

A Service of Worship & Communion

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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 *Panis angelicus (Bread of Angels)* Franck
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship *Inspired by Psalm 105:1-5, 45* Dr. Grammer

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name,

People: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to God;

People: Tell of all God's wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in God's name;

People: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Leader: Seek the LORD and God's strength;

People: Seek God's presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works God has done.

People: Praise the Lord!

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 20 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY

Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson Romans 12:9-21 Roslyn Wingett
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.

* Stand as you are able

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 70 *God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him* ABBOT'S LEIGH

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 The Table Of Grace*
Woodard/Kingsmore

Sermon *Disciple Living* Dr. Grammer

*Song of Response

Hymn 556 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* ST. CATHERINE

Celebrating Communion

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Dr. Grammer

God of love and mercy, forgive us for the many ways we have created divisions, judged before listening, condemned before seeking to understand. In our fear and anger, we lose your grace and compassion. Help us to mirror Jesus, who loved and healed others who were rejected by society and the faithful as well. Help us to live in community that fosters generosity, hospitality, empathy, peace, and mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*Unison*)

God, in great thanksgiving, we offer you our praise. You have shown us the way to live in holy community. For the many ways you continue to open our eyes to your kind of community, we are a grateful people. Amen.

Responding to God

*Response 708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Postlude *Fugue in C* 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. On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate communion, and the liturgical color changes to white to recognize the holiness and majesty of Christ.*

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

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.

Gratitude for Giving

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Marvin Midkiff by David & Dottie Lewis. GENERAL FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of Margaret Lester and Anna Bowe Wells by Betsy Miers. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: A gift has been given in memory of Nancy Thomas by Phyllis Humay.

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.

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, September 3rd – Susan Sapp

Sunday, September 10th – Roslyn Wingett

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trip to Grace & Main Fellowship in Danville, VA

Saturday, September 9, 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.

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!

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.

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) Meeting

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

The WMU will resume meeting in person on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 in room 105. Jessica Hearne, our CBF Encourager Church missions partner is scheduled to speak. All women are invited to join us in hearing about her exciting work!

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

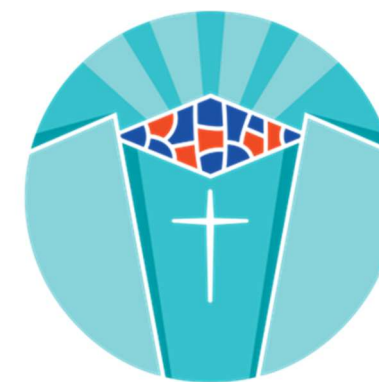
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Season after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Meal Train for the Kinzers!

The Kinzer family welcomed baby Juniper Lea Kinzer on August 18th. Help us support their family by providing meals as they adjust to being a family of four. Check your e-news or call the church office to sign up to take them a meal.

Mark your Calendars! 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.

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

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

First Baptist Church, Martinsville

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!).

Sign Up By September 15th!

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, September 3

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meeting-Fellowship Hall
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

Monday, September 4

Church office & ELC Closed-Happy Labor Day!

Tuesday, September 5

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm 105

Thursday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 9

8:30 a.m. Trip to Grace & Main-Danville, Va.

*Hymn 20 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy
rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

*Hymn 70 *God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him* ABBOT'S LEIGH

God is Love, let heav'n adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heavens above,
God who breathes thro' all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God hold us, every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that self-same aching deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving kindness guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever o'er the universe must reign.

*Song of Response

*Hymn 556 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* ST. CATHERINE

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me, no thought can reach,
no tongue declare; O draw my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there! Thine wholly, thine alone, I am;
be thou alone my constant flame.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O, may thy love possess my whole, my joy, my treasure,
and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove;
my every act, word, thought, be love.

In suffering be thy love my peace, in weakness be thy love my
power; and when the storms of life shall cease,
O, Jesus, in that final hour, be thou my rod and staff and guide,
and draw me safely to thy side!