

A Service of Worship

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 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 *Carillon on "Christ Is the World's True Light"* Haan
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Come, give to the Lord your praises of thanksgiving.

People: We come this day, grateful for God's wondrous gifts to us!

Leader: Sing with great enthusiasm of God's mighty power and love.

People: We celebrate that love that frames our lives.

Leader: It is a wonderful thing to praise God!

People: May God's praise always be in our hearts and in our lives.

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 60 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 85:8-13 Marsha Frith
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*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 48 *God of Creation, All-Powerful* SLANE

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 *The Lord Is My Light* Carter

Sermon *Holy Optimism* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 618 *Give to the Winds Your Fears* DIADEMATA

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *Let Us, with a Gladsome Mind* Wilkes/Milton

Postlude *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Helvey

***This is the season after Pentecost in the Christian year.** Having celebrated the "birthday of the church" through the giving of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we enter the Season after Pentecost for 24 weeks, to celebrate the existence of the church and recall her mission in the world. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolic of the church's growth and mission.*

We Welcome Rev. John Fulcher as our guest Music Director.

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.

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.

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 #, #

Prayer Reminder

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

July Birthdays: 4 Betty Layton, 10 Pam Burgess, 13 Ross Gale, 16 Baxter Jennings, 17 Shirley Reeves, 18 Rick Caudill, 20 Ruth Dandridge, 21 Imogene McMillan, 25 Sue Lester, 26 Debbie Stokes, 29 Stephens Turner, William Underwood

In Christian Sympathy to the family of Jeanette Stone who passed away on June 27, 2024. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Worship Care

Sunday, July 14th – Ruth Anne Collins
Sunday, July 21st – Roslyn Wingett

Deacon of the Month: Linda Gale

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

Grace Network July-Aug. 2024 Food Assignment: Grits

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

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, July 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

Tuesday, July 16

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel- Sanctuary
5:15 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm. 105

Thursday, July 18

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Rm. 105 /Judges
10:30 a.m. School age Chapel-Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Gratitude for Giving

MCCABE LIBRARY: A gift has been given in memory of Edith Bolen by Roslyn Wingett. MISSIONS: A gift has been given in memory of Jerry Perdue by Marsha & Ronnie Garren. BEREAVEMENT: A gift has been given in memory of John & Phyllis Abbott by Anita & David Philpott. GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Edith Bolen and Johnny Crouch by Susan & Bill Sapp. GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Daphne Blackwell, Edith Bolen, Jerry Perdue, Johnny Crouch, and Vicki DeShazo by Becky L. Stone. FULLER DAVIS MUSIC: A gift has been given in honor of Ross Gale by Roslyn Wingett.

Announcements

Vacation Bible School, July 26th-28th

Volunteers Needed!

Shared VBS will be held at Chatham Heights Baptist Church. The theme this year is "Following the Shepherd"

Times are:

Friday 26th: 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

Saturday 27th: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday 28th: 6:00 p.m.

To volunteer email: caroline@fbcmartinsville.com

Shared Worship Service, Sunday, July 28th

Chatham Heights Baptist Church at 10:30 a.m.*

Join us as we worship with our sister church, Chatham Heights Baptist Church. Afterwards, stay for fellowship and a hot dog lunch.

Back2School Event

Volunteers needed!

Each school year, First Baptist joins with churches and organizations all over the region to provide backpacks, school supplies, and new shoes and socks to children.

Pack the Bus: July 19th – 21st-Walmart Shifts TBD

Registration #2: Tuesday, July 23rd, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Uptown Ministry Center-register the names and measure their feet.

Fill the Backpacks: Tuesday, July 30th, 6:00 p.m.
700 Commerce Court, Martinsville

Special Needs Day: Friday, August 2nd

The Big Event: Saturday, August 3rd, 7:30 a.m.
Uptown Ministry Center

To volunteer contact Tracy Hinchcliff:
tracy.hinchcliff@gracenetnetworkmhc.org or 276-403-4222,
or contact the Church Office: 276-632-6336.

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

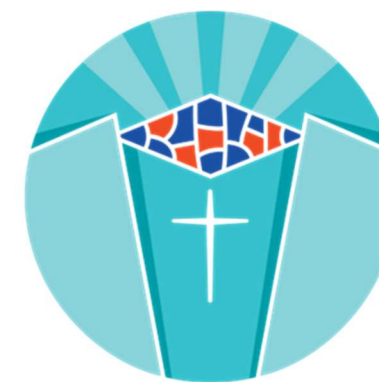
Rev. David Cameron
Associate Pastor
for Music & Worship

Rev. Caroline Taminger
Associate Pastor
for Families

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 60 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided

great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

*Hymn 48 *God of Creation, All-Powerful*

SLANE

God of creation, all powerful, all wise,
Lord of the universe rich with surprise,
Maker, sustainer, and Ruler of all,
we are your children— you hear when we call.

God of the ages, through time's troubled years
you are the One in whom history coheres;
nations and empires your purpose fulfill,
moving in freedom, yet working your will.

God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth,
called out your Church from the ends of the earth,
still you are Savior—put darkness to flight;
overcome sin by salvation's pure light!

God of your people, your Word still stands fast—
do for us now as you've done in the past!
Yours is the Kingdom—your triumph we claim,
challenging evil in Jesus' strong name.

God of our now, all our trust is in you,
Covenant God, ever faithful and true;
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Lord,
now and forever your name be adored!

*Song of Response

Hymn 618 *Give to the Winds Your Fears* DIADEMATA

Give to the winds your fears, in hope be undismayed;
God hears your sighs and counts your tears,
God shall lift up your head;
through waves and clouds and storms he gently clears the way;
wait for his time, so shall the night soon end in joyous day.

Far, far above your thought his counsel shall appear, when fully he
the work has wrought that caused your needless fear.
Leave to his sovereign will to choose and to command: with wonder
filled you then shall own how wise, how strong his hand.