

A Service of Worship & Communion

World Communion Sunday

October 2, 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 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* arr. Callahan
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Around the world, people gather to break bread and pour wine.

People: We gather with them in heart and mind.

Leader: Around the world, the broken body is made whole.

People: As part of that body, we join in its unity.

Leader: Around the world, the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Leader: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

People: We come, ready to receive God's unending grace in Christ.

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 213 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Lamentations 3:19-26 Merle Prince
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Luke 17:5-6
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Please stand as you are able

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 782 *Come, Share the Lord* DIVERNON

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.**

Engaging the Scriptures

Anthem *Beside Still Waters* McGuire/Harlan

Sermon *Already Enough* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 60 *Great is Thy Faithfulness* HAMBURG

Celebrating Communion

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*) Dr. Grammer

God, we confess that it is hard for us to trust. It is difficult to wait, to have faith you are near and have our best interests at heart. We are afraid, even when you remind us again and again not to be fearful. We see a world of hopelessness and struggle to believe. We need you to forgive us where we have lost our way. Lead us into the paths of hope and new joys every morning.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup
German, Ukrainian, Spanish, & French

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

We give you thanks, O God, that with Christians around the world, we receive your mercies anew each day. We thank you for your sacrifice, for this meal of remembrance, and for your eternal love in Christ.

*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 *Alleluia! Finale* arr. Callahan

Today is World Communion Sunday, which is observed annually on the first Sunday in October. In a time when fear and violence divide the people of God's earth, World Communion Sunday reminds us of our unity through Christ. Christians in congregations around the world are participating in communion today, and First Baptist Church joins our brothers and sisters in all nations as we gather around the table to remember Christ's sacrifice.

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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, John Burgess, Mary Clifton, Martha Crawley, Helen Dandridge, Martha Drane, Nita Gauldin, Ann Grogan, Armand Harrell, George Lester, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Stacey Steagall, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

October Birthdays: 2 Ron Austin, 4 Ronnie Garren, Morton Lester, Joe Prince, Adalyn White, 8 Linda Penta, 13 Kaylee White, 17 David Collins, 23 Erica James, Frances Weaver, 28 Charlotte James, 31 Mary Frances Gibbs, Joe Hundley

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, October 2- Nancy Thomas

Sunday, October 9- Sylvia Knight

Deacons of the Month: Ross Gale and Linda Gale

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

Grace Network Oct.-Dec. Food Assignment: Sm. Bisquick/Flour
Please drop the food off in the Missions Room at the church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oktoberfest/Harvest Fest-Churchwide Help!

TODAY at 4:00 p.m.

The Children & Youth Committee, along with the Missions Committee, is asking for churchwide help to assemble gift bags, get crafts, and prizes for the upcoming events: **Harvest Fest and Oktoberfest**. Read more about these events below. We need everybody to join in to make these events a success!

Harvest Fest! Friday, October 28th

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. FBC Parking Lot

Join us to provide parents a fun and safe place for their children to trick-or-treat, play fall and Halloween-themed games for prizes, listen to great music, and have some snacks/dinner. Visit fbcmartinsville.com/harvestfest2022/ Sign up to help in the church office.

Oktoberfest Uptown Martinsville NEW DATE!

October 29th, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Due to the weather Oktoberfest has been rescheduled.

First Baptist Church will still be hosting a booth at the Oktoberfest in Uptown Martinsville October 29th! Oktoberfest in Uptown Martinsville is a family-friendly event, held annually for the past 41 years. This event has music, craft and food vendors, and children's activities. The event is held from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sign up to help in the church office.

Grace Network Pumpkin Patch

First Baptist is scheduled to work the Pumpkin Patch this Tuesday, October 4th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thank you, volunteers!

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 2

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
12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting-Rm 105/In Person

Monday, October 3

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting/Zoom
12:00 p.m. Ladies Lunch & Learn Small Group-Rm 105
6:30 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal- Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 4

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee-Rm 105
4:00 p.m. FBC works the Pumpkin Patch
5:15 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm 105

Wednesday, October 5

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

Thursday, October 6

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

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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*Hymn 213 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Hymn 782 *Come, Share the Lord*

DIVERNON

We gather here in Jesus' name,
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through his loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.
We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;
we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread, come, drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

*Song of Response

*Hymn 60 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain