

A Service of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

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 *Canticle* Foote
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Jerry Perdue

Call to Worship Nell Green

Leader: Jesus says it is not the way we think it is.

People: Help us see our world the way Jesus sees it.

Leader: Jesus upends our world order showing us how the Kingdom of God can be here, now.

People: Help us seek and be a part of genuine change and experience God's kingdom.

Leader: A tree is meant to bear fruit. It is not meant to just take from the earth but to give back.

People: Help us be fruitful. Help us be givers, not takers.

Leader: The gardener saw potential with some care and nurturing.

People: We will look for the hope, the potential in others and in ourselves.

All: We will nurture potential as we bear witness to Jesus Christ, cultivate beloved community, and seek transformational development.

Invocation & Lord's Prayer

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 669 *God of Grace* CWM RHONDDA

*Please stand as you are able

Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

*Gospel Lesson Luke 13:1-9 Roslyn Wingett

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

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

*Hymn 547 *O for a Closer Walk with God* BEATITUDO

Prayer of Commitment Rev. Harrington

*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.**

Anthem *Write Your Blessed Name* K. Lee Scott

Sermon *Full of Potential* Nell Green

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 551 *Give Me Jesus* GIVE ME JESUS

*Benediction Nell Green

*Response *Threefold Amen* Traditional

Postlude *Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)* Purvis

Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty days through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Lent is a strongly penitential season. The liturgical color is purple, used to symbolize penance, preparation, sacrifice.

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.

The Flowers on the Lord's Table are in memory of Irene Simpson given by her family.

We Welcome Nell Green as our guest preacher this morning! After 26 years of field service with CBF in Miami, Brussels, and Houston, Nell is working to help facilitate a culture where mission flourishes by engaging with Field Personnel, the CBF Development and Communications teams, ministry partners, and churches to strengthen the Offering for Global Missions and related projects like the Missions Marketplace at General Assembly for a new generation of Fellowship Baptists. This new role allows Nell to use networking skills and a passion for marketing and promotion to benefit all of CBF's Field Ministries.

In Christian Sympathy to Marcia Collins and family in the loss of her husband, John Collins, who passed away on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

Prayer Reminder

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

March Birthdays: 4 Karmon Martin, Ann Draper, 5 Bennie Shires, 9 Ashley Harrington, 12 Marie Lannom, 13 John Fulcher, Sue Martin, 16 Dennis Knight, Shannon Winters, 17 Tommy Doss, 19 Brenda Hundley, 22 Susan Sapp, 24 Marie Dalton, 26 Becky Stone, 28 Jerry Perdue, 29 Smitty Doyle, Stacey Steagall, 30 Pat Jordan

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 20

9:30 a.m. Combined Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School-Church Nursery

11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual

Monday, March 21

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary

5:15 p.m. ELC Committee-Zoom

Tuesday, March 22

5:00 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-In-Person/Zoom

Thursday, March 24

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Deacons of the Month: Nancy Thomas and Roslyn Wingett
Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, March 20th- Linda Gale

Sunday, March 27th- Linda Gale

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting Agenda, March 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.-Zoom

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports

The Clarence Lee Lester Educational Fund Scholarship

The Clarence Lee Lester Educational Fund was established by Annie and George Tilden "G. T." Lester, Jr. upon the untimely death of their son, Lee. The Trustees and the Scholarship Committee have made applications and information available in the church office and on our website:

<https://fbcmartinsville.com/clarence-lee-lester-scholarship-2022/>
Applications are due by March 30th.

Baby Sprinkle for Kaylee & her Family

Join us in celebrating the upcoming arrival of Kaylee and her families' baby boy! There will be a "Baby Sprinkle Drop-in", Sunday, April 3rd from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered on Amazon.com.

Candy Call for the Easter Egg Hunt

The Children & Youth Committee is collecting individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please drop off candy in the Narthex.

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions



OFFERING FOR
GLOBAL MISSIONS

Women on Mission and the Church Missions Committee invite you to give generously to our annual CBF Offering for Global Missions. Share in the abundant life of Christ by giving to the Offering for Global Missions. 100% of your gift will send CBF field personnel to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. Our goal this year is \$2,750. Raised to date \$884.75

Grace Network Jan-March 2022 Food Assignment

Jelly (28-32 oz.) Please drop the food off at the church.

Gratitude for Giving...

A.J. LESTER BENEVOLENT FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Ted Hatcher by Joe & Becky Collins. Gifts have been given in memory of Irene Simpson by the Bereavement Committee and Bill & Susan Sapp. GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Irene Simpson by Marie Lannom.

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.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARTINSVILLE, VA

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Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer
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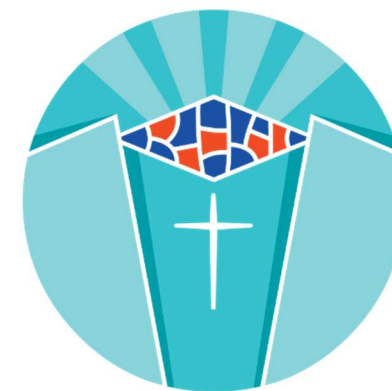
Baxter Jennings
Organist

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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.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARTINSVILLE, VA



LENT

*Hymn 669 *God of Grace* CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn your Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us- free our hearts to work
and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Heal your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your
control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

*Hymn 547 *O for a Closer Walk with God* BEATITUDO

O for a closer walk with God, the calm of sins forgiven,
a light to shine upon the road that leads at last to heaven.

O gentle Messenger, return- return, O holy Dove;
I hate the sins that made you morn and grieved your heart of love.

Restore the happiness I knew when first I saw the Lord;
refresh me with the radiant view of Jesus and his word!

From every idol I have known now set my spirit free;
O make me worship you alone, and reign supreme in me.

So shall my walk be close with God, my wanderings be forgiven;
so shall his light mark out the road that leads at last to heaven.

*Song of Response

Hymn 551 *Give Me Jesus* GIVE ME JESUS

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain:

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was cry,
dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Just about the break of day, just about the break of day,
Just about the break of day, give me Jesus. *Refrain*

O, when I come to die, O, when I come to die,
O, when I come to die, give me Jesus. *Refrain*