

# A Service of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 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 *A Majestic Procession* Johnson  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship *Inspired by Psalm 124, James 5*

Leader: If it had not been God who was on our side,

**People: the troubles of our world would have  
swallowed us whole.**

Leader: If it had not been God who was on our side,

**People: the sorrows of our times would have  
swept us away.**

Leader: Are any among us suffering?

**People: Come and pray.**

Leader: Are any among us cheerful?

**People: Come sing songs of praise.**

Leader: Are any among us sick?

**People: Come and ask for healing.**

Leader: Our help is in our God,

**People: the One who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Call upon God, creator and rescuer.

**People: God is on our side.**

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 50 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN  
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## Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Esther 7:6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Nancy Thomas

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Pastor Libby  
CCLI Song # 2501437

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

\*Hymn 641 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* ALL THE WAY

Sermon *Give Us Courage* Dr. Grammer

## Responding to God

\*Song of Response  
Hymn 636 *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You* WER NUR  
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## 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 834 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* SICILIAN  
Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace;  
O direct us and protect us traveling through this wilderness.  
Thanks we give and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;  
may the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound;  
ever faithful, ever faithful to your truth may we be found.

Postlude *Allegro Maestoso* Handel

*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.*

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\*Please stand as you are able

**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, Darnell Cockram, Martha Crawley, Helen Dandridge, Martha Drane, 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

## Pray for our church Personnel Committee

We are searching for a new Minister of Music and Children! This new position will be responsible for providing leadership in two ways at our church: 1) The church's music program, working in conjunction with the Senior Pastor to craft meaningful and transformational worship opportunities for the congregation. 2) The church's children's programs, with a focus on reaching children in our Early Learning Center and community. To read more about the open position, you can check out our website or call/email the church office.

**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 1:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports, 4. Voting on the Nominating Committee for 2021-2022, 5. Recommendation from the Trustees, 6. Present By-Laws amendments.

### Grace Network Pumpkin Patch

The pumpkins are here! First Baptist is scheduled to work the Pumpkin Patch on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### We Need Two Volunteers from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please call the church office at 632-6336 to sign up if you can help.

### Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>- 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

#### 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! Raised to date: \$636.55

#### Good News Jail & Prison Ministry Banquet

The banquet this year will be Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the New College Institute on Fayette Street. If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the Narthex, call or email the church office.

#### Grace Network July-Sept. 2021 Food Assignment

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

### Opportunities for the Week

#### Sunday, September 26

- 9:30 a.m. ReShape-Journey Small Group-Rm 110
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School-Church Nursery
- 9:30 a.m. ReShape-Adult Sunday School-Fellowship Hall/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual
- 1:00 p.m. Business Meeting-Zoom
- 2:00 p.m. ReShape Small Group at King's Grant

#### Monday, September 27

- 10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. ReShape Small Group-Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Missions Committee-Zoom

#### Tuesday, September 28

- 5:15 p.m. Business & Finance Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-Zoom

#### Wednesday September 29

- 7:00 p.m. ReShape Small Group-Zoom/In-Person-Room 105

#### Thursday, September 30

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

## 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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Rev. John Fulcher  
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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.*

### RESHAPE TRANSFORMING CHURCH PROCESS

#### Small Group Meetings (8 Sessions/Weeks)

September 12th-November 5<sup>th</sup>

We are walking together through a guided process to integrate the innovation & adaptation of the last year in our post-COVID church experience. We seek to be a greater expression of the Body of Christ in our community. We are discerning in small groups how God is leading us into the future as a community of faith.

Small groups meet on: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in-person/Zoom, 2:00 p.m. in-person, Monday 2:00 p.m. on Zoom, and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in-person/Zoom.

Season after Pentecost

\*Hymn 50     *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*     MIT FREUDEN

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.  
My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills:  
to God all praises and glory!

What God's almighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping;  
by morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.  
And where he rules in kingly might, there all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.  
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.  
For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored:  
to God all praise and glory!

Let all who name Christ's holy name give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast every idol from its throne; the Lord is God, and he alone:  
to God all praise and glory!

\*Hymn 641     *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*     ALL THE WAY

All the way my Savior leads me; what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell,  
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;  
for I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me; cheers each winding path I tread,  
gives me grace for every trial, feeds me with the living bread;  
though my weary steps may falter, and my soul athirst may be,  
gushing from the rock before me, lo! a spring of joy I see;  
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! a spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me; O the fullness of His love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above;  
when my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,  
this my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way";  
this my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way."

\*Song of Response

Hymn 636   *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*   WER NUR  
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If you but trust in God to guide you  
and place your confidence in him,  
you'll find him always there beside you,  
to give you hope and strength within.  
For those who trust God's changeless love  
build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping,  
in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in his care and keeping,  
in sorrow will he love you less?  
For he who took for you a cross  
will bring you safe through every loss.

In patient trust await his leisure,  
in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er your Father's pleasure  
and all discerning love have sent.  
Doubt not your in-most wants are known  
to him who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,  
offer your service faithfully,  
and trust his word; though undeserving,  
you'll find his promise true to be.  
God never will forsake in need  
the soul that trusts in him indeed.