

A Service of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 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 *Morning Song* Elgar
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: We gather this day to worship.

**People: But we bring with us heavy burdens
which weigh us down.**

Leader: We gather this day to praise God.

**People: But our hearts ache inside us
and we feel we can go no further.**

Leader: Come all who are burdened and
who feel weighed down. Come to Jesus.

People: Lord Jesus, take our burdens and heal our spirits.

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 558 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 145:8-14 William Underwood
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 11:25-30
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

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 486 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

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 Greatest of These* Wordsworth/Marshall

Sermon *Weighed Down* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 538 *I Need Thee Every Hour* NEED

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus* Francis/Williams

Postlude *Sonata in D* Hasse

*This is the season after Pentecost in the Christian year. Having
celebrated the "birthday of the church" through the giving of the
Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after
Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and
recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is
green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission.*

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of Pam and John Burgess'
43rd Wedding Anniversary and Pam's birthday.

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, Betsy Miers, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman,
Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner,
Gayle Williams

In Christian Sympathy to Cliff Rood and his family on the loss of
his brother, Paul Rood, who passed away July 2, 2023. A graveside
service was held July 5, 2023 in Charlottesville, Va.

July Birthdays: 4 Betty Sue Layton, 9 John Abbott, 10 Pam Burgess,
13 Ross Gale, 17 Shirley Reeves, 18 Rick Caudill, 20 Ruth Dandridge,
21 Imogene McMillan, 24 Joshua Penta, 25 Sue Lester, Sam Penta,
26 Debbie Stokes, 29 Nancy Arnold, Stephens Turner,
William Underwood

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

Worship Care Schedule
Sunday, July 9th– Marcia Collins

Grace Network July-Sept. 2023 Food Assignment:
Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz jar or can)
Please drop the food off in the Missions Room at the church.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, July 9

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

Tuesday, July 11

12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee-Rm. 105
2:00 p.m. Communion at King's Grant-Chapel

Wednesday, July 12

10:00 a.m. Library Committee
3:00 p.m. History Committee Organizational Meeting-Rm. 101

Thursday, July 13

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed for Back2School!

There are many opportunities to let your gifts shine during this great event! If you can help email Tracy Hinchcliff: tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetworkmhc.org or sign up in the church office.

Registration	July 15 th	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
	July 25 th	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Pack the Bus	July 21 st - July 23 rd	TBD
Filling Backpacks	August 1 st	6:00 p.m.
The Big Event	August 5 th	7:30 a.m.

Vacation Bible School with FBC & Chatham Heights Baptist Friday, July 21st - Sunday July 23rd @ CHBC



FBC Kids Children's Ministry and FBC ELC children are invited to attend a shared VBS with our sister church, Chatham Heights Baptist Church! Children up through the 6th grade will have times of learning, play and spiritual growth. Meals will be served both days as well as snacks.

Schedule for Vacation Bible School:

Friday, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, 10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, 6:00 p.m. Rally for the Kids followed by a Pool Party

Volunteers needed!

Love children? Join us as we partner with CHBC. Sign up to volunteer at VBS! Call or email the church office to sign up.

Nursery is thru 2 yrs old: Caregivers, helpers,

2-3 yrs old: Teacher, helpers

4-5 yrs old: Teacher, helpers

1st & 2nd Grade: Teacher, helpers

3rd & 4th Grade: Teacher, helpers

5th & 6th Grade: Teacher, helpers

Craft Helpers

Music Helpers

Missions Helpers

Food Helpers: Handing out food/snacks

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Catherine Collins, Nancy Thomas, and Howard Fringer by Ruth Dandridge. Gifts have been given in memory of Nancy Thomas by Debbie & James Stokes, Anne McDaniel, and Susan & Gary Collins. FLOWER FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Nancy Thomas by Linda Read.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Gifts have been given in memory of Nancy Thomas by Becky Stone, Mary Frances Gibbs, and Pam & Rick Caudill. A gift has been given in memory of Pat Jordan by Becky Stone. GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Anna Bowe Wells by Becky Stone. BEREAVEMENT: A gift has been given in memory of Howard Fringer by Becky Stone.

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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Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 558 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Hymn 486 *There is a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word,
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

*Song of Response

Hymn 538 *I Need Thee Every Hour* NEED

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain

*I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my savior, I come to thee!*

I need thee every hour, stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

Refrain

I need thee every hour in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide or life is vain.

Refrain

I need thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son!

Refrain