

A Service of Worship

All Saints' Sunday

November 7, 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 *How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place* Brahms
Baxter Jennings and John Fulcher, piano

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Litany of Remembrance

Leader: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

People: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

Leader: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

People: Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

Leader: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts, and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

People: Family of our faith, we remember you.

Leader: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

People: Those close in our heart, we remember you.

Leader: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our church family, knowing that they are with Your heart forever:

Boyd Gray	November 5, 2020
Ken Winters	December 10, 2020
Betty Shires	January 6, 2021
Gene Medley	February 3, 2021
Annie Lee Ferrell	February 18, 2021
Nancy Canupp	March 9, 2021
Jim Barnett	April 2, 2021
Jimmy Jordan	June 9, 2021
Jeanne Pedigo	July 8, 2021
Margaret Lester	October 9, 2021

*Please stand as you are able

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

People: Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship and service, and you will not be forgotten.

Leader: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life from those listed here, to those on our hearts. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Grammer

Meditation

Hymn of Heaven Wickham/Johnson/Davenport
CCLI Song #7168994

Lydia Tyree, guitar and vocals
Baxter Jennings, piano

During this meditation, feel free to come write the names of those on your heart to remember on this All Saints' Sunday and hang on our Remembrance Tree.

*Hymn 751 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

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.

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.**

Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 24 Nancy Thomas

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

New Testament Lesson Revelation 21:1-6a

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

"Hymn of Heaven" CCLI Song # 7168994
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Sermon *Seeing Beyond the Obvious* Dr. Grammer

*Song of Response
Hymn 749 *Rejoice in God's Saints* HANOVER

Celebrating Communion

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*) Dr. Grammer

God, we confess that in two years of exceptional loss in this world, we forget about your promises of life everlasting. We ask that you forgive us when we fail to hold on to hope, give us grace to keep walking in spite of our grief. We also confess that we under-appreciate those saints in our midst who have served you so faithfully and have left this earthly existence this past year. Remind us today of their commitment and sacrifice to you, as we give you thanks for their lives and the richness they brought to your Kingdom come to earth.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

Thanks be to God for all the saints – for those living and dead – who join in a chorus of love for the Savior this day. May we hear their voices, join with them in communion, and praise God, the Father of us all. And thanks be to Christ for his sacrifice so that we may be one forever.

*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 *Carillon* Murrill

Today is All Saints' Sunday in the Christian year. All Saints' Day, November 1, is also known as All Hallows' Day; its eve gave us the term "Halloween." We celebrate All Saints' Day in worship on the first Sunday in November, memorializing the saintly status of all Christian people, especially those we have lost from our own church family in the last year. The liturgical color is white, signifying that it is Christ who lives in the saints.

As part of this celebration of saints, in today's worship service, we light a candle in worship for each saint we have lost in our church family this year. Family members may pick up their candle after the service.

All Saints' Remembrance Tree- If you have a name on your heart of someone you love whom you remember today, write that name on one of the hearts and hang it on our All Saints' Remembrance Tree.

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 is Live Streamed on Facebook / YouTube / Zoom Call-In each Sunday morning at the worship hour, and a video recording is posted on the church website/YouTube page within 24-48 hours.
Zoom Call-in Number: 1-833-548-0276; Meeting ID: 276 632 6336 #, #

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

November Birthdays: 1 David Lewis, 2 Jay Frith, Suzanne Martin, 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

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.

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, 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

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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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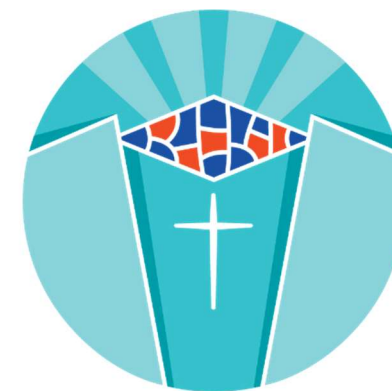
Rev. Ashley Harrington
Interim Minister Children & Families

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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