

A Service of Worship & Communion

Third Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024 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 *Jesus, My Sure Defense* arr. Walther
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship *Inspired by Psalm 19* Caroline Taminger

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

People: May our worship reflect God's glory.

Leader: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

People: May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Leader: Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

People: We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.

Leader: With Christians across geography and across time,

People: Let us worship!

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 2 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

Hearing the Scriptures

*Gospel Lesson John 2:13-22 William Underwood
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 578 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

Prayer of Commitment Dr. Grammer

*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Lenten Doxology FINLANDIA

O suff'ring Jesus, in these forty days.

We view your sorrow, share in your distress.

**Our Lenten songs are filled with muted praise;
yet by your passion, we are truly blessed.**

We praise the Father! We Praise you, the Son!

We praise the Spirit, our God, Three in One.

Engaging the Scriptures

Anthem *Psalm 139* Pote

Sermon *Journey to the Cross: Jesus Cleanses & Makes Right*
Dr. Grammer

*Song of Response

Hymn 720 *Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle* ODE TO JOY

Celebrating Communion

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Dr. Grammer

Patient Lord, we have cluttered the church with our own selfish desires – focusing on what we want, what is most desirable to us – and not focusing on the aims of your Kingdom on Earth.

We have let things take the place of love of others; we have lost sight of the importance of your call on our lives. Forgive us for the ways we have let down your kingdom for the sake of "our" church.

Help us to see that as your Body, we are to keep it holy by seeking justice and righteousness. We ask this in the name of Christ our Challenger, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

We give you thanks, O Christ, for challenging our assumptions, making sure we are listening to your commands, and helping us lead lives of justice and peacemaking. Help us embody your truth this day and always. Amen.

Responding to God

*Response 708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

Postlude *Jesus My Joy* arr. Walther

Today is the Third Sunday in Lent. Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty days through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Lent is a strongly penitential season. The liturgical color is purple, used to symbolize penance, preparation, sacrifice.

During the season of Lent, in a series called, "Journey to the Cross: Sacrifice in Real Life" we will explore the theme of sacrifice and how we see it lived out in the journey to the cross in scripture and our own journey to the cross as we experience this season of penitence together.

We Welcome Jessica Hearne to our Worship Today

Jessica is Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel who leads Grace & Main Fellowship in Danville, VA. Grace & Main ministers with and among people in Danville who are experiencing homelessness, hunger, poverty, addiction, and food and housing insecurity. Jessica and her husband, Joshua, are also parents to a very energetic daughter, Lucia. We enjoy a close partnership with Jessica and her ministry through the CBF Encourager Church program.

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.

Grace Network Jan-Mar. 2024 Food Assignment: Sugar (4lb.)
Please drop the food off in the Missions Room at the church.

Deacons of the Month: Linda Dorr and Bill Sapp

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

Prayer Reminder

Church Family: Alice Bowman, John Buck, John Burgess, Mary Clifton, Martha Crawley, Martha Drane, Ann Grogan, Armand Harrell, Baxter Jennings, George Lester, Betsy Miers, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

March Birthdays: 4 Ann Draper, 5 Benny Shires, 12 Marie Lannom, 13 John Fulcher, Merle Prince, 16 Dennis Knight, 22 Susan Sapp, 26 Becky Stone, 26 Marcus James, 28 Jerry Perdue

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, March 3rd– Caroline Taminger
Sunday, March 10th – Linda Moore

Gratitude for Giving

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Barbara Lewis Williams by Richard & Karen Clifton. CHRISTMAS TREE FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of Marvin Midkiff, John Collins, and John Abbott by Tom & Martha Crawley.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 3

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-Church Nursery
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Monday, March 4

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm. 105/Zoom
6:00 p.m. Stillwater Rehearsal-Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 5

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Lenten Study/Zoom

Wednesday, March 6

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

Thursday, March 7

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Deuteronomy-Rm 105/Zoom
12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch- Chatham Heights Baptist Church
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Kid's Church-Rm. 101

Baptist Women in Ministry Documentary Screening

TODAY-Sunday, March 3rd at 3:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Join us for a screening of the new feature documentary film *Midwives of a Movement*, created with Good Faith Media and Baptist Women in Ministry.

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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Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer
Senior Pastor

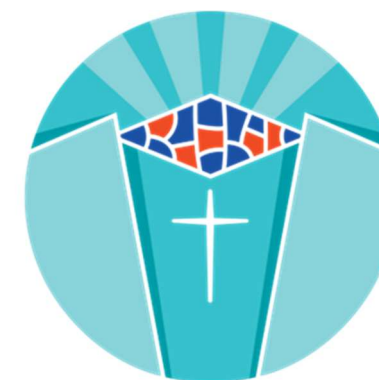
Caroline Taminger
Associate Pastor
for Families

Rev. David Cameron
Associate Pastor for
Music & Worship

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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LENT

*Hymn 2 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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*Hymn 578 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord;
make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one
accord. Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows
renew, turn away from sin and sadness,
be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,
to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring;
in your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe;
worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.

*Song of Response

Hymn 720 *Christ, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle* ODE TO JOY

Christ, whose purpose is to kindle: Now ignite us with thy fire;
while the earth awaits thy burning, with thy passion us inspire.
Overcome our sinful calmness, rouse us with redemptive shame;
baptize with thy fiery Spirit, crown our lives with tongues of flame.

Thou, who still a sword delivers rather than placid peace:
with thy sharpened Word disturb us, from complacency release!
Save us now from satisfaction when we privately are free,
yet are undisturbed in spirit by our neighbor's misery.

Thou, who in thy holy Gospel wills that we should truly live:
make us sense our share of failure, our tranquility forgive.
Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife;
lift the smallness of our vision by thine own abundant life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Lunch this week Thursday, March 7th at 12:00 p.m.
Chatham Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
We'll have a simple meal and a shared time of devotion with the
pastor of each host church.

Lenten Study- "Have a Beautiful, Terrible Lent!"
Tuesdays, February 20th-March 26th at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom
Join pastors Dr. Libby Grammer and Dr. Mike Hatfield as they
reflect on the study offered by Kate Bower in her book "Have a
Beautiful, Terrible Day!" Look for a link in your e-newsletter.

ELC and FBC Kids Easter Egg Hunt & Dinner Friday, March 22nd
4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. (Dinner at 5:00 p.m.)
We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt Friday, March 22nd from
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm. At 5:00 p.m. we will have dinner in the
Fellowship Hall, all ELC and FBC families are welcome.

Easter Egg Candy Donations
We are collecting candy donations from now until March 17th.
Please drop the candy off in the front office. We cannot accept
candy with nuts, peanuts, and peanut butter due to allergies.

Easter Lilies
Many of our members appreciate the opportunity to contribute to
the Easter floral decorations for the Sanctuary. This is a way to
honor or memorialize persons who are special to us. If you would
like to help, please send your dedication information and your
donation to the church office by Friday, March 22nd. Your
dedication will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Holy Week

40th Annual Ecumenical Palm Sunday in the Park
Sunday, March 24, 2024-9:00 a.m.
J. Frank Wilson Park (Rain Location-Holy Trinity Lutheran Church)
An ecumenical shared outdoor service with city churches

Palm Sunday Service
Sunday, March 24, 2024-11:00 a.m.
FBC Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service
Thursday, March 28, 2024-7:00 p.m.
FBC Sanctuary
*A shared service with Chatham Heights Baptist Church
and Starling Avenue Baptist Church*

Easter Sunday Church Fellowship
Sunday, March 31, 2024- 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall
Intergenerational Potluck Breakfast

140th Anniversary Celebration!

In 2024, we celebrate 140 years of ministry and service!
*We plan to celebrate the people who have called themselves First
Baptist Church of Martinsville this April!*

History Month: April 2024

Sunday, April 7, 2024
Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer, Senior Pastor will preach
FBC History Committee will share historical highlights in worship

Sunday, April 14, 2024
Rev. Dr. Dennis Knight, Retired Senior Pastor will preach
FBC History Committee will share historical highlights in worship

Sunday, April 21, 2024
Rev. John Fulcher, Retired Senior Pastor will preach
FBC History Committee will share historical highlights in worship

Homecoming Sunday-April 28, 2024
Rev. Dr. Nathan Taylor, Executive Director,
Virginia Baptist Historical Society, will preach
FBC History Committee will share historical highlights in worship
FBC family - past and present - will have a potluck lunch in the
Fellowship Hall

*Invite everyone you know with ties to our historic congregation
to come home for a visit!*