

A Service of Worship

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 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 Celtic Pleasure Stamm
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: O great Healer, send your Spirit here to
be with us today.

People: Reach into our hearts and lessen the pain
and sorrow.

Leader: Heal and mend our brokenness and enable us to
lift our spirits.

People: Dry the tears of sorrow and show us
the hope of a new tomorrow.

Leader: Help us to find strength and courage here
together in this place.

People: Together, Holy One, we sing praises and
celebrate new life coming to us in God’s spirit.

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 67 King of the Universe RUSSIAN HYMN

Hearing the Scriptures

Epistle Reading Romans 8:26-39 Marsha Frith
The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Old Testament Reading Genesis 29:15-28
The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Children’s Worship Dr. Mike

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 591 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind REST

*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 The Gift of Love Hopson

Sermon Deception Bites Back Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 486 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy WELLESLEY

*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

Brothers and sisters in Christ, nothing, absolutely nothing,
can separate you from the love of God. Go, therefore, living as
those who have been redeemed by Christ’s love, reconciled to
God and empowered by the Spirit to love others as Christ first
loved us. Amen

Postlude Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring Bach

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.

This is the season after Pentecost in the Christian year. Having
celebrated the “birthday of the church” through the giving of the
Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after
Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and
recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is
green, symbolic of the church’s growth and mission.

+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 #, #

Reminders

July Birthdays: 4 Betty Sue Layton, 10 Pam Burgess, 13 Ross Gale,
16 Baxter Jennings, 17 Shirley Reeves, 18 Rick Caudill,
20 Ruth Dandridge, 21 Imogene McMillan, 25 Sue Lester,
26 Debbie Stokes, 29 Stephens Turner

Prayers for our Church Family: John Burgess, Mary Clifton,
Martha Drane, Ann D. Draper , Imogene McMillan, Betty Prillaman,
Shirley Reeves, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Yvonne Turner

Deacon of the Month: Susan Sapp
She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

Grace Network July-Sept. 2026 Food Assignment:
Canned Beans 15oz (Pintos, Great Northern or Kidney)
Place items in the Missions Room 103.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, July 26

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

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

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School-CHBC

Thursday, July 30

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

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

Announcements

Back2School Volunteer Opportunities

Each school year, First Baptist joins with churches and
organizations all over the region to provide backpacks, school
supplies, and new shoes and socks to children. This year the City
Cluster is planning a goal of sponsoring 200 kids. Uptown Ministry
Center is located at 145 E. Main Street.

August 4th – Fill the backpacks- 6 pm- 700 Commerce Court

August 5th – Prepare the Uptown Center for the Big Day-5 pm

August 8th - Big Event!-Uptown Center

To volunteer contact Tracy Hinchcliff:
tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetworkmhc.org or 276-403-4222 or
call the church office.

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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Senior Pastor

Rev. John Fulcher
Minister of Music

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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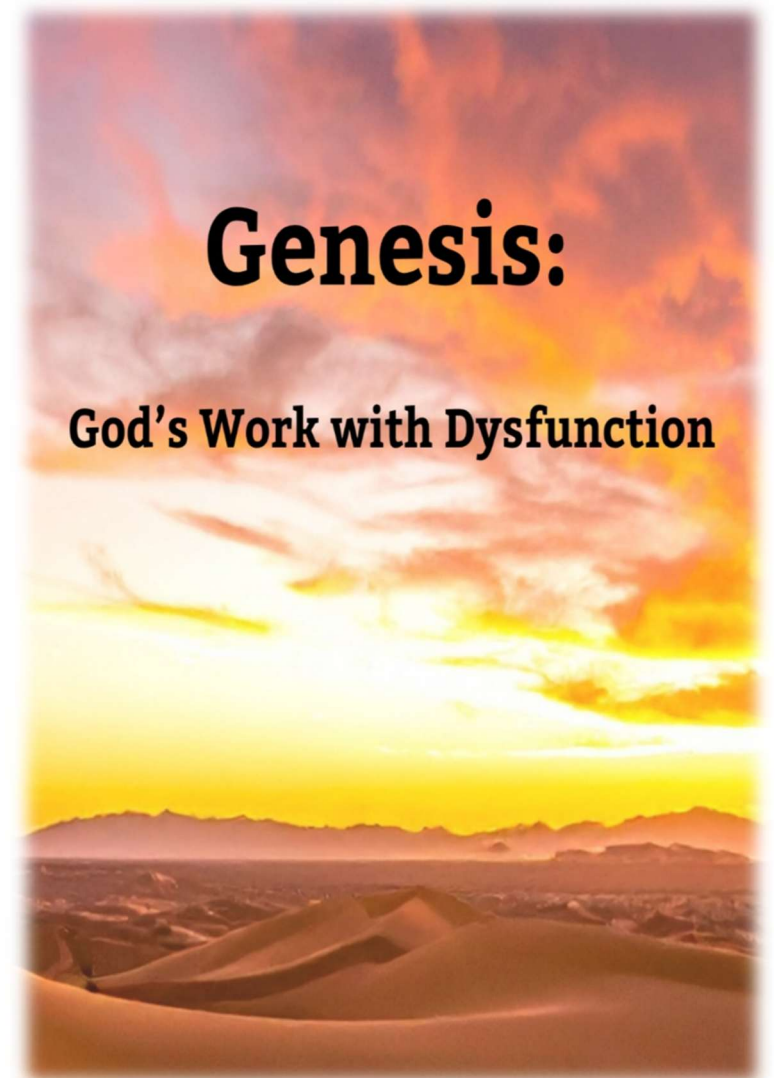


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Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 67 *King of the Universe* RUSSIAN HYMN

King of the universe, Lord of the ages,
maker of all things, sustainer of life,
source of authority, wise and just creator,
hope of the nations: we praise and adore.

Powerful in majesty, throned in the heavens—
sun, moon and stars by your word are upheld;
time and eternity bow within your presence,
Lord of the nations: we praise and adore.

Wisdom unsearchable, fathomless knowledge
past understanding by minds such as ours,
ground of reality, basis of all order,
guide to the nations: we praise and adore.

Justice and righteousness, holy, unswerving—
all that is tainted shall burn in your flame;
swordbearing deity, punisher of evil,
judge of the nations: we praise and adore.

Ruler and potentate, sage and lawgiver,
humbled before you, unworthy we bow,
in our extremity, show us your forgiveness,
merciful Father: we praise and adore.

*Hymn 591 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* REST

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian Sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word,
rise up and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dew of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake,
wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

*Song of Response

Hymn 486 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word,
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.