

A Service of Worship

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 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 Christ Is Risen* arr. Waters
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

History Moment Dottie Lewis

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: We have come to worship God, the living God,

People: who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

Leader: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

**People: who answers the forces of hatred and hurt
with the power of grace.**

Leader: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**People: who chooses even you and me To receive
and carry the Word of life and hope.**

Glory to God!

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 62 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8 Roslyn Wingett

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

Children's Worship Rev. Nancy McDaniel

*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 689 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

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 the Bulb There Is a Flower* Sleeth

Sermon *Why Are We Here?* Rev. Dr. Dennis Knight

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 566 *Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord* LANGLEY

*Benediction Dr. Knight

*Response *Send Me, O Lord, Send Me* Hoffman/Bigelow

Postlude *Rhythmic Trumpet* Bingham

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. Easter Sunday was the beginning of the season of Eastertide in the liturgical year. Eastertide is celebrated from Easter Sunday for fifty days, until the day of Pentecost, and focuses on the meaning of Christ's resurrection. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing light, victory, and eternal life.

Today is the Second Sunday of History Month. In 2024, First Baptist Church celebrates 140 years of ministry and service (1884-2024)! During the month of April, we are highlighting moments in our history and marking our legacy in worship.

On April 28, 2024, we will host a Homecoming Sunday, inviting everyone to come home for a time of worship and fellowship. If you know someone who would like to join us, please invite them to our Homecoming and send their contact information to the church office.

We welcome to our pulpit Rev. Dr. Dennis Knight, Retired Pastor of First Baptist Church. Dr. Knight was called to be pastor of First Baptist Church in January 2006 and retired in April 2012. He has served churches in North Carolina and Virginia for 43 years. After much thought and prayer, the Knights decided to make Martinsville their permanent home. He and his wife Sylvia continue to be members at First Baptist, serving in various capacities in retirement.

We welcome by video Rev. Nancy Stanton McDaniel for our Children's Worship. Rev. McDaniel was called to be the Minister of Education at First Baptist Church of Martinsville in 1980. In 1990, she was named Associate Pastor for Education. She served the church for 20 years. During her tenure, The Puppet Ministry was established, a Thursday Morning Bible Study was begun, Sunshine days became a summer highlight for the children, and the senior adult fellowship grew and became a model for other senior adult groups. Nancy left FBC in 2000 to serve her first and only church as pastor—Rhoadesville Baptist Church. She retired in 2017 and shares her childhood home with her mother, Arlene Stanton, who turned 100 years old in December!

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, George Lester, Betsy Miers, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

The Family of Jerry Perdue wishes to thank everyone for their compassion, kind words, cards, and donations. These were such a comfort during our time of sadness and grief. We are grateful and blessed. – Martha

April Birthdays: 4 George Lester, 12 Marilyn Turner, 16 John Burgess, 19 Dean Johnston, 21 Marsha Frith, 25 Martha Perdue, 27 Sylvia Knight, 28 Pat Austin

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, April 14th – Roslyn Wingett

Sunday, April 21st – Caroline Taminger

Deacon of the Month: Richard Dorr

Deacon of the month assists your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

140th Anniversary Celebration!

In 2024, we celebrate 140 years of ministry and service!

*We are celebrating the people who have called themselves
First Baptist Church of Martinsville this April!*

Next Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

Homecoming Sunday, April 28th

**Rev. Dr. Nathan Taylor, Executive Director,
Virginia Baptist Historical Society** will preach.
FBC History Committee will share historical highlights in worship

Covered Dish Lunch

After worship we will share a covered dish lunch together to celebrate our 140 years! Invitations have been sent out to all past and present people associated with FBC. There will be stories shared and a slideshow of the church's history during lunch.

Please call the church office to let us know you are coming and what you will be bringing.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, April 14

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, April 15

1:00 p.m. Group Homecoming Committee Meeting-Rm 105
6:00 p.m. Stillwater Group-Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers

Tuesday, April 16

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm 105

Thursday, April 18

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Rm. 105 /Joshua
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Kid's Church

Gratitude for Giving

GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Jerry Perdue by Mary Frances Gibbs. GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Peggy Raines by Larry & Mary George.

Homecoming Group Committee Meeting

THIS MONDAY-1:00 p.m.

Hospitality, Bereavement, and Flower Committees will have a joint meeting on Monday, April 15th at 1:00 p.m. to plan for our upcoming Homecoming event. Anyone else that is interested in helping with arrangements is welcome to come.

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. David Cameron
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Organist

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EASTERTIDE

*Hymn 62 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

*Hymn 689 *The Church's One Foundation* AURELIA

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation, by water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed:
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore,
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

*Song of Response

Hymn 566 *Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord* LANGLEY

Take my life lead me, Lord, take my life, lead me, Lord
make my life useful to thee; take my life lead me, Lord
take my life, lead me, Lord, make my life useful to thee.

Take my life, teach me, Lord, take my life, teach me, Lord
make my life useful to thee; take my life, teach me, Lord,
take my life, teach me, Lord, make my life useful to thee.

Here am I, send me, Lord, here am I, send me, Lord,
make my life useful to thee; here am I, send me, Lord,
here am I, send me, Lord, make my life useful to thee.

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, April 21, 2024 at 12:15 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports. 4. Report on the Boiler

Personnel Anniversary Recognition

*On behalf of the Personnel Committee and Church Family,
we appreciate your dedicated service, devotion, and
commitment to First Baptist Church of Martinsville.*

1-Year Anniversary

April 20th
Janet Malone, Nursery Worker

WMU April Mission Action Project

WMU will be collecting items for God's Pit Crew blessing buckets. These buckets are filled with essential items that are used by individuals every day in a time of disaster. Items needed are: Feminine hygiene products. Please leave all items in the Missions Room in the bin labeled donations.

Virginia Baptist Women's Chorale, Saturday, April 20

5:00 p.m. Pocahontas Bassett Baptist Church

The 2024 season presents "*I Sing for I cannot be silent*"
Hear the music of Joesph Martin, John Rutter and others.

Mark Your Calendars! Sunday, May 19th

Shared Worship at 10:30 a.m. FBC Sanctuary

Rev. Caroline Taminger will be preaching for Pentecost Sunday, with our children from both congregations leading in worship. Join us as we worship with our sister church, Chatham Heights Baptist Church, here in our sanctuary.

CBF General Assembly, re:imagine

June 19-21, 2024, Greensboro, NC

You're invited to join us in Greensboro, N.C. for the 2024 CBF General Assembly as we come together with other CBF churches and partner organizations at the Sheraton Greensboro at Four Seasons/Koury Convention Center for learning, worship, inspiration and fellowship!

This summer at General Assembly, we will **re:imagine** as we live out our faith through our unique Baptist identity and are ever being transformed through the Holy Spirit. Together, we'll consider transformation through imagination – our own and that of the Holy Spirit moving through us as a community. With the idea of re:, we're exploring the idea of "regarding imagination" as well as the transforming quality of re-imagining – revising, reinvigorating, reenergizing, and renewing. To learn more or to register go to:
<https://cbf.net/general-assembly>

Grace Network Apr.-June 2024 Food Assignment: Juice (24-30 oz.)

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