

A Service of Worship

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

November 26, 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 Rob Bailey

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship *Based on Psalm 95:1-6* Dr. Grammer

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the
rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into God's presence with
thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise
with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**People: In God's hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains belong to God.**

Leader: The sea and dry land are God's,
for God formed it all by Divine hands.

**People: We come and worship and bow down,
kneeling before the Lord our Maker.**

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 21 *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

Hearing the Scriptures

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:31-46 Bill Sapp

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 374 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE

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 *In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him* Larson

Sermon *Did You Notice the King?* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 376 *We Gather Together* KREMSER

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *Rejoice the Lord Is King* Wesley/Darwall

Postlude Rob Bailey

*Today is Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday, the final Sunday of
the season after Pentecost and the liturgical church year, which begins
anew with the first Sunday of Advent next week. The focus of today's
worship is God's ultimate victory and reign through Jesus Christ,
punctuated by Christ's unique approach to kingship, in service and love
of God and others. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing the purity
and light 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.

We Welcome Rob Bailey, guest accompanist, to worship this
morning. Rob is the musical accompanist for our sister church,
Chatham Heights Baptist, and has been there for over 25 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

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 26th – Roslyn Wingett

Sunday, December 3rd – Ruth Anne Collins

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, November 26

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, November 27

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom

4:30 p.m. Set up Christmas Trees-Sanctuary/Narthex

6:00 p.m. Still Water Group Rehearsal-Choir Room

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

Tuesday, November 28

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

1:00 p.m. Decorate for Christmas-Sanctuary/Narthex

Wednesday, November 29

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

Thursday, November 30

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Deuteronomy-Rm 105/Zoom

4:00 p.m. Piedmont Arts Christmas Tree Lighting-PAA Garden

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Saturday, December 2

10:00 a.m. FBC Kids Pageant Rehearsal- CHBC Fellowship Hall

Gratitude for Giving

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of
Marvin Midkiff by Marie Craig.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports, 4. Vote to approve Nominee for Deacon.

Churchwide Christmas Decorating!

Tomorrow, November 27th and Tuesday, November 28th

Come be a part of getting our facilities ready for the seasons of Advent and Christmas! We will be getting trees and wreaths out and setting them up on Monday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday we will be decorating the trees from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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, storytelling Santa, snacks, and crafts. The FBC Sanctuary Choir will be caroling beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Covered Dish Lunch and Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 3rd at 12:30 p.m. CHBC Fellowship Hall

We hope that everyone will join us at our sister church, Chatham Heights Baptist in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and the Christmas story told by our children on Sunday, December 3rd. The lunch will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the Christmas Pageant will begin at 1:30 p.m. May we begin this Advent season remembering the truth of Christmas told by our children at First Baptist Church and Chatham Heights Baptist Church **Please make your reservations through the church office by Thursday, November 30th if you plan on coming and sign up to bring a dish.**

“Following the Star: Welcome Holy Child”

FBC Early Learning Center Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.- FBC Sanctuary

This year's ELC pageant will tell the story of the birth of Jesus, along with festive Christmas songs sung by our Pre-K children.

Pastor's Drop-In, Saturday, December 9th at 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Grammer and her family invite you to drop-in and share some holiday fellowship Saturday, December 9th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 1233 Mulberry Road, Martinsville, Va.

The McCabe Library Bake Sale

Sunday, December 10th at 12:00 p.m.

If you are interested in participating by donating your favorite baked dessert, sweet or savory snack, or a craft item please bring your item either Saturday, December 9th or on Sunday morning.

Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas poinsettias in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form located in the Narthex and return it to the church office by December 18th. Names will be included in the Sunday, December 24th bulletin.

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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Organist

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“Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope”

Christ the King /Reign of Christ Sunday

*Hymn 21

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power through-out the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:

how great thou art, how great thou art!

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *Refrain*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim,
“My God, how great thou art.” *Refrain*

*Hymn 374

Now Thank We All Our God

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Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who, from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*Song of Response

Hymn 376

We Gather Together

KREMSER

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
sing praises to his name: He forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning:
thou, Lord wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be;
let thy congregation escape tribulation:
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Network Oct.- Dec. 2023 Food Assignment: Canned Fruit

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

The Warming Center of Martinsville & Henry Co.

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 for 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.

Churchwide Christmas Missions Offering: Heifer International

Women on Mission & The Missions Committee are sponsoring a churchwide mission project during December. **Last year we raised enough for Heifer International to enable us to give the gift of six Water for Life systems; send three Girls to School; purchase three honeybee hives; and purchase three flocks of chicks.** We hope to do the same this year!

All these gifts have education supplied by Heifer to the recipients to enable them to effectively use the gifts for the family or community to eventually be self-supporting. Giving to Heifer in honor of a loved one can be a great Christmas gift for those on your gift list who already have all they need! You may write a check and/or use one of your offering Special Gift envelopes noting “Heifer International” on the “for” line. You can mail or bring it by the church or give online, adding Heifer International in the memo line. *The deadline for our campaign is December 31st.*

Richard's Dinner-December 25th in FBC Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., FBC Fellowship Hall.

Volunteer to deliver or help serve meals to our neighbors. Each year, our church hosts the annual Richard's Dinner on Christmas Day for all who need a meal at Christmas. This dinner, in cooperation with Grace Network of Martinsville and Henry County, serves hundreds of meals each year so no one will ever be alone for Christmas dinner!