

A Service of Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 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 *Minuet and Dance of the Blessed Spirits* Glück
Jake Keller, flute

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: We have gathered in God's holy presence,
the One who etches grace on our hearts.

**People: This is the place where God will transform
us into disciples.**

Leader: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few, but for the least
of our world.

**People: This is the place where God will write
compassion on our souls.**

Leader: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace;
we remember God's persistence in saving us.

**People: This is the place where God will breathe
the Word into our lives.**

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 103 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*
HANOVER

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 32:22-31 Bill Sapp
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8
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 621 *I Must Tell Jesus* ORWIGSBURG

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 *The God of Abraham Praise* Olivers/Lyon

Sermon *Stubbornness is Next to Godliness* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 542 *Near to the Heart of God* McAFEE

*Benediction

*Response *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* Lafferty

Postlude *Adagio* Donjon
Jake Keller, flute

*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.*

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.

We Welcome Jake Keller to our service this morning as flutist. Jake
grew up in Martinsville and attended First Baptist Church. Jake later
moved to Ohio where he worked for an international engineering
firm before retiring to Virginia Beach. He is a cousin of
Debby Simpson and Joretta Draper.

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: 17 David Collins, 23 Erica James, Frances Weaver,
28 Charlotte James, 31 Mary Frances Gibbs, Joe Hundley

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, October 16- Ruth Anne Collins

Sunday, October 23- Linda Gale

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. 2022 Food Assignment:

Small Bisquick or Small Flour

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

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 16

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, October 17

7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal- Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 18

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary

4:30 p.m. HCBA Annual Meeting-FBC Ridgeway

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

Thursday, October 20

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Exodus/Zoom

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Note: Business Meeting Change for October

The monthly business meeting will be on October 30th at 12: 15 p.m.
in-person in the Fellowship Hall.

Business Meeting Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee
Reports, 4. Vote on Messengers for BGAV, 5. Vote to approve the
2023 Budget, 6. Vote to approve nominees on the 2023 Nominating
Committee Report.

WMU-Raceway Ministry Snacks

This is a churchwide mission opportunity with the Henry County Baptist Association to donate individually-wrapped snacks and cookies for the hospitality tent at the race. **Please bring your snacks to the church by Tuesday, October 25th.**

Harvest Fest! Friday, October 28th

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. FBC Parking Lot, Volunteers Needed!

This year, FBC is teaming up with Chatham Heights Baptist Church to host a Harvest Fest in the FBC Parking Lot. Join us to provide parents a fun and safe place for their children to trick-or-treat, play fall- Halloween-themed games for prizes, listen to great music, and have some snacks/dinner. See the insert in today's bulletin or visit: fbcmartinsville.com/harvestfest2022/ on ways to volunteer. Please let the church office know where you want to help!

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year again! Time to pick up and fill a shoebox to share God's love with a child whose life will be brightened by your gift! Empty shoeboxes with instructions inside are available for pickup in the Narthex. Please fill and return them to the church (with a check for \$10.00 to cover the cost of shipping) by Sunday morning, November 20th.

Mark your Calendars-Oktoberfest has been Rescheduled!

"Fall" into Winter Fest, Saturday, December 3, 2022

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Due to the weather, Oktoberfest has been moved to December and the title is now "Fall" into Winter Fest. We will still need volunteers for our booth. Please let the church office know if you are able to work the booth you signed up for or if you are able to sign up for spots still open.

BGAV Annual Meeting

November 14-16, 2022, Hampton, VA

Sign up by October 27th through the church office.

After two years of virtual gatherings, BGAV will be an in-person event this year—with a live-stream option. While the pandemic is still among us, it's taught us a lot about how we can engage with each other and worship together in many different ways. FBC is allowed 7 messengers this year. We hope you'll choose to be with your BGAV family whether it's in person or online.

NEW for All Saints Sunday - November 6, 2022

We invite you to plan for and attend our All Saints Sunday service, where we remember those saints who have gone before us - especially those in the past year from among our church membership. This year, we would like you all to bring a framed photo of someone you are remembering on All Saints Sunday, with names attached if desired (no larger than 8x10, please), which will be displayed on tables on the front sides of the Sanctuary during worship. With these, we will have an opportunity to see the faces of our loved ones as the "great cloud of witnesses" who remind us that we are not alone, but surrounded daily by those who have come before us. **Drop off your framed photo(s) at the church office by October 27th, if possible.**

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.



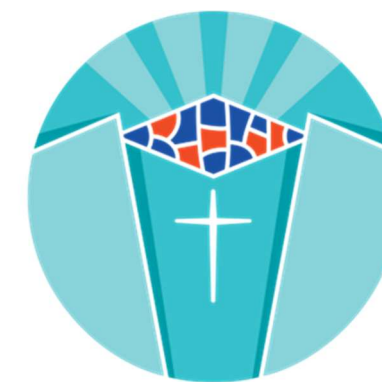
Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer
Senior Pastor

Rev. David Cameron
Associate Pastor for
Music & Worship

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 103 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim* HANOVER

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh— his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

“Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!”
let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right:
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing with angels above
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

*Hymn 621 *I Must Tell Jesus* ORWIGSBURG

I must tell Jesus all of my trials;
I cannot bear these burdens alone;
In my distress He kindly will help me;
He ever loves and cares for His own.

Refrain:

*I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
I cannot bear my burdens alone;
I must tell Jesus! I must tell Jesus!
Jesus can help me, Jesus alone.*

Tempted and tried, I need a great Savior,
One who can help my burdens to bear;
I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus;
He all my cares and sorrows will share.

Refrain

O how the world to evil allures me!
O how my heart is tempted to sin!
I must tell Jesus, and He will help me
Over the world the vict'ry to win.

Refrain

*Song of Response

Hymn 542 *Near to the Heart of God* McAFEE

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God,
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God*

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God,
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God,
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain