

A Service of Worship

Easter Sunday

April 17, 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 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* arr. Raney
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: He is Risen, indeed!

Leader: The stone is rolled away,

People: The tomb is empty!

Leader: Death has been swallowed up in victory,

People: Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

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 243 *Christ Is Alive!* TRURO

Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9 Taylor Robertson
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Luke 24:1-12
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.

*Please stand as you are able

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 254 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* ODE TO JOY

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.

Anthem *Sound the Trumpet!* Wesley & Peterson
Josh Barling, trumpet

*Anthem concludes *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

All creation, join to say Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Sermon *An Idle Tale?* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 247 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA

Postlude *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* Sue Mitchell-Wallace
& John Head
Josh Barling, trumpet

Today is Easter Sunday, the joyous celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Easter Sunday marks the end of Holy Week, the end of the season of Lent, and is the beginning of Eastertide in the liturgical year. Eastertide is celebrated from Easter Sunday for fifty days, until the day of Pentecost, and focuses on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing light, victory, and eternal life.

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 Sunrise Painting and Small Flowered Cross were created by children and families at our Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning.

We Welcome Josh Barling on trumpet this morning. Josh is from Lynchburg, Va., and is the Music Director and plays trumpet for "Flat Five Jazz." He studies at the University of Lynchburg and is employed by OSL Mobile as Sales Team Leader.

"Flowering" Cross

Come take pictures by our new Flowering Cross at the entrance to the church after worship!

Flowers in the Narthex are in honor of John Burgess' 87th Birthday given by Pam Burgess.

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

April Birthdays: 4 George Lester, 12 Marilyn Turner, 16 John Burgess, 19 Dean Johnston, 21 Marsha Frith, 24 Bonnie Wilson, 25 Martha Perdue, 26 Nita Gauldin, 27 Sylvia Knight, 28 Pat Austin

Deacons of the Month: David Lewis and Jerry Perdue

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

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, April 17- Crystal Darden

Sunday, April 24- Mary Lewis Johnston

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, April 17

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

Monday, April 18

Church office & ELC Closed for Easter

Tuesday, April 19

5:15 p.m. Business & Finance-Rm 105

Thursday, April 21

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Exodus-Zoom
1:00 p.m. Building & Grounds-Rm. 105
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting Agenda, April 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom

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

Welcome Noah John White! Baby Noah arrived Friday, April 15th at 5:56 a.m., weighing 8lbs 1oz. and his proud parents, Kaylee and Austin White and sister Adalyn are excited he is here! A meal train has been created; please check your e-newsletter to sign up online, or call the church office.

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.

Help us meet and exceed our goal!

Our goal this year is \$2,750

Raised to date \$2,279.75

Grace Network April-June 2022 Food Assignment

Juice (40-64 oz.) Please drop the food off at the church.

Gratitude for Giving...

GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of John Collins by Martha Medley.

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

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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



EASTER SUNDAY

*Hymn 243

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now
and touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched,
unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Hymn 254 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
once he died, and once was buried: now he lives for evermore,
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:
there in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;
hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and
side; now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

*Song of Response

Hymn 247

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light.
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "all hail" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.

*The Easter Lilies this morning are given to the
Glory of God and in honor or in memory of loved ones
by the following persons:*

In Memory of

Elsie & Clifford Minter

C. M. Stafford

Buddy Lannom

Mary Virginia Kyle

Fin & Ellen Gale

Floyd & Virginia Hudson

Frank & Grace Taylor

James E. & Shirley C. Stokes

Rural & Lolene Gusler

Louise & John Fulcher, Sr.

Ruth Rothrock

Mary & Jack Dodge

Grace & Frank Taylor

Ruth Rothrock

Margaret Lester

Gene Medley

G.T. & Joe Lene White

Hugh Dandridge

Jean Draper

In Honor of

The Hospitality Committee

Given by

Nancy & Roy Thomas

Elaine & Howard Fringer

Linda & Ross Gale

Debbie Stokes

James Stokes

Their Family

Their Family

Mary & Frank Taylor

Linda Read

The Lester Family

Martha Medley

Ruth Dandridge

Pam & John Burgess