

A Service of Worship

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 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 *Highland Concerto* Stamm
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship *Inspired by Psalm 138* Dr. Grammer

Leader: We gather to give thanks to you, O Lord,

People: with all our heart!

Leader: We will sing your praises before all creation,

People: and rejoice in your steadfast love!

Leader: You have created us, O Lord,
and made us for yourself,

**People: In you, we become everything
you have made us to be!**

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 103 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master* HANOVER

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 138 William Underwood
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 16:13-20
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Children's Worship Pastor Caroline
*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 568 *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* HENDON

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 *Shout the Glad Tidings* Handel/Hopson

Sermon *Who Am I?* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response

Hymn 86 *We Come, O Christ, to You* DARWALL

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *We Believe in God Almighty*
Mowbray/Douglas

Postlude *Concerto Finale* Stamm

*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.*

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, Linda Dorr,
Martha Drane, Nita Gauldin, Ann Grogan, Armand Harrell,
George Lester, Betsy Miers, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman,
Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner,
Gayle Williams

August Birthdays: 27 Caroline Tucker, 28 Shirley Stone,
29 Edith Bolen, Gary Darden, 30 Darnell Cockram

September Birthdays: 12 Linda Read, 16 John Buck, 19 Jim Fetter,
20 Frank Taylor, 21 Mary Taylor, Elena Grammer-Underwood,
23 Charlie Miers, Margie Shytle, 24 Debby Simpson,
25 Martha Medley, Judy Bunin, 27 Melva Stultz, 29 Judy Epperly,
30 Mary Lewis Johnston

Deacons of the Month: Roslyn Wingett and Bobby Moore
Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons
with visitation as needed.

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, August 27th – Linda Read

Sunday, September 3rd – Susan Sapp

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, August 27

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. Business Meeting-Fellowship Hall

Monday, August 28

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom

Tuesday, August 29

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

Thursday, August 30

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Deuteronomy-Rm 105/Zoom

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting Agenda, TODAY, August 27, 2023 at 12:15 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee
Reports. 4. Vote on the creation of an FBC Endowment Fund.
More information about the fund is available in the Narthex.

Congratulations to the Kinzers!

Juniper Leia Kinzer was born on Friday, August 18th to the proud parents Christina and Kody Kinzer and big brother James. She weighed 7 lbs, 6 ozs. and is 20 ½ inches long. Check your e-news or call the church office to sign up to take them a meal.

Welcome for Caroline Tucker and her fiancé, Andy Taminger

Join us in welcoming Caroline and Andy to their new home in Martinsville. Help them get set up by sending a “love offering” to fill a space in their new apartment as they are just starting out! Feel free to give a monetary welcome gift or a Visa gift card that can be used anywhere. There will be a basket in the narthex for gifts.

Exciting news for our Early Learning Center!

We are so excited to announce that we have added a new and improved Pre-K4 Suite! This new classroom is located downstairs behind the elevator. It is a much larger space and will really allow our preschoolers to learn and grow. With our new Pre-K4 Suite, we were able to create an additional classroom for our two-year-old children as well.

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trip to Grace & Main Fellowship in Danville, VA

Saturday, September 10, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

FBC is an encourager church to CBF Field Personnel Jessica Hearne, who leads Grace & Main Fellowship in Danville, VA. We are planning to travel to Danville to partner with Jessica and Grace & Main Fellowship as a group by helping at the community farm with laying gravel, cleaning/prepping/storing beehive boxes, possibly building some new garden beds, and some regular garden chores like weeding, hoeing, and planting. Our sister church, Chatham Heights Baptist, will be joining us for this trip. We will take the church bus and will gather at 8:00 a.m., leaving for Danville at 8:15 a.m.

Families of all ages and abilities are welcome! Childcare for our youngest kids (under age 5) will be provided at the church beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Please call or email the church office if you plan on riding the bus.

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

The Missions Committee is inviting the church to participate in a new opportunity to serve children in our community. Patrick Henry Elementary school will be providing food bags for students who need extra food over the weekends. If you would like to participate, you are asked to place any of the following items in the box marked "PHE" in Room 103, the Missions Room:

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| single serve cereal | applesauce | pancake mix (eggless) |
| instant oatmeal | dried fruit | macaroni & cheese |
| granola bars | crackers | soup |
| canned or packet meats | juice | canned pasta w/ sauce |

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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Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 103 *Ye Servants of God, Your Master* HANOVER

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious he rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh— his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
let all cry aloud, and honor the Son:
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might:
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

*Hymn 568 *Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated* HENDON

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love,
at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee;
take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King,
always, only, for my King.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages for thee;
take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold,
not a mite would I withhold.

Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

*Song of Response

Hymn 86 *We Come, O Christ, to You* DARWALL

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist, in whom all life began.
In you alone we live and move and have our being in your love.

You are the way to God, your blood our ransom paid;
in you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand;
your love has met your law's demand.

You are the living Truth; all wisdom dwells in you,
the source of every skill, the one eternal True!
O great I AM! in you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

You only are true life to know you is to live
the more abundant life that earth can never give.
O risen Lord! we live in you: in us each day your life renew!

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King;
to you our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts that all may view your life in us and turn to you!



Beth Kotchish's 46-Year Anniversary



**with a
Covered Dish Lunch
Sunday, September 17th
after Worship**

Everyone is invited to bring their favorite meat,
vegetable, and or salad to celebrate Beth's 46 years at
FBC's Early Learning Center.

Please call or email the church office to reserve your
spot and let us know what you will be bringing for
the meal.