

A Service of Worship

All Saints' Sunday

November 6, 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 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* arr. Paine
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Litany of Remembrance

Leader: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

People: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

Leader: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

People: Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

Leader: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts, and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

People: Family of our faith, we remember you.

Leader: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, and parents whose lives ended too soon:

People: Those close in our heart, we remember you.

Leader: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our church family, knowing that they are with Your heart forever:

June Pace	November 1, 2021
Jean Gray	November 5, 2021
Smitty Grogan	December 7, 2021
Bruce Spencer	December 24, 2021
Irene Simpson	March 9, 2022
John Collins	March 17, 2022
Danny Winn	July 1, 2022
Jimmie Sexton	July 16, 2022
Smitty Doyle	August 6, 2022
Neville Frith	September 3, 2022
Bob White	September 14, 2022

*Please stand as you are able

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

People: Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship and service, and you will not be forgotten.

Leader: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life from those listed here, to those on our hearts. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Grammer

Meditation *Amazing Grace* arr. Karen Keene

During this meditation, feel free to come write the names of those on your heart to remember on this All Saints' Sunday and hang on our Remembrance Tree.

*Hymn 749 *Rejoice in God's Saints* HANOVER

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

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.**

Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Job 19:23-27a Merle Prince

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Luke 6:20-31
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Anthem *Song of Remembrance* Fettke

Sermon *Blessed* Dr. Grammer

*Song of Response

*Hymn 751 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

Celebrating Communion

Prayer of Confession

Dr. Grammer

Beloved, we are God's children now, but what we will be in the fullness of our time has not been revealed. What we do know is this: we will be like Jesus the Christ and saints of God. Let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us and pray to be more like the Christ in every way.

Leader: Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God...

People: We pray, may we be more like Jesus.

Leader: Jesus fed those who were hungry...

People: We pray, may we be more like Jesus.

Leader: Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded...

People: We pray, may we be more like Jesus.

Leader: Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need...

People: We pray, may we be more like Jesus.

Leader: Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness...

People: We pray, may we be more like Jesus.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

God, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gathered around your table and are welcome here to grow, to learn, and to hope once again. We are a blessed people, honored by your presence in our lives. Grant us grace to become the people you would have us to be this day and always. Amen.

*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 *Celtic Fanfare* Stamm

Today is All Saints' Sunday in the Christian year. All Saints' Day, November 1, is also known as All Hallows' Day; its eve gave us the term "Halloween." We celebrate All Saints' Day in worship on the first Sunday in November, memorializing the saintly status of all Christian people, especially those we have lost from our own church family in the last year. The liturgical color is white, signifying that it is Christ who lives in the saints.

Celebrating the Saints- As part of this celebration of saints, in today's worship service, we light a candle for each saint we have lost in our church family this year. Family members may pick up their candle after the service.

All Saints' Remembrance Tree- If you have a name on your heart of someone you love whom you remember today, write that name on one of the hearts and hang it on our All Saints' Remembrance Tree during the meditation.

Remembrance Photos- We have also gathered photos of our loved ones, saints gone in years past, to surround ourselves with a "great cloud of witnesses" during worship today.

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.

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 #, #

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

November Birthdays: 1 David Lewis, 2 Jay Frith, Suzanne Martin, 4 Marcia Collins, 5 Julie Hall, 9 Cliff Rood, 15 Anne McDaniel, 15 David Cameron, 18 Chuck Martin, 21 Roslyn Wingett, 22 Joe Engle, 24 Helen Wright, 29 Libby Grammer

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, November 6- Linda Moore
Sunday, November 13th – Susan Sapp

Deacons of the Month: Cliff Rood and Nancy Thomas

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

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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Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, November 6

9:30 a.m. Journey Small Group-Rm 110/Zoom
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School-Church Nursery
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual
3:30 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal-CHBC

Monday, November 7

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm 105
6:00 p.m. Stillwater Small Group Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 8

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

Wednesday November 9

10:00 a.m. Library Committee
5:00 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-rm 105

Thursday, November 10

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

Saturday, November 12

10:00 a.m. HC Food Pantry-Bassett
1:00 p.m. Health Fair/COVID Clinic-FBC Parking Lot

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU Meeting, November 7, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

WMU will meet this Monday and they will be making fleece/fringed pillows as their mission project.

Appreciation & Recognition Luncheon for Baxter Jennings

Sunday, November 13, 2022 after Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we recognize and celebrate Baxter Jennings' 15 years of dedicated service as FBC's organist. A basket for cards will be available for expressions of gratitude.

Henry County Food Pantry Box Packing

Saturday, November 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We will be assisting with food box packing. Wear your FBC T-shirt and join us for this mission opportunity! Please sign up by calling or emailing the church office. Childcare will be provided at the church.

Mini Health Fair + COVID Vaccines

November 12th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. FBC Parking Lot

Free Event-No Registration Needed! Volunteers needed

This community-wide event is sponsored by First Baptist Church, Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia, and Martinsville-Henry County Coalition for Health and Wellness. Anyone 18 years or older can receive wellness checks for blood pressure and blood sugar and /or receive a COVID vaccine (1st or 2nd shot, or new booster).

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.

Christmas Dinner & Library Bake Sale

December 4, 2022 after Worship

Let's gather together for dinner and a fun time at what we hope will be again an annual Bake Sale! Since we won't have to cook on that day, McCabe Library could use any baked/gift-type contributions for sale. Dinner is after Worship in the Fellowship Hall and the Bake Sale will start at 2:30 p.m. after the dinner.

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

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

Due to the weather, Oktoberfest has been moved to December and the title is now "Fall" into Winter Fest. FBC's booth will have crafts on hand for the kids as well as balloons with the FBC logo. We will also be handing out church brochures, Reflections Newsletters, and ELC postcards with info. We will be collecting emails from those who would like to be entered in a drawing and accepting ELC waiting list slips for those who are interested in possibly enrolling their children at the ELC. 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.

Grace Network Oct.-Dec. 2022 Food Assignment:

Small Bisquick or Small Flour

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

Hymn 749

Rejoice in God's Saints

HANOVER

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

*Hymn 751

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless'd.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear, their on true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine.
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl stream in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!