

# A Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 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 *Toccata in A* Brixi  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Bill Sapp

Call to Worship Greg Smith

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here, with that  
community called faith:

**People: where the hungry are served first, where the  
thirsty drink life's water.**

Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here into that  
home called grace:

**People: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;  
where the stranger is embraced as the  
long-lost prodigal.**

Leader: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and  
brothers in that family called love:

**People: where the imprisoned model justice, where the  
sick are cradled in God's peace.**

Invocation & Lord's Prayer Greg Smith

**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 130 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

## Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:35-36, 40 Taylor Robertson  
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

\*Please stand as you are able

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 433 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* GERMANY

Prayer of Commitment Rev. Ashley 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 *I Will Arise* arr. Howard Helvey

Sermon Sue Smith  
*Modeling Compassion, Building Capacity, Helping Others to Care*

## Responding to God

\*Song of Response  
Hymn 429 *Let Your Heart Be Broken* WYE VALLEY

\*Benediction Greg Smith

\*Response *God Be with You* RANDOLPH

Postlude *Toccata in D Major* Seeger

***Today is the Fourth 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 John Collins  
given by his family.

**We Welcome Greg & Sue Smith as our guest preachers this  
morning!** Greg and Sue Smith are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship  
field personnel serving the first-generation Latino immigrant  
community through LUCHA Ministries, Inc., located in  
Fredericksburg, Virginia.

LUCHA Ministries provides a Christian response to the immigration  
issue and the needs of the immigrant community. LUCHA  
advocates for the rights of immigrants and their families, offers a  
legal services clinic, and helps them obtain services in Spanish.  
Greg and Sue equip others to work with the immigrant population  
by offering training and serving as consultants to individuals,  
churches, and other organizations. The goal is holistic ministry that  
addresses the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of  
immigrants.

Greg and Sue also serve as members of CBF's Advocacy Action Team  
for Immigrants and Refugees. The group cultivates a network of  
active advocates by providing resources, being informed about  
current legislation and trends, and encouraging direct policy  
advocacy at critical moments alongside and on behalf of  
immigrants and refugees.

The Smiths' ministry goals center on helping Latino immigrant  
families to live better, healthier, more productive lives in the  
United States, with opportunities to integrate fully into their  
communities. Some of their programs through LUCHA include:

**Cinco Panes** – hunger relief services for immigrant families  
**Project Adelante** – women's empowerment program featuring  
classes to train and equip Latinas in skills that can be used for  
personal and family support

**Bridges of Hope** – literacy, ESOL and mentoring program for  
children and parents

**Immigration Legal Services** – low-cost immigration legal  
assistance to qualified immigrants and refugees

**Bilingual counseling and pastoral care** from a culturally sensitive  
trauma-informed perspective

## 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:** 28 Jerry Perdue, 29 Smitty Doyle, Stacey Steagall,  
30 Pat Jordan

**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 27<sup>th</sup>- Linda Gale

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>- Sylvia Knight

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, March 27

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

1:00 p.m. Business Meeting-Canceled

### Monday, March 28

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

6:00 p.m. Missions Committee-Zoom\* Note time change

### Thursday, March 31

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Business Meeting Cancelled for this Month.

### 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 this Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Easter Lilies

Many of our members appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the Easter floral decorations for the Sanctuary. This is a way to honor or memorialize persons who are special to us. If you would like to help, please send your dedication information and your donation to the church office by Friday April 8th. Your gift will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

### Candy Call for the Easter Egg Hunt, April 16th

The Children & Youth Committee is collecting individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 16<sup>th</sup>! Please drop off candy in the Narthex.

## MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Cooperative Baptist Fellowship 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 \$ 1,514.75

### Grace Network Jan-March 2022 Food Assignment

Jelly (28-32 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.*



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Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer  
Senior Pastor

Rev. John Fulcher  
Interim Minister of Music

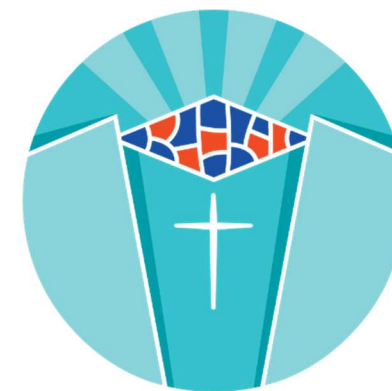
Rev. Ashley Harrington  
Interim Minister Children & Families

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.*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
MARTINSVILLE, VA



LENT

\*Hymn 130      *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*      AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

My gracious master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

\*Hymn 433      *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*      GERMANY

Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race  
and clan, above the noise of selfish strife we hear your voice,  
O Son of Man!

In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark  
with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed we catch the  
vision of your tears.

The cup of water given for you still holds the freshness of your  
grace; yet long these multitudes to view the strong compassion of  
your face.

O master, from the mountain side, make haste to heal these hearts  
of pain; among these restless throngs abide, O tread the city's  
streets again.

Till all the world shall learn your love and follow where your feet  
have trod: till glorious from your heaven above shall come the city  
of our God.

\*Song of Response

Hymn 429      *Let Your Heart Be Broken*      WYE VALLEY

Let your heart be broken for a world in need  
feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that bleed;  
give the cup of water and the loaf of bread  
be the hands of Jesus, serving in his stead.

Here on earth applying principles of love  
visible expression God still rules above,  
living illustration of the Living Word  
to the minds of all who've never seen and heard.

Blest to be a blessing, privileged to care,  
challenged by the need apparent everywhere,  
where the world is wanting fill the vacant place,  
be the means through which the Lord reveals his grace.

Add to your believing deeds that prove it true  
knowing Christ as Savior, make him Master too;  
follow in his footsteps, go where he has trod,  
in the word's great trouble risk yourself for God.

Let your heart be tender and your vision clear  
rouse yourself to action, serve God far and near.  
Let your heart be broken by another's pain,  
share your rich resources give and give again.