

A Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*
arr. Hayes & Gaspard
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: God loves us with a steadfast love.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

Leader: God loves us so much God gave us his Son.

People: Let us believe and have eternal life.

Leader: God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

People: Let us have faith to receive this grace.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

People: We worship in spirit and truth.

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 492 *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* HYFRYDOL

Hearing the Scriptures

*Gospel Lesson John 3:14-21 Pam Caudill

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Children's Worship Pastor Libby

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 478 *My Savior's Love* MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

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 *Who Shall Separate Us From The Love of Christ*
Hopson

Sermon *Journey to the Cross: Jesus Loves* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 101 *My Jesus, I Love Thee* GORDON

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore* Rees/Taylor

Postlude *Uphold Us, Lord, By Your Holy Word* arr. Michel

Today is the Fourth 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 Linda Dorr to a Q&A time during worship today about our mission partner, Grace Network, a group she has served with as a front office person, greeter, screener, interviewer, and currently as Lead for the last 11 years.

Grace Network is a faith-based, first-stop center for resources for families in crisis in Martinsville and Henry County. Supported by more than one hundred congregations, hundreds of individuals, civic groups, corporations, and foundations, Grace Network is where people at risk for homelessness or facing a crisis involving essential life needs can find help and a listening ear. Grace Network is here to help our neighbors in need keep a roof over their heads, their homes warm and lighted, and food on the table. Grace Network strives to give short-term assistance and to help find long-term solutions.

In April, Grace Network will celebrate 17 years of dedicated service to our community. What initially began as an idea among a small group of like-minded individuals has evolved into a steadfast place of hope, continually enriching the lives of individuals in our community.

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, 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

Deacons of the Month: Linda Dorr and Bill Sapp

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

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, March 10th – Linda Moore

Sunday, March 17th – Caroline Taminger

Grace Network Jan-Mar. 2024 Food Assignment: Sugar (4lb.)

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

Gratitude for Giving

GENERAL FUND: Gifts were given in memory of Nita Gauldin by Ronnie & Marsha Garren and Helen Wright.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 10

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 11

6:00 p.m. Stillwater Rehearsal-Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Choir Room

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

10:00 a.m. Library Committee/Zoom

Thursday, March 14

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch-First Presbyterian Church
5:30 p.m. Kid's Church-Rm 101
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship



Offering for Global Missions

WMU and the Church Missions Committee invite you to give generously to our annual CBF Offering for Global Missions. Share in the abundant life of Christ by giving to the Offering for Global Missions. 100% of your gift will send CBF field personnel to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. **Our goal this year is \$2,000. Help us meet and exceed our goal!**

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-news.

Lenten Lunch this week Thursday, March 14th at 12:00 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

We'll have a simple meal and a shared time of devotion with the pastor of each host church.

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

If you would like to contribute to the Easter floral decorations, please send your dedication information and your donation to the church office by Friday, March 22nd.

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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Senior Pastor

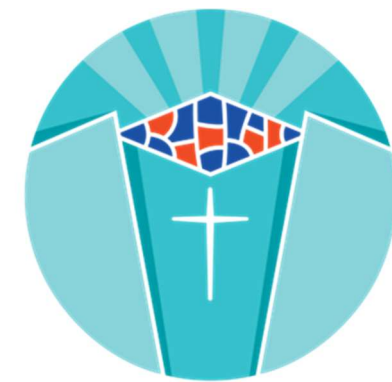
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LENT

*Hymn 492 *I Will Sing of My Redeemer* HYFRYDOL

I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me;
on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

Refrain

*Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me;
on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.*

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save,
in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave.

Refrain

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant power I'll tell:
how the victory he giveth me over sin and death and hell.

Refrain

I will sing of my Redeemer and his heavenly love for me;
he from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with him to be.

Refrain

*Hymn 478 *My Savior's Love* MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain

*How marvelous, how wonderful! and my song shall ever be:
How marvelous, how wonderful is my Savior's love for me!*

For me it was in the garden he prayed: "Not my will but thine."
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat drops of blood for mine.

Refrain

He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own;
he bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered, and died alone.

Refrain

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me.

Refrain

*Song of Response

Hymn 101 *My Jesus, I Love Thee* GORDON

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Holy Week 2024

40th Annual Ecumenical Palm Sunday in the Park Service

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.

Bus drop off available.

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 Covered Dish Breakfast

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, March 31, 2024- 11:00 a.m.

FBC Sanctuary

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 covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall

Invite everyone you know with ties to our historic congregation to come home for a visit! If you know of anyone interested, please send their name and address to the church office.