

A Service of Worship

All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 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 *Carillon* Roe
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Litany of Remembrance

Leader: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

People: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

Leader: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

People: Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

Leader: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts, and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

People: Family of our faith, we remember you.

Leader: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, and parents whose lives ended too soon:

People: Those close in our heart, we remember you.

Leader: We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our church family, knowing that they are with Your heart forever:

Pat Jordan	December 25, 2022
Stacey Stegall	January 22, 2023
Helen Dandridge	February 24, 2023
Anna Bowe Wells	April 2, 2023
Howard Fringer	April 10, 2023
Steve Anderson	May 30, 2023
Catherine Collins	June 2, 2023
Nancy Thomas	June 22, 2023
Marvin Midkiff	August 2, 2023
John Abbott	September 18, 2023

*Please stand as you are able

We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

People: Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship and service, and you will not be forgotten.

Leader: We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life from those listed here, to those on our hearts. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Grammer

Meditation *Amazing Grace* arr. Stamm

During this meditation, feel free to come write the names of those on your heart to remember on this All Saints' Sunday and hang on our Remembrance Tree.

*Hymn 751 *For All the Saints* GROSSER GOTT, WIR

Hearing the Scriptures

First Lesson 1 John 3:1-3 William Underwood

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:1-12
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Children's Worship Caroline Tucker

After children's worship, children age 5 and under are invited to join our nursery workers for age-appropriate children's church.

Interpreting the Scriptures

Anthem *In Your Silence* Berry/Ijames

Sermon *A Faithful Legacy* Dr. Grammer

*Song of Response
*Hymn 749 *Rejoice in God's Saints* HANOVER

Celebrating Communion

Prayer of Confession (*litany*) Dr. Grammer

**Beloved God,
who was known to our mothers and fathers,
and to our brothers and sisters in faith
who have gone before us, have mercy on us.
We do not always love as you would have us love.
We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should
turn toward you. Hold us, comfort us, when we mourn
the passing of your children, and help us to know that
they are rejoicing in your presence. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**We praise you for the grace you shower on us,
constantly forgiving our errors.
You are a God of mercy, a gift of love to us
and to this world. Amen.**

*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 *Carillon* Bryan

Today is All Saints' Sunday in the Christian year. All Saints' Day, November 1, is also known as All Hallows' Day; its eve gave us the term "Halloween." We celebrate All Saints' Day in worship on the first Sunday in November, memorializing the saintly status of all Christian people, especially those we have lost from our own church family in the last year. The liturgical color is white, signifying that it is Christ who lives in the saints.

Celebrating the Saints- As part of this celebration of saints, in today's worship service, we light a candle for each saint we have lost in our church family this year. Family members may pick up their candle after the service.

All Saints' Remembrance Tree- If you have a name on your heart of someone you love whom you remember today, write that name on one of the hearts and hang it on our All Saints' Remembrance Tree during the meditation.

Remembrance Photos- We have also gathered photos of our loved ones, saints gone in years past, to surround ourselves with a "great cloud of witnesses" during worship today.

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 Gaudin, 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

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, November 5th – Marsha Garren
Sunday, November 12th – Linda Read

Deacons of the Month: Ross Gale and David Lewis

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

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of Marvin Midkiff by Betsy Midkiff and Rhonda Byrd.
GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of John Abbott by Marie Lannom.

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

Henry County Food Pantry Work Day

THIS 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.**

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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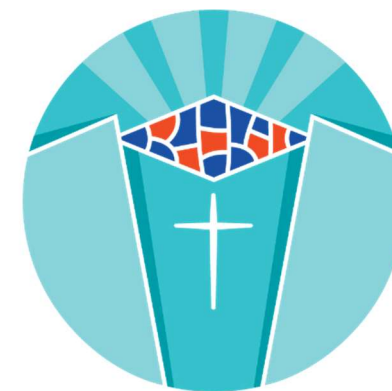
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MARTINSVILLE, VA



All Saints' Sunday

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, November 5

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-Rm.101
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Monday, November 6

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm 105
6:00 p.m. Stillwater Small Group Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 7

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
4:15 p.m. Personnel Committee/Rm. 105

Wednesday November 8

10:00 a.m. Library Committee
12:00 p.m. "Equally Called" Facebook Live
2:30 p.m. History Committee/Rm 219

Thursday, November 9

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Exodus/Zoom
12:15 p.m. ELC Committee/Rm 105
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Kid's Church/Rm. 101

Saturday, November 11

10:00 a.m. HC Food Pantry-Bassett
10:00 a.m. Children's Thanksgiving Cards/CHBC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

God's Pit Crew Children's Play Pails

The play pails will be delivered to God's Pit Crew, in Danville, on Monday November 6th. Please return all pails filled or empty no later than Sunday, November 5th.

WMU Meeting, November 6, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

WMU will meet this Monday and they will be making fleece/fringed pillows as their mission project.

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

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 THIS TUESDAY, November 7th.** Call the office for the registration code.

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. Some of the items needed:

Personal Hygiene supplies	Sweatshirts, flannel shirts
Non-perishable food items	Warm socks, Men's underwear
Hand & Toe Warmers	Coffee, creamer, sugar

See our website or the church bulletin board for a full list of items.

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 on line: <https://mckh-ind.skathi.opalsinfo.net>.

*Hymn 751

For All the Saints

GROSSER GOTT, WIR

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine.
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl stream in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Song of Response

*Hymn 749

Rejoice in God's Saints

HANOVER

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own;
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.