

A Service of Worship

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 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 *Prelude in D Minor* Bach
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship *Inspired by Psalm 46* Dr. Grammer

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.

**People: So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Leader: Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**People: The Lord Almighty is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.**

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 43 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BIRG

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 58:4-11 Taylor Vecchia
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:34-40
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 349 *I Love You, Lord, My Strength, My Rock*
FOREST GREEN

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 *Wade in the Water* Mark Hayes

Sermon *Back to Basics* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 121 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* QUEBEC

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *Grace, Love, and Peace Abide* Ann Brown

Postlude *Fugue in D Minor* Bach

*Today is Reformation Sunday, which is celebrated on the last
Sunday of October, commemorating the beginning of the Protestant
Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 theses
to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. The liturgical color
of the day is red, which represents the Holy Spirit and the Martyrs of
the Christian Church. Red is also the liturgical color for anniversaries
and festival days of the churches.*

The Rose on the Lord's Table is in honor of Henry Myles Taylor, born
on October 7, 2023. The proud parents are Amalia and Chris Taylor
and the grandparents are Mary and Frank Taylor.

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.

"Wade in the Water" (Roud Folk song Index # 5439) is an African
American jubilee song, a spiritual -in reference to a genre of music
created and first sung by African Americans in slavery. Its lyrics
were first published in 1901 by Frederick J. Work and his brother,
John Wesley Work Jr., an educator at Fisk University, a historically
black college in Nashville, Tennessee.

The history and legacy of the song date back to pre-civil war times
and is often associated with Harriet Tubman and the Underground
railroad. Tubman, who made thirteen trips to the South and helped to
free more than 70 people from slavery, is believed to have used the
song as a warning signal to leave a trail and get into water to prevent
slavers' dogs from tracking and finding those escaping. There are
many versions and verses that have been used with the song through
the years as it was passed along, but the chorus remained the same:
"Wade in the water. Wade in the water, children. Wade in the water.
God's gonna trouble the water."

On this Reformation Sunday, when we remember Martin Luther and
his work to bring reform and renewal to the Church, we also
remember, through this arrangement by Mark Hayes, the legacy and
history of this great spiritual, "Wade in the Water," and the hope of
deliverance it brought to so many through the years.

Prayer Reminder

Church Family: Alice Bowman, John Buck, John Burgess,
Mary Clifton, Martha Crawley, 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

October Birthdays: 31 Mary Frances Gibbs

November Birthdays: 1 David Lewis, 2 Jay Frith, Suzanne Martin,
4 Marcia Collins, 5 Julie Hall, 9 Cliff Rood, 15 Anne McDaniel,
15 David Cameron, 18 Chuck Martin, 21 Roslyn Wingett,
22 Joe Engle, 24 Helen Wright, 29 Libby Grammer

Deacons of the Month: Cliff Rood and Tom Hall

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

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, October 29th – Ruth Anne Collins
Sunday, November 5th – Marsha Garren

Grace Network Oct.- Dec. 2023 Food Assignment: Canned Fruit
Please drop the food off in the Missions Room at the church.

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of
Marvin Midkiff by James Mueleck. A gift has been given
in memory of John Abbott by Jeff Bennett.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 29

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, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 1

12:00 p.m. "Equally Called" Facebook Live
2:00 p.m. Communion at King's Grant/Chapel

Thursday, November 2

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Deuteronomy-Rm 105/Zoom
12:15 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-Rm 105
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Kid's Church-Sanctuary/Rm. 101

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Pit Crew Children's Play Pails-October Mission Project

We are excited to share a mission project the WMU is sponsoring this month. We are 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. Buckets are in the Narthex with a list of needed items; take one, fill it and return it to the Mission's Room, Room 103, by this Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

The Warming Center of Martinsville & Henry Co.

Beginning November 1st, the Warming Center will provide a safe, warm overnight stay when the temperatures are 40 degrees or below. The Center is now located at the Salvation Army, 603 Memorial Blvd. S, Martinsville, VA. To learn more about how you can volunteer, see your e-newsletter or the church bulletin board.

Henry County Food Pantry Work Day

Saturday, November 11, 2023

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We will be assisting with the HC Food Pantry/ Clothes Closet. Wear your FBC T-shirt and join us for this mission opportunity! The Food Pantry is located at 3321 Fairystone Parkway in Bassett, VA. Please sign up in the church office or via email, mary@fbcmartinsville.com.

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

The Missions Committee invites the church to serve children in our community through food donation. Patrick Henry Elementary school is providing food bags for students who need extra food over the weekends. A list of items can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please place any of the needed items in the box marked "PHE" in Room 103, the Missions Room.

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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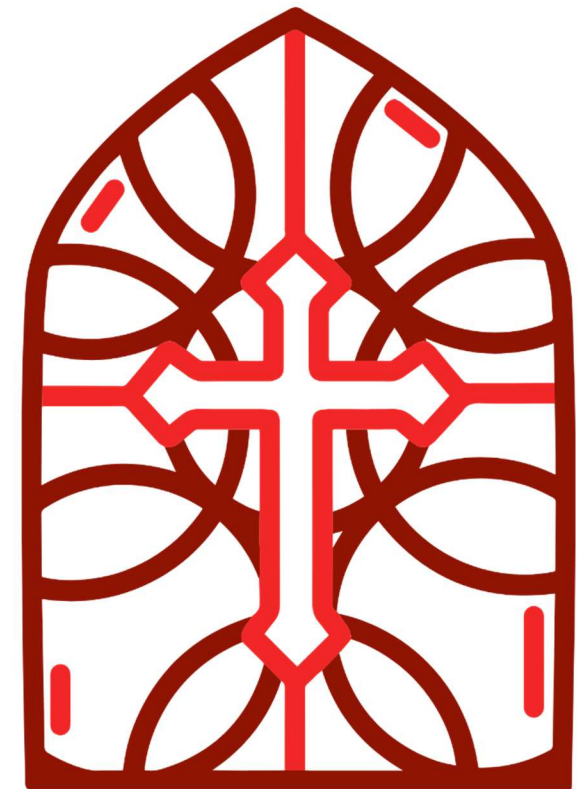
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports, 4. Elect messengers for BGAV Annual Meeting, 5. Present and vote on 2024 Proposed Budget, 6. Vote to approve Nominees on the 2024 Nominating Committee Report.

All Saints, NEXT SUNDAY - November 5, 2023

We invite you to plan for and attend our All Saints Sunday service, where we remember those saints who have gone before us - especially those in the past year from among our church membership.

We would like you all to bring a framed photo of someone you are remembering on All Saints Sunday, with names attached if desired (**no larger than 8x10, please**), which will be displayed on tables on the front sides of the Sanctuary during worship. With these, we will have an opportunity to see the faces of our loved ones as the "great cloud of witnesses" who remind us that we are not alone, but surrounded daily by those who have come before us.

"Equally Called: Celebrating Women's Leadership in the Church" Facebook Live on Chatham Heights Baptist Church Facebook Page Wednesdays at Noon, Beginning November 1st

Join Dr. Mike Hatfield and Dr. Libby Grammer for 4-sessions Facebook Live to discuss how to articulate the biblical and theological basis for affirming the calling of women into pastoral ministry and to nurture a culture that more fully welcomes women's leadership in churches.

Videos for the study will be posted to the church Facebook page (both FBC and CHBC) at the beginning of each week, with the discussions on Wednesdays on the CHBC Facebook page with our pastors.

BGAV Annual Meeting

November 13-15, 2023, Bon Air Baptist Church, Richmond, VA

The Baptist General Association of Virginia holds a gathering of participating churches, partner organizations, and individuals to gather for a time of fellowship, resourcing, and necessary business annually each November. This year marks a special occasion for our BGAV family – our 200th anniversary! FBC is allowed 7 messengers this year. **Sign up by November 7th**. Call the office for the registration code.

Hymn 43 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us, we will not fear,
for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro' him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

*Hymn 349 *I Love You, Lord, My Strength, My Rock* FOREST GREEN

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, and my aid.
My refuge and salvation's hope, to you I long have prayed.
Though cords and snares encompassed me,
confronting me with death, in my distress I called to you,
my life and source of breath.

In your own courts you heard my plea, my crying reached your ear,
The mountains shook, foundations reeled,
your anger strikes such fear. You came to me on wings of wind,
with storm and lightning's power. You saved me from my enemies,
you give me strength each hour.

Your statues, Lord, I daily keep, my actions seek your will.
In loyalty I walk your way; my heart is steadfast still.
You pay the righteous with right things, yet bring the haughty low:
a perfect shield for all in need, destruction to your foe.

For who is God except the Lord, my rock, my strength, my stay.
Salvation's shield you give to me, you widen victory's way.
Blest be your name, O Living God, the victory you have won.
Your name I will proclaim to all, O saving Sovereign One.

*Song of Response

Hymn 121 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* QUEBEC

Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts,
we turn unfilled to heed thy call.

Thy truth unchanged has ever stood;
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee thou art good,
to them that find thee all in all.

We taste thee, O thou living bread,
and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountain head,
and thirst our souls from thee to fill.

Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
where-e'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad when thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.

O Jesus, ever with us stay,
make all our moments calm and bright;
chase the dark night of sin away,
shed o'er the world thy holy light.