

A Service of Worship & Communion

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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 *Adagio for Flutes and Trumpet* Boyce
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship

Leader: In turbulent times, when the knot of fear tightens,

People: Take heart, trust God and step out.

Leader: When doubt needles us and despair encircles us,

People: Take heart, trust God, follow Jesus and walk on.

Leader: As depression threatens to sink us and grief tries to bury us,

People: Take heart, trust God, follow Jesus and sing your song.

All: Now we sing of our faith and rejoice together in this celebration.

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 701 *God is Here* BEECHER

Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson Acts 7:55-60 Merle Prince

This is the Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10

This is 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

*Please stand as you are able

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 563 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
LORD I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

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 *At the Table of the Lord* Althouse

Sermon *Sharing What We See* Dr. Hatfield

Celebrating Communion

Congregational Prayer of Confession Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Searching God, we have wandered from home, gone off looking for some-thing; some vague longing; something that thrills or excites; something that takes away this empty gnawing inside.

People: We have wandered far, gotten lost, given up ever finding that which satisfies.

Leader: Loving God, you have been with us in the search, you have beckoned us home.

People: You have prepared a table for us, a huge welcoming party. And all heaven rejoices. Thank you for seeking us again and again.

All: Amen.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup Dr. Hatfield

*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 the Fifth 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.

+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 #, #

Reminders

May Birthdays: 1 Linda Gale, 5 Beth Kotchish, 7 Helen Hensley, 15 Marsha Garren, 30 Bill Sapp

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: Linda Dorr
She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

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

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry
A church wide mission project 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.

Last day to donate items for the summer is May 10th.

Smith River Singers Concert-May 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Galilean House of Worship
Smith River Singers' Spring Concert will be "America the Beautiful," a celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, May 3

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm 105
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting-Rm. 105

Monday, May 4

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm. 105
6:00 p.m. Still Water-Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

2:30 p.m. Communion at King's Grant-Rec. Room

Thursday, May 7

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

Announcements

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

During worship we will be having a child dedication service. If you plan to participate, please let the church office know by tomorrow, 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 Project for May

We will be partnering with Altrusa International of Martinsville-Henry County to collect children's books (ages 0-12) to support the local laundromat literacy project. Please place all books in the container in Missions Room 103.

2026 Graduate Recognition-Let us know!

Sunday, June 7th

Do you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school, college, technical school, or graduate school? Let us know so we can recognize them in our bulletin and e-newsletter, and in worship. Call or email the church office with the graduate's name, school and major/degree.

The deadline for submitting a name is May 15th.

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, (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 701

God Is Here!

BEECHER

God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share:
here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of his Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our life-long need of grace;
here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place:
here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,
here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old;
here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt,
keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work your purpose out;
here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive;
we who cannot live without you, we adore you! we believe.

*Hymn 563 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.