

A Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 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 *Allegro from Sinfonia No. 12* Vivaldi
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

History Moment David Lewis

Call to Worship *Inspired by Psalm 23* Rev. Caroline Taminger

Leader: In the darkest valley,

People: at the banquet table;

Leader: in the hard work of life,

People: at the moments of ease;

Leader: in our day-to-day reality,

People: at times set aside–

Leader: like this time, now–

**People: for worship, for listening,
for paying attention;**

Leader: with every step we take:

**People: goodness and mercy follow us;
our cups overflow.**

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 41 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* ST. MICHAEL

Hearing the Scriptures

*Gospel Lesson John 10:11-18 Pam Caudill

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

*Please stand as you are able

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.

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 634 *Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
CWM RHONDDA

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 *Good Shepherd of My Soul*
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Sermon *Life Lived to the Fullest* Rev. John Fulcher

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 641 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* ALL THE WAY

*Benediction Rev. Fulcher

*Response *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* Thrupp/Bradbury

Postlude *Hymn to Joy* arr. Innes

Today is the Fourth 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 Third 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. John Fulcher, retired Pastor of First Baptist Church. Rev. Fulcher was pastor from 2012-2017, and previously had served as Minister of Education then Associate Pastor from 2000 to 2012, serving a total of 17 years on the church staff. Rev. Fulcher was on the cradle roll, grew up at First Baptist, and has a deep affection for his home church.

Congratulations to Rev. Caroline Taminger!

Caroline was ordained to the Gospel ministry at her home church of College Park Baptist Church in Danville on Saturday, April 13, 2024. Our pastor Dr. Libby Grammer, Chatham Heights Baptist Church's pastor Dr. Mike Hatfield, and other ministers and lay people led in the service. Members of all churches represented laid hands on Caroline to ordain her. We celebrate this ministry milestone with you, Caroline!

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

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

Deacon of the Month: Richard Dorr

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

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, April 21st – Caroline Taminger

Sunday, April 28th – Crystal Darden

Gratitude for Giving

MISSIONS: Gifts have been given in memory of Peggy Raines by Richard & Linda Dorr and Roslyn Wingett. GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Peggy Raines by Linda & Bobby Moore. A gift has been given in memory of Jerry Perdue by Joretta Draper.

140th Anniversary Celebration!

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

This month we are celebrating the people who have called themselves First Baptist Church of Martinsville since 1884!

NEXT SUNDAY: 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 21

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/Zoom

Monday, April 22

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom
6:00 p.m. Stillwater Rehearsal-Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 23

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

Wednesday, April 24

10:00 a.m. Library Committee/Zoom
2:00 p.m. History Committee-Rm. 219

Thursday, April 25

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Rm. 105 /Joshua
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Kid's Church-Rm. 101

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

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

Announcements

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

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

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.

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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EASTERTIDE

*Hymn 41 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* ST. MICHAEL

Stand up and bless the Lord, you people of his choice,
stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.

Though high above all praise, above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name, give thanks and glorify?

God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.

Stand up and bless the Lord, the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name, both now and evermore.

*Hymn 634 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou are mighty— hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side: Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

*Song of Response

Hymn 641 *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* ALL THE WAY

All the way my Savior leads me; What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide?
Heav'nly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me, cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for ev'ry trial, feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter and my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! a spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the rock before me, lo! a spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me; oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised in my Father's house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal, wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way",
This my song through endless ages, "Jesus led me all the way."