

A Service of Worship

Reformation Sunday

October 31, 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 *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness!* arr. Manz
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship

Leader: God is calling you today to be the church together.

People: Help us to hear God's call in our lives.

Leader: God needs your gifts and graces to serve others.

People: May we use the blessings which God has given us to benefit others.

Leader: Come, let us worship and celebrate God's love for us.

People: Let us show our faithfulness in our words and actions.

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 43 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG

Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Ruth 1:1-18 Taylor Robertson

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

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.

*Songs of Praise Lydia Tyree, guitar

Good Shepherd of My Soul De Barra/Getty/Getty/Townend
CCLI Song # 7016389

Pour Me Out Smith/Lake/Bashita/White
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Sermon *Church as Committed Relationship* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 700 *We Are God's People* SYMPHONY

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 *Threefold Amen* Danish

Postlude *Carillon de Westminster* Vierne

Today is Reformation Sunday, which is celebrated on the last Sunday of October, commemorating the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. The liturgical color of the day is red, which represents the Holy Spirit and the Martyrs of the Christian Church. Red is also the liturgical color for anniversaries and festival days of the churches.

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, 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: 31 Mary Frances Gibbs, Joe Hundley

November Birthdays: 1 David Lewis, 2 Jay Frith, Suzanne Martin, 4 Marcia Collins, 5 Julie Hall, Don Martin, 9 Cliff Rood, 15 Anne McDaniel, 16 Neville Frith, 17 Jimmie Sexton, 18 Chuck Martin, 21 Roslyn Wingett, 22 Joe Engle, 24 Helen Wright, 25 Danny Winn, 29 Libby Grammer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women on Mission Meeting, Monday, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission will meet in person and on Zoom in Room 105-107. Scott Norman will be the speaker and talk about Richard's Dinner.

BGAV Annual Meeting-Virtual Gathering, November 9-10, 2021 Registration is now open for the BGAV Annual Meeting for all messengers and guests. If you are interested in attending virtually, as a messenger or guest, please call the church office for the registration information. More information will also be available via email.

Worship Care Schedule
Sunday, October 31st - Susan Sapp
Sunday, November 7th - Mary Lewis Johnston

Deacons of the Month: Sylvia Knight and Linda Moore
Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Henry County Food Pantry Box Packing
Saturday, November 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
We will be assisting with food box packing. Wear your mask and FBC t-shirt and join us for this mission opportunity! Please sign up by calling or emailing the church office. Childcare will be provided at the church.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child
It's that time of year again! Time to pick up and fill a shoebox to share God's love with a child whose life will be brightened by your gift! Empty shoeboxes with instructions inside are available for pickup in the Narthex. Please fill and return them to the church (with a check for \$9.00 to cover the cost of shipping) by Sunday, November 21st.

Grace Network Oct.-Dec. 2021 Food Assignment
Green Peas (15 oz.) Please drop the food off at the church.

*Please stand as you are able

Gratitude for Giving...

AJ LESTER BENEVOLENT FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Margaret Lester by Bill & Susan Sapp.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 31

- 9:30 a.m. ReShape-Journey Small Group-Rm 110/Zoom
- 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
- 2:00 p.m. ReShape Small Group at King's Grant

Monday, November 1

- 10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Women on Mission-In-Person/Zoom
- 2:00 p.m. ReShape Small Group-Zoom

Wednesday November 3

- 12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee
- 7:00 p.m. ReShape Small Group-Zoom

Thursday, November 4

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

Daylight Savings time ends next Sunday, November 7, 2021.
Fall back one hour!

RESHAPE TRANSFORMING CHURCH PROCESS

This is the final week of ReShape Small Group meetings.

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.

Once the full church's feedback is received by the ReShape Coordination Team, the team will sift, sort, pray, and discern a handful of major initiatives for First Baptist to pursue in the near future. The document created from this work, our ReShape Ministry Guide, will provide a roadmap of sorts for our congregation in the months to come.

Keep in prayer our ReShape Coordination Team, and if you haven't had a chance to provide your own insights for this process, please call or email the church office or Coordination Team Leader, Marsha Frith, with your thoughts by November 5th.

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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Senior Pastor

Rev. John Fulcher
Interim Minister of Music

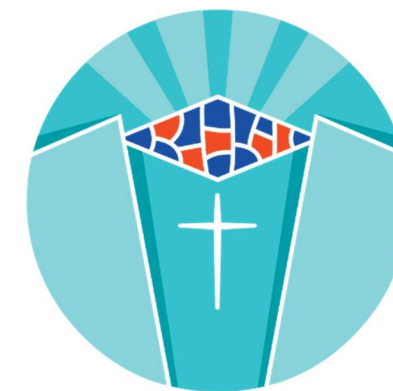
Baxter Jennings
Organist

Rev. Ashley Harrington
interim Minister to Children

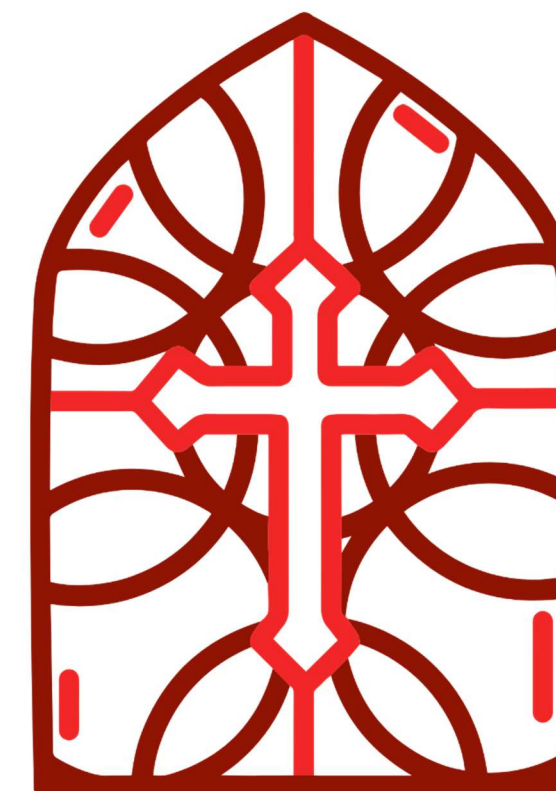
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Mission Statement:

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



Reformation Sunday

*Hymn 43 *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

*Song of Response

Hymn 700 *We are God's People* SYMPHONY

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
born of his Spirit, established by his Word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:
O let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
for we have known it, the love of God out-poured;
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:
O let us share each joy and care,
and live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God,
and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
we die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:
yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light,
and to inspire.

*Songs of Praise

Lydia Tyree, guitar

Good Shepherd of My Soul De Barra/Getty/Getty/Townend

Good Shepherd of my soul
Come dwell within me
Take all I am and mould
Your likeness in me
Before the cross of Christ
This is my sacrifice
A life laid down and ready to follow

The troubled find their peace
In true surrender
The prisoners their release
From chains of anger
In springs of living grace
I find a resting place
To rise refreshed and ready to follow

I'll walk this narrow road
With Christ before me
Where thorns and thistles grow
And cords ensnare me
Though doubted and denied
He never leaves my side
But lifts my head and calls me to follow

And when my days are gone
My strength is failing
He'll carry me along
Through death's unveiling
Earth's struggles overcome
Heaven's journey just begun
To search Christ's depths and ever to follow
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Pour Me Out Smith/Lake/Bashita/White

Make me a vessel of Your peace
Where there is war let fighting cease
All that divides us come reconcile us
Make me a vessel of Your peace

Make me a vessel of Your love
Where there is hatred break it up
All creeds and colors bind us together
Make me a vessel of Your love

Chorus
Pour me out pour me out pour me out
Wherever I am wherever I go

Make me a vessel of Your hope
Where dreams are dead come wake them up
A new horizon I feel it rising
Make me a vessel of Your hope

Like a rushing river let mercy flow
Through my heart to my world
(REPEAT)

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