

A Service of Worship

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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. John Fulcher

Prelude *Scottish Toccata* Stamm
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Father Mychal Gallop

Leader: Like a tree planted by the river,

People: We have sunk our roots in God's love.

Leader: Like the leaves bouncing with ease,

People: We have danced in the breath of the Spirit.

Leader: Like the small nest in the crook of a branch,

People: We have found rest in the arms of God.

Leader: Like a bird pouring out sweet melodies,

People: We have raised our voices in praise.

Leader: Like the bright apple, like the brilliant orange,

People: We have lived as witnesses of God's grace.

Invocation Father Gallop

*Hymn 259 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*
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Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson Acts 1:1-11 Judy Epperly
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 28:16-20
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation to Children's Church Rev. Fulcher
At this time elementary aged children are invited to join our volunteers for age-appropriate children's church.

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 586 *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord* CAMACHA

*Please stand as you are able

Prayer of Commitment & Lord's Prayer Father Gallop

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 *Make Me A Christian Lord* Chinese Folk Melody

Sermon *Why Are You Standing Here Looking Up?*
Father Gallop

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 670 *Rise Up, O Saints of God* FESTAL SONG

*Benediction Father Gallop

My friends, life is short and we don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us so be swift to Love, make haste to be kind and go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Postlude *An Italian Gloria* Puccini
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 Seventh 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 Father Mychal Gallop to our worship service this morning. Mychal is an ordained reformed Catholic priest and serves as the pastor of Saint Cleophas Outreach ministry, a parish of the Reformed Catholic Church in Martinsville, Virginia.

+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

In Christian Sympathy to the family of Helen Hensley who passed away on May 8, 2026. Visitation will be at 12:30 p.m. here at First Baptist on May 20th followed by the funeral service at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

In Christian Sympathy to the family of Dr. Tom McCann who passed away on May 12, 2026. His funeral was Friday in Hickory, NC.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, May 17

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

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

Monday, May 18

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom

Tuesday, May 19

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

5:00 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm. 105

Wednesday, May 20

12:45 p.m. Hensley Family Visitation-Parlor

2:00 p.m. Funeral for Helen Hensley-Sanctuary

Thursday, May 21

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

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

Deacon of the Month: Linda Dorr

She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

Grace Network Apr.-Jun. 2026 Food Assignment:

Liquid Dish Detergent

Place items in the Missions Room 103.

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, May 24th at 11:45 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report,
3. Committee Reports.

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 Narthex.

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**. Reminder that there will be no Sunday School on this Sunday.

ELC Preschool Graduation & Art Show

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

Genesis: God's Work with Disfunction

Beginning May 31st and going through August 16th Dr. Hatfield will be preaching on the book of Genesis.

2026 Graduate Recognition-Sunday, June 7th

We will be recognizing graduates on this Sunday in our bulletin, e-newsletter, and in worship.

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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Rev. John Fulcher
Minister of Music

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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EASTERTIDE

*Hymn 259 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

A hymn of glory let us sing!

New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand,

Alleluia! Alleluia! and with his faithful followers see

their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Lord, our homeward pathway bend

that our unwearied hearts ascend, Alleluia! Alleluia! where,

seated on your Father's throne, you reign as King of kings alone.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord:

Alleluia! Alleluia! You are, while endless ages run,

with Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Hymn 586 *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord* CAMACHA

Teach me thy way, O Lord, teach me thy way!

Thy guiding grace afford—teach me thy way!

Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;

lead me with heavenly light, teach me thy way!

When I am sad at heart, teach me thy way!

When earthly joys depart, teach me thy way!

in hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,

in failure or success, teach me thy way!

When doubts and fears arise, teach me thy way!

When storm clouds fill the skies, teach me thy way!

Shine through the wind and rain, through sorrow, grief and pain;

make now my pathway plain, teach me thy way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me thy way!

Wher-e'r my lot be cast, teach me thy way!

Until the race is run, until the journey's done,

until the crown is won, teach me thy way!

*Song of Response

Hymn 670 *Rise Up, O Saints of God* FESTAL SONG

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ
rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Rise up, o saints of God! His Kingdom's task embrace;
redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! creation cries in pain; stretch
forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod, and,
quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God!