

A Service of Worship

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 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 *Morning Has Broken* arr. Bock
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship

Leader: We come here today not because we are clever, but because God welcomes the slow learners.

People: We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.

Leader: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

People: O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.

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

*Gospel Lesson Mark 10:35-45 John Collins

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

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.

*Please stand as you are able

*Hymn 103 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master* HANOVER

Sermon *What Does Success Look Like?* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 399 *O God, Who Gives to Humankind* TALLIS CANON

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 835 *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name* ELLERS
Savior, again to your dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise; we give you thanks before our worship cease, and now departing, wait your word of peace.

Postlude *Trumpet Recessional* 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.

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.

In Christian Sympathy to the family of Margaret Lester who passed away on Saturday, October 9, 2021. A funeral was held here at First Baptist Church on Wednesday, October 13, 2021.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Margaret Lester given by her family.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting Agenda, Sunday, October 24th at 1:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports, 4. Present the 2022 Budget for approval. Copies of the proposed budget are available in the Narthex today or in the church office during the week. PDF copies were emailed in the e-newsletter.

ELC Trunk or Treat, October 29th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm

FBC ELC is excited to be hosting a socially-distanced, COVID-safe Trunk-or-Treat for all ELC kids and their families! We will need help gathering Halloween/Fall decorations (for those needing help decking out their trunks), donations of bags of candy to pass out to the kids, and volunteers that would be willing to set up a trunk and pass out candy to the kids. Please let the church office know via phone/email if you would be willing to set up a trunk and pass out candy.

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, October 17th - Linda Gale
Sunday, October 24th - Julie Hall

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

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.

Women on Mission-Raceway Ministry Snacks

Henry County Baptist Association sponsors a hospitality tent, along with Worship Service and music during the race weekend. We are helping by collecting individually wrapped snacks. Please bring them by the church by Tuesday, October 26th.

Gratitude for Giving...

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: A gift has been given in memory of Margaret Lester by the Helen Horne Sunday School Class. LIBRARY FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Margaret Lester by Roslyn Wingett.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 17

- 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, October 18

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

Tuesday, October 19

- 5:15 p.m. Business & Finance Committee

Wednesday October 20

- 7:00 p.m. ReShape Small Group-Zoom

Thursday, October 21

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Genesis-Zoom
- 1:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee

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.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARTINSVILLE, VA

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. Zoom.

Grace Network Needs Volunteers

Grace Network is a faith-based, first-stop resource center for families in crisis in Martinsville and Henry County where people at risk for homelessness or facing a crisis involving essential life needs can find help and a listening ear. To be a volunteer at Grace, you simply need to have the heart to help people and the desire to share the Love of Christ.

Positions that you can choose from:

- Greeter
- Office assistant
- Greeter
- Food pantry
- Data entry (afternoons only)
- Interviewer

Hours of operation are Monday- Friday from 9-12:30 and on Thursdays from 4-7pm. If you are interested in joining the Grace Network family, please call the Grace Network office at 276-638-8500 and register your name for the next orientation.

Grace Network Oct.-Dec. 2021 Food Assignment

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

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 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 forever more, "Alleluia! Amen!"

*Hymn 103 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master* HANOVER

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious, he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God who sits on the throne!"
let all cry aloud and honor the Son:
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might:
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.

*Song of Response

Hymn 399 *O God, Who Gives to Humankind* TALLIS CANON

O God, who gives to humankind a searching heart
and questing mind: grant us to find your truth and laws,
and wisdom to perceive their cause.

In all our learning give us grace to bow ourselves
before your face; as knowledge grows, Lord,
keep us free from self-destructive vanity.

Sometimes we think we understand all workings
of our mighty hand; then through your Son help us to know
those truths which you alone can show.

Teach us to joy in things revealed,
to search with care all yet concealed, as through Christ's light
your truth we find and worship you with heart and mind.