

# A Service of Worship

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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 *Irish Toccata* Stamm  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: We are gathered together to worship the God who has called us to love God.

**People: And the God who has asked us to follow God's direction.**

Leader: We are invited to worship God in the Spirit of truth.

**People: We do so because we know the Spirit and the Spirit knows us.**

Leader: We are reminded that we are not alone.

**People: Because the Holy Spirit is among us, Jesus is with God, and God is present.**

Leader: Let us rejoice that because he lives, we, too, live!  
—Based on John 14:15-21

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

\*Hymn 263 *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Dedication of Our Children Dr. Hatfield  
(See Insert)

## Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson Acts 17:22-31 Dr. Dennis Knight  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson John 14:15-21  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Dr. Mike

## Committing Our Lives

\*Hymn 5 *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

\*Please stand as you are able

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 *Like a Flowing River* Powell

Sermon *We Need All the Help We Can Get* Dr. Hatfield

## Responding to God

\*Song of Response  
Hymn 543 *Christ Beside Me* BUNESSAN

\*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

*As the Father has loved you, go now and love. As the Son has forgiven and redeemed you, go now, extending grace to all you meet. As the Spirit has transformed you into the likeness of the Son, go now, letting the life of Christ guide you each moment of the day. Go now, in love, with grace and in the light of Jesus. Amen.*

Postlude *Jesus Christ is Risen* arr. Lani Smith  
*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 Sixth 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](http://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 #, #

## 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.

### Personnel Anniversary Recognition

*On behalf of the Personnel Committee and Church Family, we appreciate your dedicated service, devotion, and commitment to First Baptist Church of Martinsville.*

### 6 Year Anniversary

May 11, 2020  
Kaylee White, Financial Secretary

## Gratitude for Giving:

FLOWER FUND: A gift has been given in Loving Memory of Gayle Williams on Mother's Day and her birthday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, by Christa & Eric Stultz, and Ebb Williams.

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, May 10

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

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

### Monday, May 11

12:15 p.m. ELC Committee-Rm. 105

7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Concert- Galilean House of Worship

### Tuesday, May 12

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

### Thursday, May 14

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 Chronicles-Rm 105/Zoom

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



## Happy Mother's Day

*For all the mothers who are still with us, and for those who have gone to be with Jesus, we give thanks today. For all those who mothered us, some in addition to our own mothers, some in place of absent mothers, we recognize you, and give thanks for you. For all women who have been figures of grace and love in our lives, your example has been meaningful to us. We pray that this day brings visits, phone calls, and cards, love and light your way, mothers and mothering women. We love you! A gift has been given to Grace Network in your honor.*

## Announcements

### WMU Mission Project for May

We will be collecting children's books for Altrusa's Laundromat Project. Please place all books in the container in the Missions Room.

### Grace Network Apr.-Jun. 2026 Food Assignment:

#### Liquid Dish Detergent

Place items in the Missions Room 103.

### Upcoming Pentecost Service- Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 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. Don't forget to wear the colors of fire, red, yellow and orange!

### ELC Preschool Graduation & Art Show

Graduation will be held on Friday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The 4 & 5-year-old preschool's artwork will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall.

### 2026 Graduate Recognition-Let us know!

#### Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

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, 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.



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## 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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