

A Service of Worship

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

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

Prelude *Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies* arr. Peterson
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship *Inspired by Psalm 15*

Leader: We come in awed wonder to praise our God,
whose grace blesses us.

People: We come, and our inner beings respond in reverence for our Holy God.

Leader: We come in quiet devotion to worship our God,
whose love guides us.

People: We come, with all the strength of our body and spirit to praise our God.

Leader: We come in humility and regret for all that separates us from being accepted into a holy fellowship with our God, whose mercy heals us.

People: We come, with our minds alert to learn more about our Glorious God—who calls us to only love our God; but to live out that love for neighbors.

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 108 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 15 Nancy Thomas
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson James 1:17-27
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able

Children's Worship Pastor Libby

After children's worship, children age 5 and under are invited to join our nursery workers for age-appropriate children's church.

*Hymn 101 *My Jesus, I Love Thee* GORDON

Sermon *Who to Be/Who Not to Be* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 507 *I Then Shall Live* FINLANDIA

Committing Our Lives

Prayer of Commitment 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.**

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response 820 *Amen* Dresden

Postlude *Jesus Shall Reign* arr. Price

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.

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 #, #

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 Crawley, Helen Dandridge, Martha Drane, Ann Draper, Judy Epperly, Jean Gray, Smitty & Ann Grogan, Ted Hatcher, George Lester, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Jimmie Sexton, Benny Shires, Stacey Steagall, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

August Birthdays: 29 Edith Bolen, Gary Darden, 30 Darnell Cockram

September Birthdays: 4 Wanda Winn, 5 Anna Bowe Wells, 12 Linda Read, 16 John Buck, 19 Jim Fetter, 20 Frank Taylor, 21 Mary Taylor, Elena Grammer-Underwood, 23 Charlie Miers, Margie Shytle, 24 Debby Simpson, 25 Martha Medley, Judy Szulecki Bunin, 27 Melva Stultz, 29 Judy Epperly, 30 Mary Lewis Johnston

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting Agenda, Today at 1:00p.m.-Zoom

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports, 4. Vote on Nominating Committee's request to change by-laws, 5. Nominating Committee's recommendation on the Deacon Selection Committee, 6. Vote on new full-time ministerial position, 7. Elect messengers for the HCBA Annual Meeting.

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, August 29th - Sylvia Knight
Sunday, September 5th - Joan Haynes

Deacons of the Month: Roslyn Wingett and Jean Rood

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

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in honor of Betsy Miers by Benjamin Shires. A gift has been given in memory of Nancy Canupp, Jim Rothrock, and Thomas Draper by Betsy Miers.

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gideon Sunday is September 19th

Jerry Perdue will be delivering a message on how we can partner with the Gideons on spreading God's Word. COVID-19 almost stopped the world from turning, but the Gideons have been in the mission field every day distributing the Holy Bible, free of charge. Your prayers and financial support would be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be made in advance by mail or in person in the church office or online at <https://www.gideons.org/donate>. Please make all checks payable to Gideons International.

Grace Network July-Sept. 2021 Food Assignment

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

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, August 29

- 9:30 a.m. Journey Small Group-Rm 110
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School-Church Nursery
- 9:30 a.m. Combined Adult Sunday School-Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual

Thursday, September 2

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Genesis-Zoom
(Handouts available in the church office)

Sunday, September 5

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual

Monday, September 6

Church Office & ELC closed. Happy Labor Day!

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.

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.

Please contact our pastor 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.

Our doors are always open.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARTINSVILLE, VA



RESHAPE TRANSFORMING CHURCH PROCESS

Have you signed up for Small Groups?

Small Group Meetings (8 Sessions/Weeks) September 12th-November 5th

We will be discerning in small groups how God is leading us into the future as a community of faith. We have various times and methods available - find what works best for you! (Can't find the exact right time - let us know what works best for you.) As signups are collected, we may adjust some times/places/methods to ensure everyone can get involved!

Sign up by calling or emailing the Church Office, or in the Narthex on Sunday!

Sundays

Journey Small Group (+some!), Sunday, 9:45AM

In-Person Sunday School, Sunday 9:45AM

Zoom Sunday School, 9:45AM on Zoom

King's Grant (Etc.) Sunday Afternoon Small Group, Sunday
2:00PM

Weekdays

Monday Afternoon Small Group,
Monday 2:00PM on Zoom

Evening Small Group,
(Wednesdays or Mondays, depending)
7:00PM on Zoom

**We need EVERYONE to participate to make
this process successful for the life and future of our church.**



Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer
Senior Pastor

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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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 108 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore, Alleluia! Amen!

*Hymn 101 *My Jesus, I Love Thee* GORDON

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*Song of Response

Hymn 507 *I Then Shall Live* FINLANDIA

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am his child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;
the law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your kingdom come around and through and in me,
your power and glory, let them shine through me;
your hallowed name, O may I bear with honor,
and may your living Kingdom come in me.
The bread of Life, O may I share with honor,
and may you feed a hungry world through me.