flower(s) in the cross.*

\*Benediction 708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

***As we depart, we go into the world to serve to the glory of Jesus Christ.***

***Today is Easter Sunday, the joyous celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Easter Sunday marks the end of Holy Week, the end of the season of Lent, and is the beginning 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.***

**Welcome percussionists Cody Kesling and Sage Abueznaid** to our service this morning. Cody is George Washington High School Band Director and Sage is the Assistant Director.

### Flowering Cross

Our Flowering Cross is in the Sanctuary this year. Flowers will be in a container by the Cross. During the Musical Interlude please come forward and place a flower or flowers in the Cross. After the service feel free to take family photos!

**+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 Schedule

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.

\*Please stand as you are able

**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

**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

**Deacon of the Month: Frank Taylor**

He will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

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

**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, April 5**

9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast-Fellowship  
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

**Monday, April 6**

Church Office & ELC Closed  
6:00 p.m. Still Water-Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

**Tuesday, April 7**

5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee-Rm. 105

**Thursday, April 9**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study- 1 Chronicles-Rm 105/Zoom  
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

## Announcements

**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

## 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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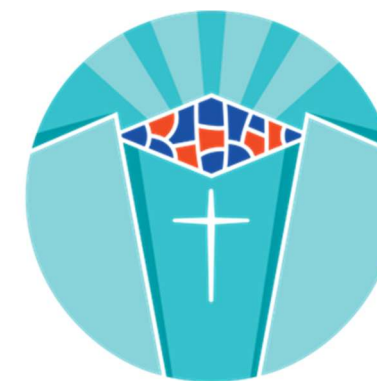
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Baxter Jennings  
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# EASTER SUNDAY

\*Hymn 234 Christ the Lord is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!  
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

\*Hymn 254 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;  
once he died, and once was buried: now he lives for evermore,  
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:  
there in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;  
hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and  
side; now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!  
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!  
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

*The Easter Lilies this morning are given to the  
Glory of God and in honor of or in memory of  
loved ones by the following persons:*

*In Memory of*

*Russell & Frances Hancock*

*Lois & Glenn Wingett*

*Kenny Smith*

*Joe & Betty Minter*

*Fin & Ellen Gale*

*Floyd & Virginia Hudson*

*Dorothy & David Doss*

*Tommy Doss*

*Gayle Williams*

*Rural & Lolene Gusler*

*Boyd & Jean Gray*

*Gene Medley*

*G. T. & Joelene White*

*Given by*

*Max & Roslyn Wingett*

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*Cliff & Jean Rood*

*Linda & Ross Gale*

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*Karen Doss*

*Karen Doss*

*Ebb Williams*

*Christa & Eric Stultz*

*Their Family*

*Sherri, Kevin Lewis*

*Anna, Ellie Lewis*

*Jeff Gray,*

*Dustin Martin Gray*

*Martha & Family*

*Martha Medley*

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*In Memory of*

*Stacey Steagall*

*The Goodman*

*&*

*Lewis Families*

*Margaret Lester*

*Louise & John Fulcher, Sr*

*Bitsy Morgan*

*In Honor of*

*Dottie & David Lewis*

*Given by*

*Shirley Stone & Family*

*Dottie & David Lewis*

*Her Family*

*John Fulcher, Jr.*

*John Fulcher, Jr.*

*Given by*

*Cliff & Jean Rood*