

A Service of Worship & Communion

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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 *A Song of Flowing Rivers* Starokadomsky
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Dr. Hatfield

Leader: “Prepare the way,” the prophets call, “make ready the highways of God.”

People: We listen fully and deeply for hope You are preparing in us.

Leader: Prepare your hearts, for God’s realm opens up a new day.

People: We feel the future moving in us as well.

Leader: Prepare the way. God promises a new day when adversaries will lay down their arms.

People: We dream of a world transformed by God’s love.

Leader: May the God of hope fill your hearts with all joy and peace.

People: Let us rejoice for God’s Spirit is in our midst.

Invocation Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 213 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Reading Psalm 19 Pam Caudill
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading Philippians 3:4b-14
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

Sermon *Moving Without Stuff* Dr. Hatfield

Anthem *Come Share the Lord* Bryan Jeffrey Leech

Celebrating Communion

Congregational Prayer of Confession Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Merciful God, you call us to be salt and light and to live as your righteous, holy people.

People: We want to, Lord, but we fall short! We confess that there is good and bad, light and dark within our own hearts.

Leader: We want to do what is right, but our fears and anxieties lead us to self-protection rather than vulnerability,

People: to hoarding rather than freely sharing, to self-righteousness rather than compassion.

Leader: Forgive us, O God. Restore us by your mercy that having received the gift of your infinite love, we might turn to our neighbor and give your love away.

People: For the sake of Christ, we pray.

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 #, #

Grace Network Oct.-Dec. 2026 Food Assignment: Peas
Place items in the box labeled Grace Network in Room 107.

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, 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 room 107. A list of items can be found on the bulletin board.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 4

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

Monday, October 5

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm. 105
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

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

Thursday, October 8

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

Announcements

September's Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

FBC raised \$1,994. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Grace Network's Annual Pumpkin Patch Fund Raiser

The pumpkins arrived yesterday and sales will go through the month on October. FBC will be working in the Pumpkin Patch on Friday October 30th from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Piano Recital- November 15th at 3:00 p.m.

FBC Sanctuary

Katya Kramer, American pianist will present a program

"Romantic Favorites: An Afternoon at the Piano".

She is a dynamic and versatile musician, captivating audiences as a pianist, recording artist, and educator. Her career has flourished across diverse genres and stages, showcasing her exceptional talent and passion for music. Free admission so plan on joining us for this beautiful program!

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.

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
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Season After Pentecost

*Hymn 213 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*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.