

A Service of Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 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 King of Love My Shepherd Is* Whitworth
Becky Smith, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Welcome to this community of faith.

**People: We come seeking hope and courage
for the future.**

Leader: Here you will find peace, hope, love and joy.

**People: We come weighed down by difficulties
in our lives.**

Leader: Here you will find Jesus who will take your
burdens on himself.

**People: Lord, we come to you this day in need
of your mercy and love.**

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 328 *God's Holy Ways Are Just and True*
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Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 119:33-40 Taylor Vecchia
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 18:15-20
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 697 *In Christ There Is No East or West* ST. PETER

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 *Come to Jesus* Rice/Hayes

Sermon *The Spirit of Togetherness* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response

Hymn 574 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* CANONBURY

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *Grace, Love, and Peace Abide* Brown/Sims

Postlude *Festal Fanfare* J. S. Bach

*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.

We welcome Becky Smith as our guest organist. Becky was the
organist at First United Methodist Church for 35 years and
Director of Music for 7 of those years. She retired in 2020 and has
been substituting at local churches. Becky is married to Fred Smith,
a local attorney, and they have 4 children and a spoiled Golden
Doodle, Bailey.

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

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: Cliff Rood and John Fulcher

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

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, September 10th – Linda Moore

Sunday, September 17th – Ruth Anne 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, September 10

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

Monday, September 11

7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

2:30 p.m. History Committee-Rm 219

Thursday, September 14

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

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

5:30 p.m. Kid's Church-Sanctuary/Rm. 101

6:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata Kickoff-Choir Room

Saturday, September 16

1:00 p.m. Early Learning Center Open House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) invite you to join in giving to the Alma Hunt State Mission Offering. First Baptist's goal is to raise \$2,222. Help us reach and exceed this goal by designating an offering to "Alma Hunt Offering" on your check memo line or online at fbcmartinsville.com/give (memo Alma Hunt).

NEXT SUNDAY! Beth Kotchish's 46-Year Anniversary

Sunday, September 17th at 12:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to celebrate with recognition in worship and a covered dish lunch afterwards. Bring your favorite meat, vegetable, and or salad and join us for lunch! **Please call or email the church office to reserve your spot and let us know what you will be bringing for the meal.**

Gideon Sunday, September 17th

If you believe as the Gideon's do that the world needs to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ more than ever before, Sunday, September 17th, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the Gideon World Wide Bible placement plan. We look forward to our own Jerry Perdue presenting a short message on behalf of the Gideons International.

Donations may be made in-person on Sunday, September 17th during worship, online at fbcmartinsville.com/give (memo Gideons), or by mail. Many thanks in advance for your generous donations!

Now What?! Conference- Saturday, September 23, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Martinsville

Sign Up By THIS FRIDAY, September 15th!

Our church will be hosting Now What?!, a conference to help churches learn more about how to best be the church in our changing world, especially as we face challenges in our communities.

Childcare provided - please let us know when you sign up the names and ages of your children. Lunch cost: \$12 per person.

Contact the church office to register and pay for lunch (if financial assistance is needed, please let the church office know - scholarships available!).

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.

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

This is an ongoing missions opportunity and if you would like to participate, you are asked to place your items in the box marked "PHE" in Room 103, the Missions Room. See the bulletin board or your e-newsletter for items needed.

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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Senior Pastor

Rev. David Cameron
Associate Pastor for
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Caroline Tucker
Associate Pastor
for Families

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 328 *God's Holy Ways Are Just and True*

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God's holy ways are just and true, his promises are ever new,
O praise him, alleluia! let every heart with praises sing
and make this house with voices ring:
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Bring back to mind his grace and love,
our needs provided from above; O praise him, alleluia!
He kept his word and Jesus came to make a people for his name;
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Tell once again his deeds of old, the story of our mighty God,
O praise him, alleluia! For all his glorious works and ways
we shall rejoice through endless days;
O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Hymn 697 *In Christ There Is No East or West*

ST. PETER

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love through-out the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples of the faith, what e'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

*Song of Response

Hymn 574 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* CANONBURY

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek Your wandering children,
lost, alone.

Oh, lead me, Lord, that I may lead the stumbling
and the straying feet; and feed me, Lord,
that I may feed your hungry ones with manna sweet.

Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths
which you impart; and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow in kindling thought
and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.