

# A Service of Worship

## Commitment Sunday

November 14, 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 *Toccata in b minor* Gigout  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Rev. Ashley Harrington

Leader: The grace of Christ Jesus be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: We each have a right to be here, a right not based on our righteousness but on God's free grace.

**People: O give thanks to our God who is good, whose saving love endures forever.**

Leader: Let those who are redeemed by God declare it, rescued from trouble and gathered from many lands;

**People: From the east and from the west, from the north and from the south, give thanks to God who is always good!**

Invocation & Lord's Prayer Rev. Harrington

**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 78 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

### Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson 1 Chronicles 29:14,17 Taylor Robertson

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

New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

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

Children's Worship Pastor Ashley

*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

\*Songs of Praise Lydia Tyree, guitar

*Living Hope* Wickham/Johnson  
\*CCLI Song # 7106807

*Good Shepherd of My Soul* De Barra/Getty/Getty/Townend  
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Sermon *Give like Jesus* Dr. Grammer

### Responding to God

\*Song of Response  
Hymn 649 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* SCHUMANN

### Committing Our Lives

Litany of Dedication Dr. Grammer

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

**People: It is in God that we live and move and have our being.**

Leader: We now dedicate in worship our whole selves – our talents, our time, our resources. May all those who present their pledges of financial support to the ministries of this church and God's Kingdom work in this place now dedicate their whole selves along with these financial pledges.

**People: Today we commit ourselves to walking together as beloved people of God. We seek to be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, loving and nurturing, challenging and growing.**

Leader: And so, in this moment, may we offer our pledge to our God, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, our Savior and Redeemer, our Strength and Hope.

**People: We promise to participate regularly, for our presence here matters. We promise to share in service to our community and our world, because the world needs a sign of God's hope. We promise to support this community of faith through gifts of time and money, because our gifts make a difference. We promise to love our neighbors even when we don't agree, because we all have a place at Christ's table.**

Leader: May the Spirit guide and empower this church, and may God multiply our gifts. Let us join our voices with gratitude and praise!

\*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 *Fourfold Amen* Stainer

Postlude *Carillon* Bizet

***Today is Commitment Sunday at First Baptist Church.*** During the service, in addition to blessing our tithes and offerings, our church family prayerfully presents their financial pledges to God and the ministries of this church for the coming year. (If you haven't had a chance to mail yours in yet, please make your heart dedication today and mail/email your pledge card this week to the church office).

**Flowers on the Lord's Table** are in memory of Jean Gray given by her family.

**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 Jean Gray who passed away on Friday, November 5, 2021. A funeral service was held here on Saturday, November 13, 2021.

**In Christian Sympathy** to the family of June Pace who passed away on Monday, November 1, 2021. A private graveside service was held.

### Prayer Reminder

**CHURCH FAMILY:** John Abbott, Alice Bowman, Judy Szulecki Bunin, Mary Clifton, Darnell Cockram, Martha Crawley, Helen Dandridge, Martha Drane, Judy Epperly, Smitty & Ann Grogan, Ted Hatcher, George Lester, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Roark, Jimmie Sexton, Benny Shires, Stacey Steagall, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

**November Birthdays:** 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

### Business Meeting Agenda, November 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. - Zoom

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports, 4. Vote on Nominating Committee report. 5. Vote on BGAV Messengers 6. Recommendation from the Building & Grounds Committee

### Family ADVENTure Afternoon Drop-In

**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

We would love for your family to join us as we do this together! Between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. families and individuals of all ages can drop in to create Advent wreaths, star ornaments, and more to take home to help celebrate the season. A kid-friendly dinner will be provided, and we ask that you sign up by Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Churchwide Christmas Decorating!

Come be a part of getting our facilities ready for the seasons of Advent and Christmas! We will be decorating the church on

**Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00PM to 7:00PM.**

If you can help us move trees and hang wreaths, please stop by for a bit! Let the church office know if you're able to help by calling or emailing. Our flower committee will continue hanging ornaments, etc. during the day on **Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Also, on **Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>,** we will be installing a new nativity scene on the street corner, spotlighting the Holy Family for the whole city! If you're able to help us put this together to share with our community, please let the church office know.

### Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> - Marcia Collins

Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> - Marsha Garren

### 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 THIS SATURDAY!

**Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 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 due NEXT SUNDAY!

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 next Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Grace Network Oct.-Dec. 2021 Food Assignment

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



Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer  
Senior Pastor

Rev. Ashley Harrington  
Interim Minister Children & Families

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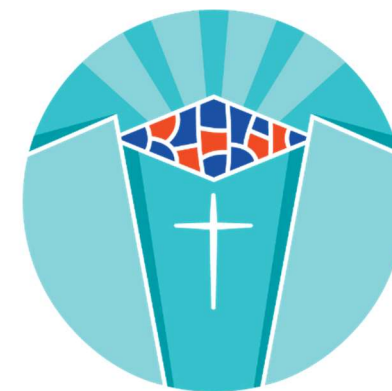
Rev. John Fulcher  
Interim Minister of Music

Baxter Jennings  
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.*



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## Commitment Sunday

## MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS, cont...

### Opportunity To Share Christmas Love

First Baptist Church Martinsville has an opportunity to participate in the Salvation Army "Red Kettle Campaign." If you are interested in Ringing the Bell for Salvation Army, **please contact the Church Office at 276-632-6336 on or before November 22, 2021.** If there is enough interest, a day, time slot, and location for Ringing the Bell will be finalized! If you are interested in making a monetary donation to the Red Kettle Campaign, you may mail you donation to Salvation Army, P.O. Box 551, Martinsville, VA. 24112. Please designate in the memo line of your check "Red Kettle Campaign."

### Opportunities for the Week

#### **Sunday, November 14**

9:45 a.m. Journey Small Group-Rm 110/Zoom  
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School-Church Nursery  
9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual

#### **Monday, November 15**

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary  
5:15 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm 105-107

#### **Wednesday November 17**

2:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting-Rm 105-107  
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

#### **Thursday, November 18**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Genesis-Zoom  
1:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee-Rm 105-107

#### **Saturday, November 20**

9:00 a.m. Henry Co. Food Pantry box packing  
3331 Fairystone Park Highway

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11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual  
1:00 p.m. Bussiness Meeting-Zoom  
4:00 p.m. ADVENTure Afternoon-Fellowship Hall

### Gratitude for Giving...

GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Margaret Lester by Edith Bolen and Mary Frances Gibbs. A gift has been given in memory of Jean Gray by Marie Lannom and Mary Frances Gibbs. A gift has been given in memory of June Pace by Marie Lannom. FULLER-DAVIS FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Jean Gray by Roslyn Wingett.

\*Hymn 78      *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*      ST. ANNE

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling steam, bears all its years away,  
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!

### \*Song of Response

Hymn 649      *We Give Thee but Thine Own*      SCHUMANN

We give thee but thine own, whatever the gift may be:  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first-fruits give.

To comfort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,  
to tend the lone and fatherless is angels' work below.

The captive to relieve, to God the lost to bring,  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.

And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be:  
what e'er for thine we do, O Lord, we do it unto thee.

### \*Songs of Praise

#### *Living Hope*

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

#### *Chorus*

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope (Repeat)*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me (repeat)  
Jesus Yours is the victory.

#### *Chorus*

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

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Lydia Tyree, guitar

Wickham/Johnson

*Good Shepherd of My Soul*

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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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