

# A Service of Worship & Communion

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 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 *Now Thank We all Our God* arr. Ashford  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Come to Christ, all who are weary.  
Gather together, all who carry heavy burdens.

**People: Our help is in the name of God,  
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Bless God, who is revealed more clearly to  
infants than to those considered intelligent  
and wise.

**People: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ,  
who rescues us from sin and death.**

Leader: Seek the renewal of your spirit; delight in God's  
Law in your inmost selves.

**People: Praise God for all who live in awe,  
for all who seek to do God's will.**

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

\*Hymn 52 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

## Hearing the Scriptures

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 Judy Epperly  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Old Testament Reading Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Dr. Mike

## Committing Our Lives

\*Hymn 442 *O Come to Me, the Master Said* KINGSFOLD

\*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 *Bread in Mercy Broken* Cornell

Sermon *How to Pick a Wife* Dr. Hatfield

## Celebrating Communion

Congregational Prayer of Confession Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Our God, forgive us for failing to understand  
and accept the great demands placed upon us  
by your love.

**People: We enlist in your causes, but find ourselves  
losing interest.**

Leader: We promise to be courageous, but find  
ourselves afraid.

**People: We want to be sensitive, but find ourselves  
hard and callous.**

Leader: Forgive us; take our limitations and turn them  
into possibilities for service.

**People: Have mercy on us and grant us your peace.**

**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.

**+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

**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 5

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

### Tuesday, July 7

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

### Thursday, July 9

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 Chronicles-Rm 105/Zoom  
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal- Choir Room

## 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.*

### 5-Year Anniversary

July 6, 2021

Pete Compton, Maintenance Technician

**We will recognize Pete Compton next Sunday in worship.**

### **Vacation Bible School at Chatham Heights-July 24-26<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendars for a shared VBS at Chatham Heights!

Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 pm - 8:45 pm

Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

### **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.

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** – Back2School at the Mustangs Game-7:00 p.m.

Registration and shoe measurements will be available.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> Registration- Saturday Noon-3 pm- Uptown Center

**July 17-19<sup>th</sup>** -Pack the Bus Weekend-Walmart

July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> -9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

July 19<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Registration – Tuesday 6-8 pm- Uptown Center

**August 4<sup>th</sup>** – Fill the backpacks- 6 pm- 700 Commerce Court

**August 5<sup>th</sup>** – Prepare the Uptown Center for the Big Day-5 pm

**August 8<sup>th</sup>** - Big Event!-Uptown Center

To volunteer contact Tracy Hinchcliff:

[tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetworkmhc.org](mailto: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](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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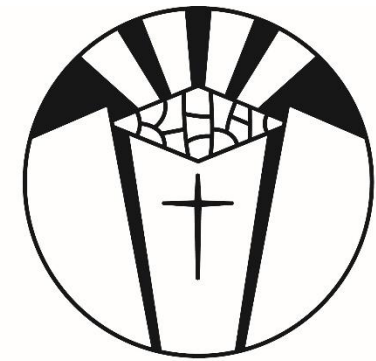
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Senior Pastor

Rev. John Fulcher  
Minister of Music

Baxter Jennings  
Organist

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# Genesis:

## God's Work with Dysfunction

## Season After Pentecost

\*Hymn 52      *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*      ELLACOMBE

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures with his word  
and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,  
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;  
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,  
and everywhere that I can be, you, God, are present there.

\*Hymn 442      *O Come to Me, the Master Said*      KINGSFOLD

O come to me, the Master said, my Father knows your need;  
and I shall be, the Master said, your bread of life indeed.  
By faith in him we live and grow and share the broken bread,  
and all his love and goodness know, for so the Master said.

Abide in me, the Master said, the true and living vine;  
my life shall be, the Master said, poured out for you as wine.  
His body to the cross he gave, his blood he freely shed,  
who came in love to seek and save, for so the Master said.

Believe in me, the Master said, for I have called you friends,  
and yours shall be, the Master said, the life that never ends.  
And so, with sin and sorrow past, when death itself is dead,  
the Lord shall raise us up at last, for so the master said.