

<i>A Service of Worship</i>		
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost		
September 13, 2026	11:00 a.m.	
<i>As we enter sacred space for worship, quiet your heart and mind, centering your thoughts on God's presence among us.</i>		
Gathering for Worship		
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield	
Prelude	<i>Andante religioso from Sonata no. 4</i> Mendelssohn Baxter Jennings, organ	
Call to Worship	Dr. Hatfield	
Leader:	Let justice roll down like water.	
All:	<i>Let mercy bloom like a flower.</i>	
Leader:	Let all God's people join hands	
All:	<i>And none be excluded.</i>	
Leader:	Let differences be like presents to open.	
All:	<i>Let strangers turn into our best friends.</i>	
Leader:	Raise your voice against injustice;	
All:	<i>Sing a new song of hope.</i>	
Leader:	Let God fill you with love;	
All:	<i>Let God chase away fear.</i>	
Leader:	Walk with Jesus the paths of peace	
All:	<i>And bring in the promised day.</i>	
Invocation	Dr. Hatfield	
Alma Hunt Offering Emphasis	Becky McKinney	
*Hymn 89	<i>Our Great Savior</i>	HYFRYDOL
Hearing the Scriptures		
Gospel Reading	Matthew 18:21-35	Dr. Dennis Knight
The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.		
Epistle Reading	Romans 14:1-12	
The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.		
Children's Worship	Dr. Mike	

*Please stand as you are able

Committing Our Lives		
*Hymn 451	<i>Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</i>	ARISE
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		
<i>Doxology</i>		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	<i>Open My Eyes</i>	Arr. Martin
Sermon	<i>Forgiveness for Me, Not for Thee</i>	Dr. Hatfield
Responding to God		
*Song of Response		
Hymn 507	<i>I Then Shall Live</i>	FINLANDIA
*Benediction		Dr. Hatfield
<i>May God’s great spirit empower us to teach like Christ, to heal like Christ, to love like Christ, to forgive like Christ and to serve like Christ. May the Lord Jesus Christ go before us, equipping, empowering and supporting us, as we live out our faith each and every day. Amen.</i>		
Postlude	<i>Allegro maestoso</i>	Mendelssohn
<i>A musical reflection on our worship of God today.</i>		
<i>As we depart, we go into the world to serve to the glory of Jesus Christ.</i>		
<i>This is the season after Pentecost in the Christian year.</i> 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.		

We Welcome Becky McKinney to our worship service this morning. She is a member of Chatham Heights Baptist Church and past chair of BGAV Executive Board and a former president of BGAV and Woman's Mission Union of VA.		
+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		
September Birthdays: 12 Linda Read, 16 Susan Hatfield, 20 Frank Taylor, 21 Mary Taylor, 23 Charlie Miers, Margie Shytle, 24 Debby Simpson, Mark Miller, 25 Martha Medley, Judy S. Bunin, 27 Melva Stultz, 29 Judy Epperly, 30 Mary Lewis Johnston		
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: Richard Dorr He 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.		
Patrick Henry Food Pantry A church wide mission project will continue again this school year for Patrick Henry Elementary School. The school provides food bags for students who need extra food over the weekends. Please place all items in the box labeled Patrick Henry Food Pantry in the Missions Room 103.		
Single Serve Cereal	Applesauce	Pancake Mix (eggless)
Instant Oatmeal	Dried Fruit	Mac & Cheese
Granola Bars	Crackers	Soup
Canned/Package meats	Juice/Shelf Milk	Canned Pasta w/Sauce

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, September 13

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

Monday, September 14

6:30 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 15

10:30 a.m. Administrative Staff Meeting-Conference Rm.
5:00 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm. 105

Thursday, September 17

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Ezra-Rm 105/Zoom
12:15 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-Rm. 105
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal- Choir Room

Announcements

September's Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

The Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) invites you to join in giving to the Alma Hunt State Mission Offering. **First Baptist's goal is to raise \$1,500.** Help us reach and exceed this goal by designating an offering to "Alma Hunt Offering" on your check memo line or online at fbcmartinsville.com/give (memo Alma Hunt).
Raised to date: \$600.00

2026 CBF Virginia General Assembly

Melrose Baptist Church, Roanoke, VA

Tuesday, September 22nd from 9-3 p.m.

The General Assembly is a time for worship, learning, and connection as we celebrate God's work among us and imagine new ways to join in it. **Register by September 14th** at: <https://cbfva.org/events/general-assembly-2026/>

KYIV Symphony Orchestra & Choir

Saturday, September 19 at 4:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

The KYIV Symphony Orchestra and Choir presents *Greater Love Tour*, hosted by First United Methodist Church.

Gideon Sunday-September 20th

We are hosting a Gideon speaker to tell us the work they are accomplishing. Donations may be made in-person and placed in the offering plate, online at fbcmartinsville.com/give (memo Gideons), or by mail.

2026 BGAV ANNUAL MEETING-"Heart For The Not Yet"

November 9-11, 2026, Virginia Beach, VA

Registration for the meeting is now open online. If you plan on attending please contact the church office for the registration essentials that you will need to sign up.

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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Season After Pentecost

*Hymn 89 *Our Great Savior* HYFRYDOL

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me. foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain
Hallelujah! what a savior! hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my Strength,
my victory wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o’er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking, he, my Comfort,
helps my soul. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper! While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o’er takes me, he, my Pilot,
hears my cry. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find,
he has granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.
Refrain

*Hymn 451 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* ARISE

Come ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain
I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms;
in the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome, God’s free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.
Refrain

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.
Refrain

Come , ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you’re better, you will never come at all.
Refrain

*Song of Response
Hymn 507 *I Then Shall Live* FINLANDIA

I then shall live as one who’s been forgiven;
I’ll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am his child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I’ll forgive another;
the law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who’s learned compassion;
I’ve been so loved that I’ll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I dare to see another’s point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
then I’ll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,
your power and glory, let them shine through me;
your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor,
and may your living Kingdom come in me.
the Bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
and may you feed a hungry world through me.