

A Service of Worship

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 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 *Be Thou My Vision* Bohnhorst
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship *Inspired by Psalm 78:1-7* Dr. Grammer

Leader: Come, let us gather to worship our timeless God.

People: We gather together to share with your children the past blessings we have received from our God.

Leader: Come, let us gather to worship our awesome God.

People: We gather together to listen for God's word for us today.

Leader: Come, let us gather to worship our glorious God, who delights in our worship, witness, and service.

People: We gather together to share our hope and trust in our merciful God, who has never failed or forgotten us.

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 89 *Our Great Savior* HYFRYDOL
(Vs. 1,2,3,5)

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Merle Prince
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able

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 569 *Living for Jesus a Life That Is True* LIVING

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 *O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord* Harris

Sermon *Renewing Our Commitment* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 576 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *Lord, Be Glorified* Kilpatrick

Postlude *We Thank Thee, Dearest Jesus* Buxtehude

***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.

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

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: Ross Gale and David Lewis
Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, November 12th – Linda Read
Sunday, November 19th – Susan Sapp

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, November 12

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. Coordinating Council Meeting-Rm. 105

Monday, November 13

6:00 p.m. Still Water Group Rehearsal-Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Thursday, November 16

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY is Commitment Sunday!

Sunday, November 19, 2023, 11:00 a.m. Worship
Commitment Sunday is where we have an opportunity to recommit ourselves to the incredible work God is doing and will do in and through our church. You are asked to bring your completed pledge cards to church with you and place them in the offering plate. You will be receiving a letter regarding this year's stewardship campaign and included with this letter will be the pledge card to fill out and return next Sunday. As we bless these commitments, we will give thanks to God for the generosity of our church family. If you can't be present, send your pledge card to the church office by mail or in-person before November 19th or email your pledge to Kaylee White.

The Warming Center of Martinsville & Henry Co.

The Warming Center provides 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 or a list of donations needed.

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.

The McCabe Kessler Library Cards

The library now has library cards for each of our members to pick up in the church office. To check out books now, one needs their own barcode. We are online: <https://mckh-ind.skathi.opalsinfo.net>.

Piedmont Arts Christmas Tree Lighting in the Art Garden

Thursday, November 30th at 4:00 p.m.

Piedmont Arts will kick off the holiday season with the annual lighting of the Art Garden Christmas tree. Enjoy holiday music by the Martinsville High School Jazz Band and the First Baptist Church Choir, Gale Buck: Storytelling Santa, snacks and crafts.

Mark your Calendars: Advent & Christmas 2023

November 30 th	4:00 p.m.	Piedmont Arts Tree Lighting
December 3 rd	11:00 a.m.	1 st Sunday of Advent
	12:30 p.m.	Combined Covered Dish Christmas Lunch at Chatham Heights Baptist
	1:30 p.m.	FBC & CHBC Children's Pageant
December 6 th	7:00 p.m.	ELC Christmas Pageant
December 9 th	3:00 p.m.	Pastor's Christmas Drop-In
December 10 th	11:00 a.m.	2 nd Sunday of Advent & Cantata
	12:00 p.m.	Library Bake Sale
	12:30 p.m.	Young Families Caroling
December 17 th	11:00 a.m.	3 rd Sunday of Advent
December 20 th	5:30 p.m.	School-Age Christmas Musical
December 21 st	6:00 p.m.	Longest Night Service-Sanctuary
December 23 rd	9:30 a.m.	Breakfast with Santa-CHBC
December 24 th	11:00 a.m.	4 th Sunday of Advent
	4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
December 25 th	10:00 a.m.	Richard's Dinner-Fellowship Hall

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.

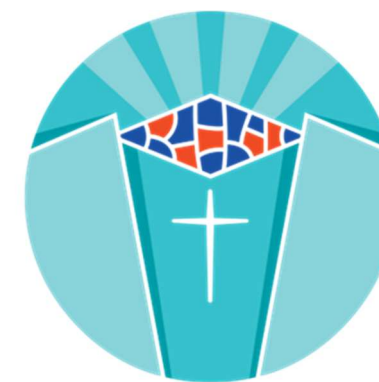
Want to know more? Contact our Pastor: libby@fbcmartinsville.com or 276-632-6336.

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 89 *Our Great Savior* HYFRYDOL
 (Vs. 1,2,3,5)

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
 friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain

*Hallelujah! what a savior! hallelujah! what a Friend!
 Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
 tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my Strength,
 my victory wins. *Refrain*

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
 even when my heart is breaking, he, my Comfort,
 helps my soul. *Refrain*

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find,
 he has granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.
Refrain

*Hymn 569 *Living for Jesus a Life That Is True* LIVING

Living for Jesus, a life that is true, striving to please him
 in all that I do; yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
 this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain:

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to Thee,
 For Thou, in Thy atonement, didst give Thyself for me;
 I own no other Master, my heart shall be Thy throne;
 My life I give, henceforth to live, O Christ, for Thee alone.*

Living for Jesus who died in my place,
 bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;
 such love constrains me to answer his call,
 follow his leading and give him my all. *Refrain*

Living for Jesus, wherever I am,
 doing each duty in his holy name;
 willing to suffer affliction and loss,
 deeming each trial a part of my cross. *Refrain*

Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
 my dearest treasure, the light of his smile,
 seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,
 bringing the weary to find rest in Him. *Refrain*

*Song of Response
 Hymn 576 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* ASSAM

I have decided to follow Jesus;
 I have decided to follow Jesus;
 I have decided to follow Jesus;
 no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
 the world behind me, the cross before me,
 the world behind me, the cross before me;
 no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow;
 though none go with me, I still will follow;
 though none go with me, I still will follow;
 no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
 Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
 Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
 no turning back, no turning back.