

A Service of Worship & Communion

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 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 *He's Got the Busy, Busy People* arr. Raney
In His Hands
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Look around. What wonders we behold!

**People: We see others, gathered here to worship
and praise God.**

Leader: Each person here is a unique,
beloved creation of God.

**People: Each person here is given special gifts
and talents by God.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God who has blessed us
so mightily.

**People: Let us praise God with our whole hearts,
souls, minds, and spirits.**

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 the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson Philemon 1:1-21 Nancy Thomas
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.*

*Please stand as you are able

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 298 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* ST. AGNES

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 *Breaking the Bread* Allen Pote

Sermon *Bound Together In Christ* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 593 *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE

Celebrating Communion

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

**Forgiving God, we have messed up in so many ways.
We have not treated this world or one another with
compassionate love. We have turned our backs on
situations of need in which we could have been
instruments of help, healing, and peace. We have
neglected service to others and have instead focused our
lives on accumulating things and status. We have
chosen division over unity and treated others as objects
rather than your beloved children. Forgive us for our
neglect and our wrong choices. Refashion us to be your
people, celebrating your love in service to others.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**We give you thanks, O God, for your unfailing love that
reminds us of how we ought to love one another – as
sisters and brothers in Christ. Grant us courage and
power to love as you love this and every day.**

*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 *Chromatic Fanatasia* Thiele

***This is the season after Pentecost in the Christian year.** Having
celebrated the "birthday of the church" through the giving of the Holy
Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after Pentecost for
24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and recall her
mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green,
symbolic of the church's growth and mission. On the first Sunday of
each month, we celebrate communion, and the liturgical color
changes to white to recognize the holiness and majesty of Christ.*

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

September Birthdays: 5 Anna Bowe Wells, 12 Linda Read,
16 John Buck, 19 Jim Fetter, 20 Frank Taylor, 21 Mary Taylor,
Elena Grammer-Underwood, 23 Charlie Miers, Margie Shytle,
24 Debby Simpson, 25 Martha Medley, Judy Szulecki Bunin,
27 Melva Stultz, 29 Judy Epperly, 30 Mary Lewis Johnston

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, September 4- Linda Gale
Sunday, September 11- Marsha Garren

Deacons of the Month: Bill Sapp and Susan Sapp

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

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Winston &
Katherine Nelson, Ruth & Weston Nelson by Virginia Dira Nelson
Ensminger.

Grace Network July-Sept 2022 Food Assignment- Sugar (4lbs)

Please drop the food off in the Missions Room at the church.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, September 4

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, September 5

Office & ELC Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6

12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee-Rm 105
5:15 p.m. Nominating Committee-Rm 105

Wednesday, September 7

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

Thursday, September 8

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You Choir Clean-up Crew!

Thank you to Marcus James, Libby Grammer, David Lewis, Bobby Moore, Cliff Rood, and Will Underwood for all your hard work and help in cleaning and re-organizing the choir room. Your work made a big difference in the choir room and helped me find my feet in knowing what is where. Thank you very much! -Rev. David Cameron

Thank You Hospitality Committee!

On behalf of myself, The First Baptist and Chatham Heights Baptist Sanctuary choirs, I want to express our deep appreciation to the First Baptist Church Hospitality team for the beautiful decorations, excellent food and drinks, and warm welcome they provided for our Combined Cantata kickoff party. You truly went above and beyond and helped make a great evening even more wonderful. Thank you very much! - Rev. David Cameron

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

Women's Mission Union invite you to join in giving to the Alma Hunt State Mission Offering. First Baptist's goal is to raise \$2,000. Help us reach and exceed this goal by designating an offering to "Alma Hunt Offering" on your check memo line or online at fbcmartinsville.com/give (memo Alma Hunt).

Gideon Sunday- NEXT SUNDAY

If you believe as the Gideon's do that the world needs to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ more than ever before, next Sunday, September 11th, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the Gideon World Wide Bible placement plan. We look forward to our own Jerry Perdue presenting a short message on behalf of the Gideons International.

Donations may be made in-person on Sunday, September 11th during worship, online at fbcmartinsville.com/give (memo Gideons), or by mail. Many thanks in advance for your generous donations!

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.



Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer
Senior Pastor

Rev. David Cameron
Associate Pastor for
Music & Worship

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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Season after Pentecost

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

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, 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 298 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* ST. AGNES

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

O raise our thoughts from things below, from vanities and toys,
then shall we with fresh courage go to reach eternal joys.

Awake our souls to joyful songs; let pure devotion rise,
till praise employs our thankful tongues, and doubt forever dies.

Come, Holy spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

*Song of Response

Hymn 593 *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift of all inspire,
and have not love: my words are vain;
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.