

# A Service of Worship & Communion

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 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 All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Harris  
Baxter Jennings, Organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Dennis Knight

Call to Worship *Based on Psalm 146:5-9*

Leader: Happy are those who have the God of Israel as  
their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**People: He is the one who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them.**

Leader: He is the one who keeps every promise forever,  
who gives justice to the oppressed and food  
to the hungry.

**People: The Lord frees the prisoners.**

Leader: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**People: The Lord lifts the burdens of those bent beneath  
their loads.**

Leader: The Lord loves the righteous.

**People: The Lord protects the foreigners among us.**

Leader: He cares for the orphans and widows,  
but he frustrates the plans of the wicked.

**People: Happy are those who have the God of Israel as  
their helper, whose hope is in the Lord their God.**

Invocation & Lord's Prayer Dr. Knight

**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 710 *We Are Called to be God's People* AUSTRIAN HYMN

## Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson James 2:1-10 Roslyn Wingett  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

\*Please stand as you are able

## Committing Our Lives

Prayer of Commitment Dr. Knight

\*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 *Seeing Others Through the Eyes of Jesus* Dr. Knight

\*Song of Response

Hymn 776 *Let us Break Bread Together* LET US BREAK

## Celebrating Communion

Confession (*in unison*) Dr. Knight

**Gracious and merciful God, forgive us for past faults and help us  
in the present and future to make ourselves more available to  
the hurting world that surrounds us—the world that begins on  
our doorsteps. Teach us to see others as you see them. Equip us  
to be patient and compassionate listeners, proclaiming the  
gospel not in overbearing ways, but sensitively and  
lovingly. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to be fruitful  
and active witnesses to Jesus in all we do and say.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**Thanks be to God for new eyes to see! We are grateful to be  
changed day by day into the people you call us to be.**

\*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 *All Glory Be to God On High* Telemann

***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  
the month, we celebrate communion, and the liturgical colors change  
to white to symbolize the purity and light of Christ.***

**We Welcome Rev. Dr. Dennis Knight**, retired pastor of First Baptist,  
to our pulpit today.

**We also welcome Rev. John Fulcher** as our guest Music Director  
today.

**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. Children are welcome in Children's Worship Care in  
our church nursery. Let our ushers know if you need child care.

## 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

**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

**Deacons of the Month: Jerry Perdue and David Lewis**  
Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with  
visitation as needed.

## MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gideon Sunday is September 19<sup>th</sup>**

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.

**Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions**

Women on Mission invite you to join in giving to Alma Hunt State  
Mission. First Baptist goal is to raise \$1,500.  
Help us reach and exceed this goal by designating your offering to  
"Alma Hunt Offering" on your check memo line or on the online  
memo on our Give page!

### Gratitude for Giving...

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: A gift has been given in memory of Mary Elizabeth Peters by Max & Roslyn Wingett.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Deacons Meeting, September 12 at 1:00 pm on Zoom**

### Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, September 5- Joan Haynes

Sunday, September 12- Marsha Garren

### Opportunities for the Week

#### Sunday, September 5

No Sunday School

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

#### Monday, September 6

**Church Office & ELC closed.** Happy Labor Day!

#### Tuesday, September 7

12:30 p.m. Personnel Committee

#### Wednesday, September 8

10:00 a.m. Library Committee

#### Thursday, September 9

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Genesis-Zoom

7:00 p.m. ReShape Coordination Team-Zoom

### **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.**

## 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](mailto: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.*



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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 710      *We Are Called to be God's People*      AUSTRIAN HYMN

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,  
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.  
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own,  
let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;  
taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.  
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,  
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,  
standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.  
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,  
that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

\*Song of Response

Hymn 776      *Let us Break Bread Together*      LET US BREAK

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain*

*When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.

*Refrain*

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees.

*Refrain*