

A Service of Worship

Ascension Sunday

May 29, 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 *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* Marcello
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Why are we looking up to heaven?

**People: Christ has come; Christ has risen;
Christ will come again.**

Leader: Why are we looking ahead to the future?

**People: The Holy Spirit is among us now.
In our baptism, we have already died
and risen with Christ.**

Leader: Why are we afraid of death and dying?

People: God's love casts out our fear.

Leader: Why are we afraid to follow Jesus?

**People: In Christ, we have the promise of
new life now, eternal life to come.
In Christ, we join our hearts to worship God,
who has prepared for us to enter
the reign of God.**

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 259 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* LASST UNS
ERFREUEN

*Please stand as you are able

Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 93 Roslyn Wingett
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson Acts 1:1-11
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Pastor Libby
*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 258 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* LLANFAIR

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 *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* Tom Fettke

Sermon *What Now?* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 263 *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *Fourfold Amen* Stainer

Postlude *Fantasia in C* Luebeck

Today is Ascension Sunday. This Sunday commemorates the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. We celebrate Jesus' ascension on the last Sunday of Eastertide. 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.

Prayer Reminder

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

May Birthdays: 30 Bill Sapp

June Birthdays: 2 Mary Clifton, 3 Mary Frith, 8 Dottie Lewis, 9 Mary Elizabeth Wells, 10 Ruth Anne Collins, Tom Hall, 13 Errol Wallace, 25 Tom Crawley, 28 Helen Dandridge

Deacons of the Month: Tom Hall and Sylvia Knight

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to the Hospitality Committee for the Harrington's Reception. It was great to be able to celebrate together in-person!

ELC Graduation was a great success!

Thank you to the Sound & Video Team, the ELC Committee, Flower Committee, the church staff, and the ELC teachers & staff.

First Annual ELC Art Show

Each child in the preschool had art pieces displayed on the walls of the Fellowship Hall for graduation. Parents enjoyed viewing their children's art and made donations to our Missions Opportunity Fund. The ELC has raised \$125.00 to date.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, May 29

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, May 30

Office/ELC Closed-Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31

5:00 p.m. Coordinating Council-Rm. 105

Wednesday, June 1

7:00 p.m. Midweek Check-in/Zoom

Thursday, June 2

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom-Exodus
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, May 29-Mary Lewis Johnston

Sunday, June 5-Susan Sapp

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Henry County Food Pantry Box Packing-Mark your calendars!

Saturday, June 18th and July 23rd from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We will be assisting with food box packing; join us for this mission opportunity! The Henry County Food Pantry is located at 3321 Fairystone Park Hwy in Bassett, Va. Please sign up by calling or emailing the church office. Childcare will be provided at the church.

Grace Network April-June 2022 Food Assignment

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

CBF Ukraine Relief Fund Update - Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel are working to provide relief to Ukrainians. More than 1200 Cooperative Baptist individuals, churches, partners and state/regional organizations have contributed to CBF's Ukraine Relief Fund. These gifts exceeding \$800,000 are making an impact in Ukraine and across Europe as CBF field personnel and ministry partners help provide safety, shelter and Christ's love to refugees. To date, First Baptist has donated \$1,500 from our missions fund. To learn more about the ongoing work of CBF Field Personnel, visit cbfblog.com.

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. John Fulcher
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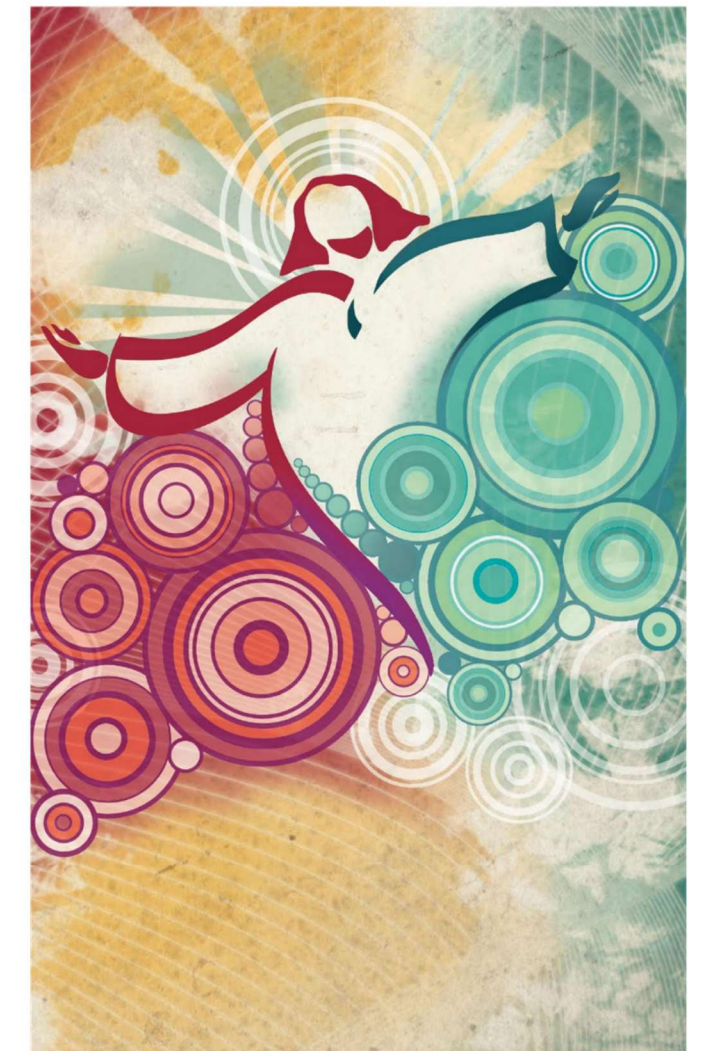
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Mission Statement:

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



Ascension Sunday

*Hymn 259 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

A hymn of glory let us sing!

New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand,

Alleluia! Alleluia! and with his faithful followers see

their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Lord, our homeward pathway bend

that our unwearied hearts ascend, Alleluia! Alleluia! where,

seated on your Father's throne, you reign as King of kings alone.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord:

Alleluia! Alleluia! You are, while endless ages run,

with Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Hymn 258 *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* LLANFAIR

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!

to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!

enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits, Alleluia!

Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!

He has conquered death and sin, Alleluia!

Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!

yet he loves the earth he leaves Alleluia!

Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!

still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!

See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!

Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!

blessings on his church below. Alleluia!

*Song of Response

Hymn 263 *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne:

Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.

Thou the cloud from sight received him

when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise,

"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;

Alleluia! hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,

where the song of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.