

A Service of Worship & Communion

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 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 *Land of Rest* arr. Sowerby
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer
Inspired by Genesis 2, Psalm 121, John 3

Leader: Come, all who need help!

**People: Our help comes from God,
the one who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: Come, all who desire blessing!

**People: Our blessing comes from God,
the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.**

Leader: Come, all who long for salvation!

**People: Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ,
the one sent by God to save the world.**

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 60 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Hearing the Scriptures

Gospel Lesson/Reader's Theater

John 3:1-17

Nancy Thomas David Cameron William Underwood

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 493 *I Know Whom I Have Believed* EL NATHAN

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 Lord Invites Us Here* Williams/Adams

Sermon *Conversations with Jesus, Part 1* Dr. Grammer

*Song of Response
*Hymn 91 *I Love You, My Jesus* LOVE TO CHRIST

Celebrating Communion

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Dr. Grammer

**God, we too often fear our questions in favor of a shallow
faith, and our spiritual life is lesser for it. Forgive us for
hiding our uncertainties and give us grace to ask the hard
questions together. Remind us that it is in conversation with
Christ that the depth of our faith can grow, and during this
season of Lent, help us find the courage to ask.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**God, we are thankful that you sent Jesus not to condemn the
world but that we all might be saved through him. We come
to you with prayerful questions and immense gratitude for
your willingness to help us grow through our faithful
questioning.**

Responding to God

*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 *Suite* Albert Alain

Today is the Second 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.

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, Mary Frances Gibbs, 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

Deacon of the Month: Susan Sapp

Deacon of the month assists your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Thank You Note

Betsy Miers & her family thanks you for all the birthday wishes & gifts so generously given to celebrate her 103rd birthday. Betsy's First Baptist Church family has always been one of the biggest parts of her life.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY- 6 WEEKS

You are invited to join us for a Lenten 6 weeks 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.

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, March 5th – Crystal Darden
Sunday, March 12th – Roslyn Wingett

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Pat Jordan by Melva Stultz. A gift has been given in memory of Ruth Rothrock by Barbara Matthews. ELC SCHOLARSHIP FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Pat Jordan by Mary Elizabeth Ham.

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Women on Mission 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.

Mark Your Calendars!

Henry County Food Pantry Box Packing

Saturday, March 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We will be assisting with food box packing. Wear FBC t-shirt and join us for this mission opportunity! **Please sign up by calling or emailing the church office. We need a minimum of 10 volunteers for this project.** The Food Pantry is located at 3321 Fairystone Parkway in Bassett, Va. in the Riverwalk Mini Mall. Childcare will be provided at the church.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 5

8:45 p.m. Deacons Meeting-Fellowship Hall
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 6

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm. 105
12:30 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 7

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
4:15 p.m. Personnel Committee-Rm. 105

Wednesday, March 8

10:00 a.m. Scholarship Committee-Rm. 105
10:00 a.m. Library Committee
4:30 p.m. Midweek Check-in/Zoom

Thursday, March 9

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

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.



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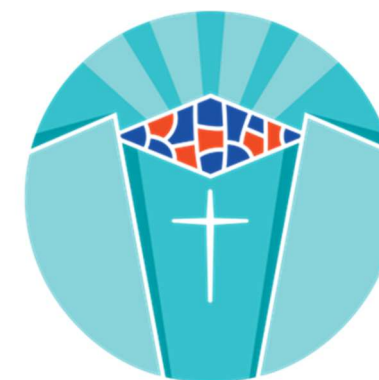
Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer
Senior Pastor

Rev. David Cameron
Associate Pastor for
Music & Worship

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Organist

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LENT

*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

*Hymn 493 *I Know Whom I Have Believed* EL NATHAN

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me he hath made known,
nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for his own.

Refrain

But "I know whom I have believed,

and am persuaded that he is able to keep

that which I've committed unto him against that day."

I know not how this saving faith to me he did impart,
nor how believing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.

Refrain

I know not how the Spirit moves, convincing us of sin,
revealing Jesus through the Word, creating faith in him.

Refrain

I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon day fair,
nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or "meet him in the air."

Refrain

Song of Response

*Hymn 91 *I Love You, My Jesus* LOVE TO CHRIST

I love you my Jesus, I love you, my Lord;
I love you my Savior, I love you my God:
I love you, I love you, and that you well know;
but how much I love you my actions will show.

O Jesus my Savior, with you I am blest,
my life and salvation, my joy and my rest:
your name be my theme, and your love be my song;
your grace shall inspire me and keep my heart strong.