

A Service of Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 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 *Canon in A* Salomé
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Come away from the rush and worry of the world to worship God.

People: We come seeking peace and quiet for our souls.

Leader: Rest your spirits. Quiet your hearts. God is with us.

People: Praise be to God who calls us to come away.

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 49 *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* AMSTERDAM

Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson Philippians 3:4b-14 Merle Prince
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 213 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

Prayer of Commitment Dr. Grammer

*Stand as you are able

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

**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.**

OLD HUNDREDTH

Engaging the Scriptures

Anthem *I Was Glad, So Glad!* Beall/Carter

Sermon *What Really Matters* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response

Hymn 559 *Make Room within My Heart, O God* KINGSFOLD

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *Give Me Jesus* Blackmon

Postlude *Fugue in E* Schubert

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.

The Rose on the Lord's Table is in honor of the birth of Juniper Leia Kinzer. Juniper was born on August 18, 2023. The proud parents are Chrissy and Kody Kinzer, and big brother is James.

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: 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: 2 Ron Austin, 4 Ronnie Garren, Morton Lester, Joe Prince, Adalyn White, 8 Linda Penta, 13 Kaylee White, 17 David Collins, 23 Erica James, 28 Charlotte James, 31 Mary Frances Gibbs

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 8th – Marcia Collins

Sunday, October 15th – Linda Gale

Grace Network Oct.- Dec. 2023 Food Assignment:

Canned Fruit

Please drop the food off in the Missions Room at the church.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 8

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

12:00 p.m. Deacon Selection Committee-Conference Room

2:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals-Front Lawn

Monday, October 9

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

Tuesday, October 10

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

4:00 p.m. FBC Working the Pumpkin Patch

Wednesday, October 11

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

2:00 p.m. Communion-King's Grant Chapel

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

4:30 p.m. Midweek Check-in/Zoom

Thursday, October 12

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, October 14

10:00 a.m. Dr. Marvin Midkiff's Visitation & Funeral

2:00 p.m. Family Fun Afternoon-CHBC Fellowship Hall

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of John Abbott by Anne McDaniel, Donna Flora, Bret Powl, and Ellen & Stephanie Anderson. A gift has been given in memory of Marvin Midkiff by Anne McDaniel. ELC SCHOLARSHIP: A gift has been given in memory of Marvin Midkiff & John Abbott by Ruth Dandridge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Animals-FBC Front Lawn

TODAY at 2:00 p.m.

First Baptist will host a Blessing of the Animals service. We will gather this 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.

An Afternoon of Family Fun! Rescheduled

Chatham Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

THIS SATURDAY, October 14th 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.

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 Missions Room (Room 103) by October 31, 2023.

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. 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

FBC/CHBC Harvest Fest-FBC Parking Lot

Friday, October 24th at 5:00 p.m.

Set up starts at 1:00 p.m.

Lots of Volunteers Needed!

Set Up, Trunks for Trunk or Treat, Greeters, Games, Crafts, Direct Traffic, and Take Down and Clean Up. Sign up to volunteer in the church office or email mary@fbcmartinsville.com.

WMU-Raceway Ministry Snacks

This is a churchwide mission opportunity with the Henry County Baptist Association to donate individually-wrapped snacks and cookies for the hospitality tent at the race. **Please bring your snacks to the church by Tuesday, October 24th.**

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 49 *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* AMSTERDAM

Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps his court below;
praise the holy God of love, and all his greatness show;
praise him for his noble deeds, praise him for his matchless power;
him from whom all good proceeds let earth and heaven adore.

Celebrate th'eternal God with harp and psaltery,
timbrels soft and cymbals loud in this high praise agree;
praise him, every tuneful string; all the reach of heavenly art,
all the powers of music bring, the music of the heart.

God, in whom they move and live, let every creature sing,
glory to their Maker give, and homage to their King.
Hallowed be his name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored;
praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

*Hymn 213 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Song of Response

Hymn 559 *Make Room within My Heart, O God* KINGSFOLD

Make room within my heart, O God, that you may form in me
the image you have shown in Christ, my very life to be.
Inspire my thought, O lofty One, to reach the highest plane,
that I may know the mind of Christ, and him as greatest gain.

Direct my will, O King of kings, subject it to your own,
that every impulse, action, word, may make your kingdom known.
Effect my prayer, great Trinity, eternal Three-in-One,
combine each part of me to praise the Father, Spirit, Son.