

A Service of Worship & Communion

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 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 *Forty Days and Forty Nights* arr. Matthews
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Jerry Perdue

Call to Worship Rev. Ashley Harrington

Leader: When Jesus was in the wilderness,
he was tempted to save himself.

People: We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.

Leader: Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God's commitment to him.

People: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.

Leader: May our commitment be as strong.

People: May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey.

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 20 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY

Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson Philippians 1:1-11 John Collins
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

*Hymn 216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

Prayer of Commitment Rev. John Fulcher

*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 *Come Share the Lord* Leech

Sermon *A Love That Will Grow*
Revs. LaCount and Anna Anderson

*Song of Response
Hymn 770 *As We Gather Around the Table* NORTH PHOENIX

Celebration of Communion

Confession (*in unison*) Rev. Ashley Harrington

Merciful God, we confess that we do not want to be challenged by the cross. We set our minds on human things—we long for the security from our possessions; we prefer our own comfort; Forgive us, we pray. May our sense of self-preservation be disturbed by your Son's example; that we might take up his cross in service to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

Out of your abundance you have fed us what we need, sparing none of your good gifts in Jesus Christ. Thank you, Lord. Thank you! Now may we live as you taught us. Amen.

Responding to God

*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 *Oft in Danger, Oft in Woe* arr. Matthews

Today is the First 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.

We welcome Anna and LaCount Anderson as our guest preachers this morning! Anna Anderson serves as Field Personnel for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. She was commissioned for service in June 2010 and has served in poverty relief in Halifax, Nash, Edgecombe, and Hertford counties in North Carolina. Anna grew up in Wilson, North Carolina and is a graduate of Mars Hill University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Ordained to the Gospel Ministry in September 2007, Anna has served local churches in North Carolina in music ministry prior to her work with CBF. LaCount Anderson serves as Mission Engagement consultant for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. He was commissioned for service in June 2009 and has served in poverty relief in Halifax, Nash, Edgecombe, and Hertford counties in North Carolina. LaCount's hometown is Savannah, Georgia and he is a graduate of Gardner-Webb University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in June, 1975 and has served local churches as an educator, musician and church planter. During the time of LaCount's commissioning with CBF, he was executive director of Union Rescue Mission of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, where he served for 10 years.

The Andersons make their home in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. They have one child, Leah Anderson Reed, who is serving the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, NC as Minister with Community. Their son-in-law, Chad is a therapist with Animal Assisted Therapy of the Triangle in Clayton, NC. And their first grandchild, Jennings Jett Reed arrived in the world on December 2, 2021!

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, Irene Simpson, 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, March 6th- Nancy Thomas
Sunday, March 13th-Roslyn Wingett

Deacons of the Month: Nancy Thomas and Roslyn Wingett

Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

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.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 6

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
9:45 a.m. Journey Small Group-Rm 110/Zoom
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School-Church Nursery
11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual
1:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting-Zoom

Monday, March 7

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Women on Mission-Zoom

To listen by phone: Call 1-833-548-0276, Meeting ID: 2766326336#,#

Wednesday, March 9

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

Thursday, March 10

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom

Grace Network Jan-March 2022 Food Assignment

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

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

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. Help us meet and exceed our goal!

Mission announcements continued on insert

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. Dr. Libby M. Grammer
Senior Pastor

Rev. John Fulcher
Interim Minister of Music

Rev. Ashley Harrington
Interim Minister Children & Families

Baxter Jennings
Organist

www.fbcmartinsville.com
facebook.com/FirstBaptistMartinsville/

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 20 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy
rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

*Hymn 216 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ST. CHRISTOPHER

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land,
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face,
content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

*Song of Response

Hymn 770 *As We Gather Around the Table* NORTH PHOENIX

As we gather around the table of our Lord,
we recall his humble birth in Bethlehem;
as the angels sang, as the shepherds came,
let us adore and worship the Lord, let us remember him.

As we gather around the table of our Lord,
we recall his agony upon the cross;
there our Savior died alone was crucified:
let us adore and worship the Lord, let us remember him.

As we gather around the table of our Lord,
we recall the empty tomb where he was laid.
He is living still, our longing hearts to fill:
let us adore and worship the Lord, let us remember him.

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

A First Baptist Mission Quiz

Our church at one time had all of these Missions Organizations:

Sunbeams, G.A. s, R.A., Y.W.A.s, and WMU

Question: Which is the one we still have?

Answer: The WMU (Women Missions Union); The 5 W's of the WMU:

- Who- All women of the church interested in Missions.
- What- A meeting to pray for & learn about Missions.
- When- The first Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- Where- Here at FBC or on Zoom.
- Why- To learn how we can be involved in Mission Needs, whether here or far away.

Together- Doing, Praying, Giving

Noses & Toes Project was a Success!

WMU would like to thank the church for their participation in the Noses & Toes Mission project. We collected 205 pairs of socks and 50 boxes of tissues. The children of the Henry County Public School System appreciate the love & generosity shown by our church members.

Support for Ukraine through Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

How can You help with the crises in Ukraine? CBF has established a Ukraine Relief Fund. We invite you to prayerfully consider contributing to this fund. Go online to: www.cbf.net/ukraine to donate. This is how you can safely make a difference during this crisis.

Gratitude for Giving...

A.J. LESTER BENEVOLENT FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Ted Hatcher by Jack & Rachel Tibbs.

A Thank You Note

I would like to thank the WMU and friends of First Baptist for all the lovely Birthday wishes! Your cards and words meant so much to me and made my birthday very special! First Baptist Church has been and continues to be a blessing in my life!

Thank you~ Love Besty Miers

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