

A Service of Worship & Communion

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021 11:00 a.m.

To listen by phone:

Zoom Call-in Number: 1-833-548-0276

Meeting ID: 276 632 6336 #, #

Gathering for Worship

Prelude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. Held
Baxter Jennings, Organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

*Call to Worship *Step by Step* STEP BY STEP

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning and I will learn to walk in your ways;
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

*Invocation & Lord's Prayer Dr. Grammer

**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.**

*Hymn 561 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* CLOSER WALK

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Ezekiel 2:1-5 William Underwood
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Mark 6:1-13
The Gospel of our Lord; **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Children's Worship Pastor Libby & Mrs. Becky
*After children's worship, children age 5 and under are invited to
join our nursery workers for age-appropriate children's church.*

Giving from our Abundance

Duet *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Hayes & Gaspard
Baxter Jennings, Organ and John Fulcher, Piano

*Please stand as you are able

Offertory Prayer Dr. Grammer

*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.**

Interpreting the Scriptures

Sermon *Stubbornness is not next to Godliness* Dr. Grammer

Celebrating Communion

Confession (*in unison*) Dr. Grammer

**We confess, God, that we have too often closed out your call on
our lives because it asked too much of us. We didn't want to hear
your prophet's word in our lives. We wanted only words of
comfort, not words of challenge. We were stubborn and refused
to listen. Today we ask for forgiveness for ignoring your call to
live justly and righteously. We re-open our hearts to hear and
heed your challenge for us today.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**Thank you, God, for providing words of challenge in our lives.
Thank you for forgiveness when we fail and falter on our journey
of faith. We praise you for your guiding light that shines brightly
and calls us to transform and be more like Christ.**

Responding to God

*Hymn 297 *Spirit of the Living God* SPIRIT OF
THE LIVING GOD

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response 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.

Postlude *Trumpet Fanfare* Purcell

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.

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.

Prayer Reminder

CHURCH FAMILY: John Abbott, Alice Bowman, Mary Clifton, Martha Drane, Ann Draper, Jean Gray, Smitty & Ann Grogan, George Lester, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Jeanne Pedigo, Betty Prillaman, Jimmie Sexton, Benny Shires, Stacey Steagall, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

July Birthdays: 4 Betty Sue Layton, 10 Pam Burgess, 13 Ross Gale, 16 James Wilson, 17 Shirley Reeves, 18 Rick Caudill, 20 Ruth Dandridge, 23 Catherine Collins, 24 Joshua Penta, 25 Sue Lester, Sam Penta, 26 Debbie Stokes, 29 Nancy Arnold, Stephens Turner, William Underwood

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, July 4

9:30 a.m. Journey Small Group-Room 110
9:30 a.m. FBC Kids-Children's Sunday School-Church Nursery
9:30 a.m. Combined Adult Sunday School-Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual
12:00 p.m. Independence Day Celebration at VMNH

Monday, July 5

Church Office & ELC Closed-Happy Fourth of July!

Thursday, July 8

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom

Independence Celebration TODAY 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Virginia Museum of Natural History

Right after worship, head next door for a celebration of Independence Day! The museum is offering FREE ADMISSION to all visitors! In the parking lot, the museum will provide hot dogs and freeze pops, and there will be bagged gifts for children.

Come discover several of our neighbor's new and updated exhibits, including "Lepidoptera," which features a few of our favorite RED, WHITE, & BLUE butterflies, moths, and skippers! The first 250 visitors will receive a free 6" x 4" American flag!

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Barbara Keller by Jake Keller. FLOWER FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Thomas Draper by Linda Read.

Deacons of the Month: Ross Gale and Linda Gale

Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Sunday School-Next Sunday!

July 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday School will be back in person. We will meet as a combined class for the rest of the summer and start individual classes in the fall. We will continue with Zoom for the combined summer classes, in addition to in-person class.

Do You Love Children & Want to Nurture their Faith?

Become a Children's Sunday School Teacher!

FBC has a Sunday School hour for children every Sunday from 9:30-10:30am, and we are looking to recruit volunteer teachers to teach the class one Sunday per month. All curriculum and supplies are provided by the church. Please call or email the church office to let them know if you would be interested in becoming a Children's Sunday School Teacher.

Worship Volunteers Needed!

We're back in person for worship in our Sanctuary each Sunday morning, and that means we need volunteers to help us offer hospitality, read scriptures, sing and play instruments, film and stream the service, operate the sound board, worship care for young children, counting offerings, and more! If you are willing to help, sign up online or call/email the church office.

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Undies Sundays in July

The Prevention Department of Piedmont Community Services, Project SUCCESS, and our Missions Committee are asking for help in collecting Undies (newly packaged Boy's & Girl's underwear, t-shirts, bras, and socks of *all sizes appropriate for school aged youth*) every Sunday in July for students in Henry County and Martinsville City Schools. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect the Undies.

Cross Necklace Workshop, Sunday, July 18th

Women on Mission are having a churchwide cross necklace workshop on Sunday, July 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the classroom across from the church office. We need to make at least 100 necklaces for the Back2School backpacks. All are welcome to come and help out with this project!

Grace Network July-Sept. 2021 Food Assignment

Bisquick (baking mix-small)
Please drop the food off at the church.

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

We are #yourcitychurch in Martinsville...

A diverse community of believers coming from 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. Come GROW with us!

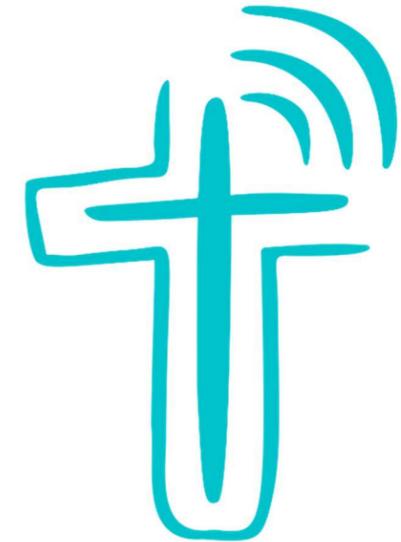
If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here.

Come and see what God is doing among us as we worship and serve in Christ's name.

Want to know more? Contact our Pastor: libby@fbcmartinsville.com or 276-632-6336.



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Mission Statement:

The congregation of First Baptist Church, led by the Holy Spirit, covenants to worship Almighty God and to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Consistent with the Great Commission, we will share our spiritual gifts beyond our doors with enthusiasm, generosity, and grace.

Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 561 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* CLOSER WALK

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?

None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

Refrain

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain

*Hymn 297 *Spirit of the Living God* SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me, Spirit of the living God,
fall afresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all; make us one in heart
and mind, make us one in love: humble, caring, selfless, sharing—
Spirit, of the loving God, fill our lives with love!