

A Service of Worship & Communion

World Communion Sunday

October 3, 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 *O Love How Broad, How Deep, How High* Agincourt
Baxter Jennings, Organ Hymn

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship

Leader: Around the world, people gather to break bread and pour wine.

People: We gather with them in heart and mind.

Leader: Around the world, the broken body is made whole.

People: As part of that body, we join in its unity.

Leader: Around the world, the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Leader: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

People: We come, ready to receive God's unending grace in Christ.

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 768 *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 8 Dr. Grammer
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able

Songs of Praise

Come As You Are Lydia Tyree, Guitar
(See insert) Crowder/Maher/Glover
*CCLI Song #7017790

The Same Power Cantelon/Herbert
(See insert) *CCLI Song #6531173

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.

Interpreting the Scriptures

Sermon *But First, Jesus* Dr. Grammer

*Song of Response
Hymn 782 *Come, Share the Lord* DIVERNON

Celebrating Communion

Confession (*in unison*) Dr. Grammer

Creator God, we confess that we do not always perceive your image in others. We dehumanize those who are different than us, especially those we perceive as enemies, instead of following your commandment to love our enemies and bless those who persecute us. Forgive us for distorting your image, for dehumanizing others, for not understanding who we are in relationship to you. Call us back to your ways, to view one another as you view us, as your children. In the name of Christ, who lived like us, died like us, and lives again, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

God of Harvest, we thank you for these gifts of bread and drink, symbolizing your body and blood. On this day, we remember that around the world we are bonded together as your children, and in all traditions and cultures, we have our ways of bonding over food and drink. We thank you, Gracious Christ, for giving of yourself, and creating a way for us to remember you, your life, death, and resurrection, in the simplest of ways: sharing a meal with one another.

*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 Tune in F* Johnson

Today is World Communion Sunday, which is observed annually on the first Sunday in October. In a time when fear and violence divide the people of God's earth, World Communion Sunday reminds us of our unity through Christ. Christians in congregations around the world are participating in communion today, and First Baptist Church joins our brothers and sisters in all nations as we gather around the table to remember Christ's sacrifice.

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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.

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, October 3- Ruth Anne Collins

Sunday, October 10- Crystal Darden

Prayer Reminder

CHURCH FAMILY: John Abbott, Alice Bowman, Judy Szulecki Bunin, 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

October Birthdays: 2 Ron Austin, 4 Ronnie Garren, Morton Lester, 8 Linda Penta, 17 David Collins, 20 John Collins, 31 Mary Frances Gibbs, Joe Hundley

Deacons of the Month: Tom Hall and Herb Collins

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

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

The Missions Committee thanks you for your generous support!
Goal: \$1,500 Received: \$1,102.55. Give today!

Gideon International

Jerry Perdue and Gideon International thank you for your generous support! We raised \$1,089.

Gratitude for Giving...

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: A gift has been given in memory of Mary Elizabeth Peters by Nancy & Roy Thomas.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 3

9:30 a.m. ReShape-Journey Small Group-Zoom
9:30 a.m. ReShape-Adult Sunday School-Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Virtual
1:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting-Zoom
2:30 p.m. ReShape Small Group at King's Grant

Monday, October 4

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
2:00 p.m. ReShape Small Group-Zoom
4:00 p.m. FBC works Pumpkin Patch

Tuesday, October 5

5:15 p.m. Business & Finance Committee

Wednesday, October 6

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

Thursday, October 7

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

Grace Network Oct.-Dec. 2021 Food Assignment

Green Peas (15 oz.)
Please drop the food off at the church.

RESHAPE TRANSFORMING CHURCH PROCESS

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

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.

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.



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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.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARTINSVILLE, VA



World Communion Sunday

*Hymn 768 *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord, his presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.

*Song of Response

Hymn 782 *Come, Share the Lord* DIVERNON

We gather here in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts
like living flame; for through his loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

Songs of Praise *Come As You Are* Crowder/Maher/Glover

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Chorus

*(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart
Come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Chorus

Bridge

*Come as you are
Fall in His arms
Come as you are
Chorus*

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Ending

*Come as you are
Come as you are
Come as you are*

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Songs of Praise *The Same Power* Cantelon/Herbert

There is pow'r in His name
For the stone was rolled away
Mountains bow down before
Jesus Christ our risen Lord
Jesus Christ our risen Lord

Chorus

*Mighty Savior, lifted high
King forever, Jesus Christ
Crowned in glory, raised to life
The same power lives in us
(The same power lives in us)*

We will rise, stand, and sing
Of our great and matchless King
Seated high on the throne
You shall reign forevermore
You shall reign forevermore

Bridge

*The grave could not contain
The power of His name
Death You overcame
Once and for all
(REPEAT)*

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