A Service of Worship

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

November 22, 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 — *Jesus Shall Reign* — arr. Broughton
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship — Dr. Hatfield

Leader: Rejoice, for Christ reigns! The Lord is sovereign over all the powers of this earth.

People: God raised Jesus from the dead; Jesus is seated in the heavens, above all rule, above all authority, above all power, above all dominion.

Leader: Far above every name, in this and every age. God has put all things under Christ's feet and made him the head.

People: Jesus Christ is head of the church; let us give thanks without ceasing!

Leader: Let us worship God in a spirit of wisdom and hope; let God's revelation be visible all around us.

People: Let us come to know Christ more deeply in our worship — Christ, who reigns forever! Alleluia!

—Adapted from Ephesians 1:15-23

Invocation — Dr. Hatfield

*Hymn 745 — *Jesus Shall Reign* — DUKE STREET

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Roslyn Wingett
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-46
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship — Dr. Mike

*Please stand as you are able

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 433 *Where Cross the Crowed Ways of Life* GERMANY

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 — *For the Beauty of the Earth* — arr. John Rutter

Sermon — *How Does God Discern?* — Dr. Hatfield

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 429 *Let Your Heart be Broken* WYE VALLEY

*Benediction — Dr. Hatfield

Remember the Lord our God, who has given us many good gifts. Go now with the grace of God, to share God's many gifts with all the world. Take care to remember God has given us these gifts. Go now with thankful hearts. Go forth in joyous thanksgiving, living the good news of Jesus Christ every day and everywhere. Amen.

Postlude — *Holy Is God* — Puccini

A musical reflection on our worship of God today.
(Please remain seated)

As we depart, we go into the world to serve to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Today is Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday, *the final Sunday of the season after Pentecost and the liturgical church year, which begins anew with the first Sunday of Advent next week. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing the purity and light 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 #, #

Reminders

November Birthdays: 1 David Lewis, 2 Jay Frith, Suzanne Martin, 4 Marcia Collins, 5 Julie Hall, 9 Cliff Rood, 15 Anne McDaniel, 18 Chuck Martin, 21 Roslyn Wingett, 22 Joe Engle, 24 Helen Wright

Happy Birthday to Helen Wright she will be 100 on the 24th!

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
Susan 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.

Decorating for Advent & Christmas
We will be decorating the church for Advent & Christmas.
Tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. the trees will be put up.
Tuesday, 24th at 11:00 a.m. the decorations will go up.
The first Sunday of Advent is next week!
Please let the church office know if you can help place trees on Monday or decorate on Tuesday. Thank you!

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, November 22
10:30 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
11:45 a.m. Thanksgiving Lunch-Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 23
11:00 a.m. Putting up trees for Christmas
5:00 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Meal-CHBC
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 24
11:00 a.m. Decorate for Christmas
5:00 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm. 105
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Thursday, November 26-November 27
FBC & ELC Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, November 29 at 12:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall
1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports, 4. Present and vote on the expanded Associate Pastor Job Description, 5. Present and approve the Ad Hoc By-Laws Committee.

Shared Thanksgiving Lunch-Today-Fellowship Hall
We will join with our sister church, Chatham Heights Baptist Church, after worship service to enjoy a meal together.

Thanksgiving Community Meal-Volunteers Needed!
Tomorrow, November 23rd – 5:00 p.m.-7:00p.m.
Chatham Heights Baptist-Fellowship Hall
Chatham Heights Baptist Church will team with The Harvest Foundation to host a Thanksgiving Community Meal.
Help Needed:
Set-up help from 3:00 p.m.-5:00p.m.
Serving from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Clean-up from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
If you can volunteer for any of these times please contact: Tim Hall by phone or text at 276-732-4593.

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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*Hymn 745 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign wher-e'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound wher-e'er he reigns;
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blessed.

Let all the people rise and bring,
their special honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

*Hymn 433 *Where Cross the Crowed Ways of Life* GERMANY

Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man!

In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.

The cup of water given for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the strong compassion of your face.

O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;

Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

*Song of Response

Hymn 429 *Let Your Heart be Broken* WYE VALLEY

Let your heart be broken for a world in need—
feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that bleed;
give the cup of water and the loaf of bread—
be the hands of Jesus, serving in his stead.

Here on earth applying principles of love—
visible expression God still rules above,
living illustration of the Living Word
to the minds of all who've never seen and heard.

Blest to be a blessing, privileged to care,
challenged by the need apparent everywhere,
where the world is wanting fill the vacant place,
be the means through which the Lord reveals his grace.

Add to your believing deeds that prove it true—
knowing Christ as Savior, make him Master too;
follow in his footsteps, go where he has trod,
in the world's great trouble risk yourself for God.

Let your heart be tender and your vision clear—
rouse yourself to action, serve God far and near.
Let your heart be broken by another's pain,
share your rich resources—give and give again.