

A Service of Worship

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 25, 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 Praise to the Lord arr. Stamm
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door
our self-centered thoughts.

People: And open our eyes to see our neighbor
in worship.

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door
our feelings of exclusiveness.

People: And open our minds to the possibilities
of inclusion.

Leader: As we come to worship, let us leave outside
our notion of generosity.

People: And open our hearts to the possibility
of giving beyond our typical gift.

All: As we come to worship, let us open our eyes,
our minds and our hearts to what can be instead
of what is. For all of our gifts and for all
possibilities, let us lift our voices in praise!

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 634 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
CWM RHONDDA

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Judy Epperly
The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:34-46
The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Children’s Worship Dr. Mike

*Please stand as you are able

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 66 The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

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 I Was Glad, So Glad Beall & Carter

Sermon No Such Thing As Rightfully Yours: It’s All About Grace
Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 369 Lord of All Hopefulness SLANE

*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

Go, and catch a glimpse of the promise of God. See where the
grace of God takes us, whether by vision or in person. Amen.

Postlude Festive Postlude Paul Fey
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

October Birthdays: 2 Ron Austin, 4 Ronnie Garren, Morton Lester,
Joe Prince, Adalyn White, 8 Linda Penta, 13 Kaylee White, 17 David
Collins, 23 Erica James, 28 Charlotte James, 31 Mary Frances Gibbs,
Ayden Brannock

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

In Christian Sympathy to the family of Mary Elizabeth Wells
who passed away on October 22, 2026. The funeral will be on
Friday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m. in the Roselawn Mausoleum.

Deacon of the Month: Ruth Anne Collins
Ruth Anne will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.

Grace Network Oct.- Dec. 2026 Food Assignment: Green Peas
Please leave food in the box labeled Grace Network in Room 105-107.

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 Room 107.

Piano Recital- November 15th at 3:00 p.m.
FBC Sanctuary
Katya Kramer, American pianist will present
“ Romantic Favorites: An Afternoon at the Piano”.

WMU Mission Action for October & November
WMU will be collecting items for the Shower Ministry Uptown.
Items wanted are bath towels, socks, and pick-up breakfast items.
Please place all items in the box in room 105-107.

Daylight Savings Time Next Sunday
Don’t forget-clocks fall back November 1st.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 25

9:30 a.m. Sunday School-Rm. 105/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
12:15 p.m. Business Meeting-Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 26

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 27

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

Thursday, October 29

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

Friday, October 30

1:00 p.m. FBC Works the Pumpkin Patch

Saturday, October 31

6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat-CHBC parking lot

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, TODAY at 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report,
3. Committee Reports, 4. Present and vote on the
2027 Proposed Budget, 5. Present and vote on a
Personnel Manual Change, 6. Present and vote on
Associate Pastor Job Description, 7. Present and vote
on the Covenant Agreement for Associate Pastor.

Associate Pastor Position-Rev. Cameron Schroeder

On the weekend of November 14th – 15th we will have the opportunity to meet and speak with Rev. Cameron Schroeder of Macon, Ga. Rev. Schroeder is being recommended by the Personnel Committee to the church as our New Associate Pastor. Saturday the 14th, there will be two opportunities to meet and listen to Rev. Schroeder share her story and answer your questions. Sunday the 15th, she will help lead and preach during the morning worship service. A ballot vote will occur after that service.

Trunk-or-Treat – CHBC Parking Lot

October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist will join with Chatham Heights to hold a Trunk-or-Treat event Halloween night. We need volunteers to decorate their cars and hand out candy as well as candy donations if you are unable to decorate a car. Let the church office know if you can decorate a car or drop off your candy donations to the church office.

Mark Your Calendars!

Sunday, November 22nd-10:30 a.m.

Shared Service with Chatham Heights Baptist Church and Thanksgiving Lunch

We will join together with our sister church to share a worship service at 10:30 a.m. (Note time change) here in our sanctuary, afterwards we will share a meal together in the Fellowship Hall.

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 634 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou are mighty–
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death, and hell’s destruction,
land me safe on Canaan’s side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

*Song of Response
Hymn 369 *Lord of All Hopefulness* SLANE

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, whose trust,
ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us , we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*Hymn 66 *The God of Abraham Praise* LEONI

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:
we bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

He by himself hath sworn, we on his oath depend;
we shall, on eagles’ wings upborne to heaven ascend;
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

The God who reigns on high the great arch angels sing,
and “Holy, holy, holy” cry, “Almighty King!
Who was and is the same, and evermore shall be:
eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee.”

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;
“hail, Father, Son and Holy Ghost!” they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham’s God and mine! With heaven our songs we raise;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.