

A Service of Worship

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 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 *Allegro maestoso in D* Mendelssohn
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

WMU Presentation Merle Prince, WMU Chair

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: The earth is the Lord's!
Everything in creation belongs to God.

**People: Lift up your eyes!
See the mighty works of the Lord!**

Leader: This is the Lord's house! All who hope
in the Lord will be called children of God.

**People: Lift up your hearts!
Receive the gracious gifts of the Lord!**

Leader: This is the hour for worship and song.

**People: Lift up your voice!
Praise the Lord with all your might!**

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 295 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 3:14-21 Pam Caudill
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

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.*

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 293 *Spirit, Working in Creation* STUTTGART
(vs. 1, 2, 6-8)

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 *Many Gifts, One Spirit* Pote

Sermon *Spirit Hunger-Spirit Power* Rev. Mark Tidsworth

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 297 *Spirit of The Living God*
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Presentation of New Members Dr. Grammer

*Benediction Rev. Tidsworth

*Response *I Need Thee Every Hour* Hanks/Lowry

Postlude *Fugue in D minor* Mendelssohn

*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.

We Welcome Rev. Mark Tidsworth to our worship service this
morning. Mark has served as a pastor, new church developer,
interim pastor, renewal pastor, therapist, nonprofit director,
business owner, leadership coach, congregational consultant,
leadership trainer, and author.

Ordained in the Baptist Tradition, Mark is an ecumenical minister
at this point along the way. He is a frequent presenter with
leadership teams, clergy gatherings, and denominational
gatherings and is president of Pinnacle Leadership Associates,
based in Columbia, South Carolina. Mark lives in Chapin,
South Carolina with his wife, Melanie and has 3 young adult
children.

Prayer Reminder

Church Family: 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

Christian Sympathy to the family of John Abbott who passed
away Monday, September 18, 2023. The funeral was held here on
Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

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 Suzlecki 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 24th – Ruth Anne Collins
Sunday, October 7th – Crystal Darden

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.

*Please stand as you are able

Gratitude for Giving...

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: A gift has been given in memory of Nancy Thomas by Charlie & Suzanne Martin.

FULLER DAVIS MUSIC: A gift has been given in memory of John Abbott by Cliff & Jean Rood. GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of John Abbott by Jeffery Shaver.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, September 24

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, September 25

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Tuesday, September 26

5:00 p.m. Coordinating Council/Zoom

Wednesday, September 27

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library
4:30 p.m. Midweek Check-in/Zoom

Thursday, September 28

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

Saturday, September 30

2:00 p.m. Family Fun Afternoon-Chatham Heights

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting Agenda, September 24th 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. 5. Elect Henry County Baptist Association messengers for the annual meeting.

An Afternoon of Family Fun!

Chatham Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 30th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All kids and youth families are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall at CHBC for games, ice cream, and fellowship.

Blessing of the Animals-FBC Front Lawn

October 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

New this year! First Baptist will host a Blessing of the Animals service. We will gather on a Sunday afternoon in the Sanctuary of Nature and honor the beauty of God's creation, recognize our mutual interdependence with all of God's creatures, and share in the love and care of the created world together. Everyone is invited to bring your pet for a short service to bless creation and our relationship to all creatures. Each pet will be individually blessed by our pastor and given a certificate of blessing.

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

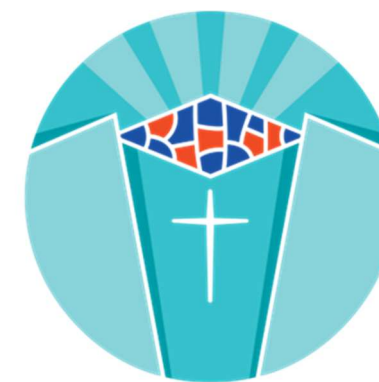
Rev. David Cameron
Associate Pastor for
Music & Worship

Caroline Tucker
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Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 295 *Breathe On Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

Hymn 293 *Spirit, Working in Creation* STUTTGART
(verses 1-2, 6-8)

Spirit, working in creation, bringing order out of strife:
come among God's gathered people giving harmony and life.

Spirit, speaking through the prophets so the voice of God was
heard: come, inspire, alert your people to this day's prophetic word.

Spirit, breathed on the disciples, giving piece where there was fear:
come among us, touch us, send us, making Jesus' presence near.

Spirit, wind and flame, empowering fearless witness to the lost:
come, unite, renew your wonders; give us a new Pentecost.

Praise and glory, Holy Spirit, for your love on us outpoured,
giving honor to the Father and proclaiming Jesus "Lord."

*Song of Response

Hymn 297 *Spirit of The Living God* SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

humble, caring, selfless, sharing—

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

Mark your Calendars!

September 30th **Family Fun-Chatham Heights Baptist**
2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
Families with children: Join us for ice
cream, Games, and Fellowship in the CHBC
Fellowship Hall!

October 7th **Oktoberfest-Uptown Volunteers Needed!**
Hours are 11:00 am - 4:00 p.m.
Set up is 8:00 to 10:00 am.
Booth needs 2 volunteers for 2 shifts.
Take down is 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

October 8th **Blessing of the Animals-FBC Front Lawn**
2:00 p.m.
Bring your pet for a service of blessing
on the FBC Front Lawn.

October 10th **Pumpkin Patch-Volunteers Needed!**
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
FBC will work the Pumpkin Patch.
We need 1 volunteer from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30
p.m. and 2 volunteers from 5:30 p.m. to
7:00 p.m.

October 27th **FBC/CHBC Harvest Fest-FBC Parking Lot**
Lots of Volunteers Needed!
5:00 p.m. Set up starts at 1:00 p.m.
Set Up, Trunks for Trunk or Treat, Greeters,
Games, Crafts, Direct Traffic, and Take
Down and Clean Up.

To volunteer, call or email the church office:
mary@fcbmartinsville.com or 276-632-6336

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) invites 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 fcbmartinsville.com/give (memo Alma Hunt).

Raised to date: \$532.00

Oktoberfest- Saturday, October 7th

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers Needed!

Oktoberfest in Uptown Martinsville is a family-friendly event
with music, craft and food vendors, and children's activities.
First Baptist Church will be hosting a booth at the Oktober Fest in
Uptown Martinsville. Volunteers are need to help set up, take a
two-hour shift at the booth and then a cleanup/take down at
4:00 p.m. Please call or email the church office to sign up.

Pumpkin Patch-October 10th - 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Volunteers Needed!

FBC will be working the Grace Network Pumpkin Patch.
We need 1 volunteer from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and
2 volunteers from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call or email
the church office to sign up.

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:

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

God's Pit Crew Children's Play Pails

We are excited to share a new mission project the WMU is
sponsoring this fall. We will be collecting items for "Children's Play
Pail" buckets. These buckets will be distributed by God's Pit Crew to
children who have lost everything in a disaster situation. So that
you may begin looking for bargains now, the items below are
needed for each bucket:

Rolled Fleece Blanket	Travel size toothpaste
Coloring book/crayons	8 inch or smaller stuffed animal
Children's shampoo	Children's soap Baby wipes
Children's toothbrush	Baby Wipes