

A Service of Worship

Ascension Sunday

May 21, 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 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Hand
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: What a glorious vision!

People: Jesus gave the glorious promise of an Advocate.

Leader: Then he ascended to God.

**People: What joy there must have been in the hearts
of the disciples!**

Leader: May God find such joy in our hearts and spirits.

**People: Prepare us, Lord, for the mighty works
you place before us.**

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 263 *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Hearing the Scriptures

First Lesson Acts 1:1-14 Roslyn Wingett
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 1:15-23
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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 262 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* DARWALL

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 *Creation Praise* Joseph Martin

Sermon *Looking Up, Looking Out* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response

Hymn 259 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*
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*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *The Head That Once Was Crowned* Kelly/Clarke

Postlude *Allegro maestoso* Mendelssohn

*Today is Ascension Sunday. This Sunday commemorates the bodily
ascension of Jesus into heaven. We celebrate Jesus' ascension on the
last Sunday of Eastertide. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing
light, victory, and eternal life.*

Welcome Dr. David Lewis as he leads our music this Sunday.

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.

Prayer Reminder

Church Family: John Abbott, Alice Bowman, John Buck,
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, Nancy Thomas, Yvonne Turner,
Gayle Williams

May Birthdays: 1 Linda Gale, 3 Taylor Vecchia, 5 Beth Kotchish,
6 Ron Wilson, 7 Helen Hensley, 12 Gayle Williams, 15 Marsha Garren,
24 Wes Barrow, 30 Bill Sapp

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, May 21st - Ruth Anne Collins

Sunday, May 28th - Linda Read

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELC Preschool Graduation & Art Show

Graduation will be Friday, June 2nd at Noon in the Sanctuary.
The 3 & 4-year-old preschool's art work will be displayed in the
Fellowship Hall. Parents may purchase their children's art on
June 2nd after graduation. All proceeds will go to FBC's Mission
Opportunity Fund which helps support both local and
international causes.

2023 Graduate Recognition-Send in Your Names!

Do you have a child or grandchild graduating from high school,
college, technical school, or graduate school? Let us know so we can
recognize them in our bulletin and e-newsletter. Call or email the
church office with the graduate's name, school and major/degree.
We will list them in the June 4th bulletin and June 8th e-newsletter.

Henry County Food Pantry Box Packing

Saturday, June 10th 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. The Food Pantry is located at 3321
Fairystone Parkway in Bassett, Va. in the Riverwalk Mini Mall.
Childcare will be provided at the church.

Personnel Committee Announcement

Associate Pastor for Families Candidate: Caroline Tucker

The personnel committees of First Baptist Church and Chatham Heights Baptist Church unanimously recommend Caroline Tucker for the shared position of Associate Pastor for Families. Caroline is a recent Wake Forest Divinity School graduate and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Queens University of Charlotte. More information will be forthcoming about Caroline, her experience, and her enthusiasm for our shared position in the days and weeks to come.

Mark your calendars for a Call Weekend June 10-11, 2023!

On Saturday, June 10th, we will host Caroline in our Fellowship Hall for a meet-and-greet. On Sunday, June 11th, Caroline will offer testimony in worship and lead our children's sermon. Both churches will hold a vote of affirmation after our worship services.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, May 21

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Combined Committee Meeting-Rm. 105

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

- 10:00 a.m. Library Committee
- 12:15 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-Rm. 105

Thursday, May 25

- 10:00 a.m. **NO Bible Study**
- 10:00 a.m. ELC Graduation Practice-Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Howard Fringer by Anne McDaniel. A gift has been given in memory of Anna Bowe Wells by Cliff & Jean Rood. LIBRARY FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Anna Bowe Wells by Roslyn Wingett.

Grace Network Apr-Jun 2023 Food Assignment:

Boxed Potato Products (mashed, scalloped)

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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*Hymn 263 *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

Alleluia, sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne:
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;
Alleluia! hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,
where the song of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Hymn 262 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* DARWELL

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains he took his seat above:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Song of Response

*Hymn 259 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia! Alleluia! and with his faithful followers see
their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O Lord, our homeward pathway bend
that our unwearied hearts ascend, Alleluia! Alleluia! where,
seated on your Father's throne, you reign as King of kings alone.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia! You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!