

A Service of Worship & Communion
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 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 *Hymn from Suite no. 3* Stamm
Baxter Jennings, organ
Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield
Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!
One generation shall extol your works to another,
People: We shall declare your mighty acts.
Leader: They will recount the glorious splendor of
your majesty,
People: On your wondrous works we will meditate.
Leader: They will proclaim the might of your
awesome deeds,
People: We will declare your greatness.
Leader: They shall celebrate the fame of your
abundant goodness,
People: We shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
—Based on Psalm 145

Invocation Dr. Hatfield
*Hymn 558 *Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

Hearing the Scriptures
Old Testament Reading Psalms 149 Marsha Frith
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**
Epistle Reading Romans 13:8-14
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**
Children’s Worship Dr. Mike

Committing Our Lives
*Hymn 379 *For the Fruit of All Creation* AR HYD Y NOS
*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 *What You Wear Matters* Dr. Hatfield
Anthem *In Heavenly Love Abiding* John Ness
Dr. Mike Hatfield, guitar

Celebrating Communion
Congregational Prayer of Confession Dr. Hatfield
Leader: Loving God, we confess that we have not loved
one another as you have commanded us to do.
**People: We have done wrong to our neighbor,
yet we have delighted in pointing out the
faults of others.**
Leader: We have ignored your law and followed our
own convenience instead.
**People: We have not recognized your presence
when two or three have been gathered
together.**
Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us. Awaken our hearts
to your love and kindle in us love for each other,
that we may know the fulfillment of your law
among us.
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.

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: 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.

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 Szulecki,
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

Patrick Henry Food Pantry
Please place all items in the box labeled Patrick Henry Food Pantry
in the Missions Room 103. A list of items can be found on the
bulletin board.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, September 6

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

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

Monday, September 7

Office & ELC Closed-Happy Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

Thursday, September 10

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

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).

Chatham Heights Free Yard Sale- September 12th 8-11 a.m.

Chatham Heights Baptist Church has a "Free Yard Sale" each year. There is no charge for any item, just take what you or someone you know can use.

Alma Hunt Offering Emphasis

Next Sunday during Worship

Becky McKinney from Chatham Heights Baptist Church will speak to us on the Alma Hunt Offering for State Missions.

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 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/>

Grace Network Pumpkin Patch- The Pumpkins are coming!

The pumpkins will be arriving on Saturday, October 3rd.

Each year Grace Network sponsors the Pumpkin Patch on FBC's property next to the church. If you are willing to work a time slot please contact the church office and let them know what days and times would work for you so we can let Grace Network know. In the past we have worked the 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. time slot and divided it into 2 shifts, needing 4 people.

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. Dr. Mike Hatfield
Senior Pastor

Rev. John Fulcher
Minister of Music

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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Season After Pentecost

*Hymn 558 *Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

*Hymn 379 *For the Fruit of All Creation* AR HYD Y NOS

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth
while we are sleeping, future needs in earth’s safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvest we are sharing, God’s will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still
confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

PRAYER REMINDER FOR
FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Martha Anderson, Betsy Miers’ daughter
Connie Shires Brewer, Benny Shires’ niece
Anne-Louise Brookes, Judy Epperly’s friend
Brenda Carter, Marsha Garren’s daughter’s mother-in-law
Brad Gauldin, Ann Draper’s friend
Margie Hall, Debbie Hall’s mother
Catherine Heldreth, Linda Dorr’s friend
Ann Hunt, Dottie Lewis’ friend
Mark and Betsy Ivey, Ann Draper’s sister &
brother-in-law

Sherry & Dennis Jefferson, Shirley Reeves’
daughter/son-in-law
Deandra Ramsey Lindstrom-Susan Sapp’s friend
Barbara & Steve Manuel, former Interim Pastor
Linda McMillan, Crystal Darden’s aunt
Bill Moore, Bobby Moore’s brother
Jean Moore, Karen Doss’ aunt
Fred Morgan, John Fulcher’s brother-in-law
John Potter, friend of John Burgess
Sue Rosser, Linda Dorr’s, Judy Epperly’s friend
Ed Shires, Benny Shires’ nephew
Lisa Shumate, Baxter Jennings’ cousin
Beth Heldreth Smith, Friend of Ruth Dandridge
Kay Spencer, friend
Annie Tallman-Cliff Rood’s sister-in-law’s mother
Helen Turner, Judy Epperly’s friend
Samantha Martin-Vaughn, Shirley Reeves’ granddaughter
Marvin Wachsmann, Jean Rood’s brother
Martha Williams, FBC friend

Church Family

John Burgess, Mary Clifton, Martha Drane, Ann D. Draper,
Imogene McMillan, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Reeves, Shirley Roark,
Benny Shires, Yvonne Turner

At Home Ministry

Mulberry Creek- (Blue Ridge Rehab):
Betty Prillaman, Yvonne Turner

Fork Mountain Adult Rest Home:
Barbara Williams

The Landmark Center
Shirley Roark

Stratford House
Marie Dalton

King’s Grant: Frances Weaver,
Mary Elizabeth Wells, Melva Stultz

Out-of-town: Frances Whitlock

MILITARY: FC Colt Gerrard; MAJ Will Krebs; SGT Jay Souther;
LTC Justin Thomas; SGT Edward Baptist; WO1 Jason Myers;
SSGT Nick Gordon; E6 SSGT Thomas D. Pedigo;
E-S SGT John Pedigo III (JJ); LT Josh Jordan; LT Mary Carter Jordan;
CPT Spencer Jordan; SFC Eddie L. Taylor; 2LT Jakob Lejman;
Cpt. Griffin Shaw

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