

A Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 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 *Trumpet Tune in D* Stanley
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Come! Let us worship and praise God.

**People: The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian,
and our guide.**

Leader: Celebrate the many ways in which God
cares for our lives.

**People: Green pastures and silent still waters
beckon us and comfort us.**

Leader: Even though difficulties happen in our lives,
still God is with us.

**People: Even when it seems that the world
has nothing to offer but suffering and pain,
God surrounds us with God's love and bounty.**

Leader: Surely God's mercy accompanies us
on our journey.

People: And we will dwell in God's house forever.

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 330 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* CRIMOND

Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 23 Marsha Frith
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able

*Gospel Lesson John 10:22-30 Marsha Frith
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 522 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

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 Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well*
Brother James' Air

Sermon *Grasped by God* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 635 *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*
HE LEADETH ME

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *Threefold Amen* Traditional

Postlude *O Give God Praise and Honor* arr. Reger

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. Easter Sunday was the beginning of the season 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 Two Roses on the Lord's Table are in honor of the birth of two new First Baptist babies:

- **Noah John White**, born on April 15, 2022. He is the son of Kaylee and Austin White.
- **Connor Christopher Taylor**, born on April 13, 2022. He is the son of Abby and Lee Taylor and the grandson of Mary and Frank Taylor.

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: 1 Linda Gale, 6 Dathne Barbour, Ron Wilson, 7 Helen Hensley, 12 Gayle Williams, 15 Marsha Garren, 24 Wesley Barrow, 30 Bill Sapp

Deacons of the Month: Tom Hall and Sylvia Knight
Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, May 8

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 9

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel

Wednesday, May 11

10:00 a.m. Library Committee
7:00 p.m. Midweek Check-in/Zoom

Thursday, May 12

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

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, May 8-Linda Read
Sunday, May 15-Mary Lewis Johnston

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Check- Wednesday Nights at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom!

Join us for Prayer Time and Study. Study Topic: "Faith Seeking Understanding: We're All Theologians." As one author put it, "To be Christian is to be a theologian. There are no exceptions." Let's learn how to do thoughtful theological reflection together each week.

Called Business Meeting Agenda, May 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m./Zoom

1. Question & Answer on sharing the Associate Pastor of Music & Worship and the Associate Pastor for Families positions with Chatham Heights Baptist Church.

WMU May Project-Harmony Hall

This churchwide event will be collecting needed items for the residents of Harmony Hall in Bassett, Virginia. Items needed are tissue boxes (full size), socks, shampoo & conditioner, and lotion. There will be a collection box in the Narthex for all donated items. Last day to donate will be Sunday May 29th.

Happy Mother's Day!



For all the mothers who are still with us, and for those who have gone to be with Jesus, we give thanks today. For all those who mothered us, some in addition to our own mothers, some in place of absent mothers, we recognize you, and give thanks for you. For all women who have been figures of grace and love in our lives, your example has been meaningful to us. During this time of physical distance, we wish we could be nearer to our mothers (and our children to us!). We pray that this day brings phone calls and cards, love and light your way, mothers and mothering women. We love you! A gift has been given to Grace Network in your honor.

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS



"Come and See" – 2022 CBF General Assembly
Come and See what God has done...Psalm 66:5
Dallas, TX & Online
June 28-30, 2022

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly returns in-person this year to Dallas, Texas!

You're invited to join your CBF family at the Hyatt Regency Hotel for a week of learning, worship, inspiration and fellowship

Find more information at www.cbf.net/assembly, and register to attend! Direct flights from Greensboro are filling up quickly, and you'll want to get in while you can!

Grace Network April-June 2022 Food Assignment

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

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Irene Simpson by Anne McDaniel. Gifts have been given in memory of John Collins by Anne McDaniel and John & Diane Bassett.

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
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Rev. John Fulcher
Interim Minister of Music

Rev. Ashley Harrington
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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



EASTERTIDE

*Hymn 330 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* CRIMOND

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie in pastures green;
he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,
and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling place shall be.

*Hymn 522 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear O hear us when we pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to thee.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

*Song of Response

Hymn 635 *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* HE LEADETH ME

He leadeth me, O blessed thought,
O words with heavenly comfort fraught! What e'er I do,
wher-e'r I be, still 'tis Gods hand that leadeth me.

*Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth
me! His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.*

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will
not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain