

A Service of Worship

Easter Sunday

April 9, 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 *The Secret Garden* Løveland
Kieran Rooney, cello

Leader: Christ is Risen!

People: **Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Rejoice! There is great news! Christ is risen!

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let all the earth proclaim the joy!

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Death never gets the final word.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Rejoice in this day of salvation.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

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 234 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Hearing the Scriptures

Gospel Lesson/Reader's Theatre John 20:1-18

Bill Sapp Taylor Vecchia David Cameron Erica James

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 247 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

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 *Canticle For Easter* Haydn/Mozart
Williams

Kevin Lewis, Trumpet; Landon George, Trombone
John Fulcher, Timpani; Baxter Jennings, Piano

Sermon *I Have Seen the Lord!* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response

*Hymn 254 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* ODE TO JOY

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *Single Amen* Bourgeois

Postlude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Dixon
Baxter Jennings, organ

Today is Easter Sunday, the joyous celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Easter Sunday marks the end of Holy Week, the end of the season of Lent, and is the beginning of Eastertide in the liturgical year. Eastertide is celebrated from Easter Sunday for fifty days, until the day of Pentecost, and focuses on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing light, victory, and eternal life.

Welcome our Musical Accompanists for Easter Kieran Rooney, Cello; Kevin Lewis, Trumpet; Landon George, Trombone; John Fulcher, Timpani; and Baxter Jennings, Piano & Organ.

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.

Giving in Worship at First Baptist – We welcome your gifts to support the mission and ministry of First Baptist Church. You can give in worship by dropping your offering (check/cash) in our offering plate in the Narthex, or you can give online anytime at fbcmartinsville.com/give.

In Christian Sympathy to the family of Anna Bowe Lester Wells who passed away Sunday, April 2, 2023. A graveside service and inurnment will be held at Oakwood Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2023, with Dr. Libby Grammer and the Rev. John Adams officiating.

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, Sylvia Knight, George Lester, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

April Birthdays: 4 George Lester, 12 Marilyn Turner, 16 John Burgess, 19 Dean Johnston, 21 Marsha Frith, 22 Ella James, 24 Bonnie Wilson, 25 Martha Perdue, 26 Nita Gauldin, 27 Sylvia Knight, 28 Pat Austin

Deacons of the Month: Ross Gale and David Lewis

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

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, April 9th- Linda Gale

Sunday, April 16th- Nancy Thomas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CBF Field Personnel Visit / Covered Dish Dinner

Wednesday, April 12th at 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite casserole, side dish, and/or dessert and join us as we meet Karen our CBF Field Personnel serving in North Africa, that we will be supporting through the Encourager Church. The Hospitality Committee will provide some chicken tenders and ham biscuits. Please call or email the church office to let them know you if you can come so we have a head count.

Reminder: Thursday Morning Bible Study is back in person Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 105, with a Zoom option.

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
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. Raised to date \$2,183.26.
Help us meet and exceed our goal!**

Grace Network Apr-Jun 2023 Food Assignment:

Potato Products (boxed mashed, scalloped)

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

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Early Service & Breakfast-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
10:30 a.m. Decorating the Flowering Cross-Front Entrance
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Monday, April 10

Church Office & ELC Closed for Easter Monday

Tuesday, April 11

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

Wednesday, April 12

10:00 a.m. Library Committee
5:30 p.m. Cover Dish Dinner-Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 13

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Leviticus-Rm 105/Zoom
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Saturday, April 15

11:00 a.m. Graveside inurnment -Anna Bowe Wells
Oakwood Cemetery

Mark Your Calendars! CBF 2023 General Assembly

"Holy Ambition," June 28-30, 2023, Atlanta, GA.

CBF General Assembly returns in-person this year to Atlanta, Georgia, and you're invited to join Cooperative Baptists at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta Hotel for a week of learning, worship, inspiration and fellowship!

This summer at General Assembly, we invite you to pursue **Holy Ambition**. Together in Atlanta, we will be equipped to put our faith to action, be encouraged by friends and colleagues in ministry, and be challenged to come alongside God's transforming work in the world

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. David Cameron
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Baxter Jennings
Organist

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EASTER SUNDAY

*Hymn 234 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* EASTER HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation, join to say Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

*Hymn 247 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light.
and, listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "all hail" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth its song begin!
The world resound in triumph, and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our Joy that has no end.

*Song of Response

*Hymn 254 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven* ODE TO JOY

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
once he died, and once was buried: now he lives for evermore,
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:
there in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;
hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and
side; now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

*The Easter Lilies this morning are given to the
Glory of God and in honor or in memory of loved ones
by the following persons:*

In Memory of

Given by

Margaret Lester

The Lester Family

James Rosville

Peggy & Ed Pruden

Eva & Jimmy Gilley

Pat Jordan

Buddy Lannom

His Family

Jean & Boyd Gray

Sherri Lewis & Family

Ruth Rothrock

A Friend

Rural & Lolene Gusler

Their Family

Stacey Steagall

Shirley Stone

Helen Dandridge

Russell & Frances Hancock

Roslyn & Max Wingett

Michael Hancock

Glenn & Lois Wingett

G. T. & JoLene White

Martha Medley

Gene Medley

Mr. & Mrs. J. Ford Burgess

Pam & John Burgess

Mr. & Mrs. M. A. Eubank

George W. Lester IV

Lee & George Lester

George W. Lester III

Amie Leigh Cotton

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Jessie Roark

Shirley Roark

Lauren Monday

Ethel Hirscher

Taylor & Ryan Vecchia

David & Dot Doss

Cliff & Jean Rood

June Engle

Joe Engle

Phyllis Abbott

David & Anita Philpott

Louise & John Fulcher, Sr.

John Fulcher, Jr.

Danny Winn

In Honor of

Given by

Nita Gauldin

The Flower Committee

Mrs. Betsy Miers

Pam & John Burgess

John Abbott

David & Anita Philpott