

A Service of Worship & Communion

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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 *There’s A Quiet Understanding* QUIET UNDERSTANDING
Baxter Jennings, organ; Cody Kesling, percussion

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Sometimes, O God, we feel like Jacob,
wrestling with angels.

People: Strengthen us.

Leader: Sometimes we feel battered and broken.

People: Touch us.

Leader: Sometimes we grow so weary in the struggle.

People: Refresh us.

Leader: Together, let us seek the face of the Divine.

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 78 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

Hearing the Scriptures

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21 Merle Prince
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Old Testament Reading Genesis 32:22-31
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Worship Dr. Mike

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 776 *Let Us Break Bread Together* LET US BREAK BREAD

*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

Sermon *The Greatest Wrestling Match* Dr. Hatfield

Anthem *Bread, in Mercy Broken* arr. Cornell
Cody Kesling, percussion

Celebrating Communion

Congregational Prayer of Confession Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Gracious God, God of manna in the desert, God
who nourished a hungry crowd with loaves and
fishes, we admit that we find it difficult to trust
your abundance.

**People: We hoard what we have because it makes us
feel secure.**

Leader: We keep score within our relationships, filing
away mental tallies of our own good works and
the shortcomings of others.

**People: We are happy to follow Christ — to a point.
And when confronted by the gospel or
challenged in our complacency,
we make excuses.**

Leader: Forgive us, O God. Help us to trust your grace that
defies logic; help us to live in your extravagant
love and boundless mercy.

**People: Give us the will to live all of life in service to
you, our strength and Redeemer.**

All: Amen.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

*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.***

***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. On the first
Sunday of each month, we celebrate communion, and the liturgical
color changes to white to recognize the holiness and majesty of
Christ.*

Welcome Percussionist Cody Kesling to our service this morning.
A graduate of Radford University, Cody is George Washington High
School Director of Bands.

+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 #, #

Deacon of the Month: Karen Doss
She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

Gratitude for Giving
GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Helen Hensley
by Paula A. Kelton.

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, August 2

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

Tuesday, August 4

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

Wednesday, August 5

2:30 p.m. Communion at King's Grant-Multipurpose Rm.

Thursday, August 6

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

Reminders

August Birthdays: 7 Crystal Darden, 9 Ben Caudill,
10 Chad Coleman, 13 Roy Thomas, 14 Pam Caudill, Nancy Wyatt,
20 Betty Prilliman, 25 Fraya Brannock, 28 Shirley Stone,
29 Gary Darden, 30 Darnell Cockram

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

Announcements

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.*

49-Year Anniversary

August 1977
Beth Kotchish, ELC Director

9-Year Anniversary

August 2017
Mary Taylor, Administrative Assistant

Last Week for 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@gracenetorkmhc.org or 276-403-4222

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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Season After Pentecost

*Hymn 78 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of your throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its years away,
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!

*Hymn 776 *Let Us Break Bread Together* LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;

Refrain

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;

Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;

Refrain