

A Service of Worship

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

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 *Carillon* Roe
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: When we hunger,

People: We cry to the Lord, "Help us, O Lord."

Leader: When we thirst,

People: We cry to the Lord, "Help us, O Lord."

Leader: God who created the heavens and the earth
hears our cries.

**People: Lord, come and quench our thirst
and heal our hunger.**

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 52 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

Hearing the Scriptures

Gospel Lesson/Reader's Theatre

John 4:5-42

Bill Sapp William Underwood Taylor Vecchia

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 669 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

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 *How Can I Keep From Singing* Lowry/Courtney

Sermon *Conversations with Jesus, Part 2* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response

*Hymn 618 *Give to the Winds Your Fears* DIADEMATA

Presentation of New Members Dr. Grammer

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *Lord, Have Mercy* Merkel

Lord, Have Mercy * by: Steve Merkel

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy on me;

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy on me.

Postlude *2nd Carillon* Jordan

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Steve Merkel

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Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty days through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Lent is a strongly penitential season. The liturgical color is purple, used to symbolize penance, preparation, sacrifice.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of Richard & Linda Dorr's 50th Wedding Anniversary, March 10, 2023. Congratulations!

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, John Buck, Judy Szulecki Bunin, John Burgess, Mary Clifton, Martha Crawley, Martha Drane, Nita Gauldin, Ann Grogan, Armand Harrell, George Lester, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

March Birthdays: 4 Karmon Martin, Ann Draper, 5 Benny Shires, 12 Marie Lannom, 13 John Fulcher, Merle Prince, 16 Dennis Knight, Shannon Winters, 17 Tommy Doss, 22 Susan Sapp, 24 Marie Dalton, 26 Becky Stone, Marcus James, 28 Jerry Perdue

Deacons of the Month: Susan Sapp and John Fulcher
Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, March 12th – Roslyn Wingett
Sunday, March 19th – Nancy Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Offering for Global Missions

WMU and the Church Missions Committee invite you to give generously to our annual CBF Offering for Global Missions. Share in the abundant life of Christ by giving to the Offering for Global Missions. 100% of your gift will send CBF field personnel to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world.

Our goal this year is \$3,000.

Help us meet and exceed our goal!

A Place At The Table

Jesus noticed how the invited guest sought out the best seats at the table, so he began to teach: *"Invite! Everyone is important. Everyone is an honored guest. There is a place at the table for everyone."*

CBF field personnel welcome everyone to the table by...

Engaging in community-level food security efforts for the benefit of farmworker families in the U.S.

Ministering within some of the poorest counties in the United States, including those considered "distressed" counties based on low per capita income and high rates of poverty and unemployment.

Assisting families with **financial counseling, job-readiness skills**, applying for additional benefits and services

Maintaining a network of hospitality houses to provide shelter, food, prayer and rest to those experiencing homelessness, hunger, poverty and addiction.

... And so much more because of your support for the Offering for Global Missions

This week's Missionary Prayer: Rick & Ellen Burnette

CBF Field Personnel in North Fort Myers, Fla.

Together, Rick and Ellen engage in the community-level food security efforts of Cultivate Abundance for the benefit of farmworker families in Immokalee, Florida and beyond. Cultivate Abundance works alongside the CBF Rural/Urban team and CBF Florida. Read more about the Burnettes on our Missions Wall.

Grace Network Jan.-Mar. 2023 Food Assignment:

Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz jar or can)

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

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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LENT

*Hymn 52 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if we survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that I may be, you, God, are present there.

*Hymn 669 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us—
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Heal your children's warring madness,
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

*Song of Response

*Hymn 618 *Give to the Winds Your Fears* DIADEMATA

Give to the winds your fears, in hope be undismayed;
God hears your sighs and counts your tears,
God shall lift up your head; through waves and clouds and storms,
he gently clears the way; wait for his time,
so shall the night soon end in joyous day.

Far, far above your thought his counsel shall appear,
when fully he the work has wrought that caused your needless fear.
Leave to his sovereign will to choose and to command:
with wonder filled you then shall own how wise,
how strong his hand.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 12

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-Sanctuary/Online

Monday, March 13

12:00 p.m. Ladies' Lunch & Learn-Rm. 105
6:00 p.m. Stillwater Small Group Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 14

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Coordinating Council-Rm. 105/Zoom

Wednesday, March 15

4:30 p.m. Midweek Check-in/Zoom

Thursday, March 16

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Leviticus/Zoom
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Hope Tree Family Planning-Fellowship Hall

Lenten Book Study- 6 Weeks

You are invited to join us for a Lenten 6-week study. The book for this study is *Creed: What Christians Believe and Why* by Adam Hamilton. This study explores what Christians believe, why they believe, and why it matters through the Apostles' Creed.

Journey Small Group-Sunday, February 26th – April 2nd - 9:45 a.m.

Midweek Check-In -Wednesday, March 1st – April 5th 4:30 p.m./ Zoom

Ladies' Lunch & Learn –Monday, March 6th – April 17th - 12:00 p.m.

Easter Lilies

Many of our members appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the Easter floral decorations for the Sanctuary. This is a way to honor or memorialize persons who are special to us. If you would like to help, please send your dedication information and your donation to the church office by Friday, March 31st. Your dedication will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Gratitude for Giving...

GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Stacey Steagall by Mary Frances Gibbs.