

A Service of Worship

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 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 *Lamb of God* Franck
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. David Cameron

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Dennis Knight

Leader: Come! Listen to the word of the Lord!

People: Help us to receive God's word and direction for our lives.

Leader: Proclaim the goodness of God's love!

People: Let our voices and our actions be filled with love.

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship.

People: Open our eyes, our hearts and our spirits this day, Lord.

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 78 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Bill Sapp
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Pastor David
*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 610 *Through the Love of God Our Savior* AR HYD Y NOS

Prayer of Commitment Rev. Cameron

*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 *Song of Remembrance* Fettke

Sermon *Trusting God* Dr. Knight

*Song of Response

Hymn 561 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* CLOSER WALK

Celebrating Communion

Invitation to the Table Dr. Knight

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God, we all face thorns in our flesh, and rather than face
ruin, we back down. Forgive our lack of faith and vision.
Empower us to be in service to you, even when we do not
feel supported. Let us trust in your power and presence
with us. Heal us. Guide our lives and our journeys all our
days.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**Lord, we give you thanks for your strength that sustains
us when all else seems hopeless. We are grateful that
your grace is sufficient, even made perfect in our
weakness. Amen.**

Responding to God

*Response 708 *Blest Be the Tie* DENNIS

Postlude *Glory to God* Franck

We Welcome Rev. Dr. Dennis Knight, our retired pastor (2006-2012),
to the pulpit this morning.

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. On the first Sunday of
each month, we celebrate communion, and the liturgical color
changes to white to recognize the holiness and majesty of Christ.

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 #, #

The Rose on the Lord's Table is in honor of
Ian James Darden Engstrom, born on June 26, 2024.
The proud parents are Grayce and Eric Engstrom and grandparents
are Crystal and Gary Darden.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in honor of Pam and John Burgess'
44th Wedding Anniversary and Pam's birthday.

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

FBC Church Family

Thank you for your incredible support of the Missions Committee's
"Sunscreen Sundays" Mission Project. Your generosity and
compassion for our neighbors experiencing homelessness are truly
appreciated. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to
making a difference in their lives.

With heartfelt thanks,
Daivd Lewis, Chair, Rosyln Wingett, Tom Hall, Chrissy Knizer, and
Linda Dorr, Missions Committee

Deacon of the Month: Linda Gale

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

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.

3-Year Anniversary

July 6, 2021

Pete Compton, Maintenance Technician

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, July 7

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
9:45 a.m. **No Journey Small Group/FBC Kids**
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Wednesday, July 10

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library
2:00 p.m. Communion at King's Grant- Chapel

Thursday, July 11

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

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 (note the time) 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.

Registration #1: Saturday, July 13th, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Uptown Ministry Center

Registration #2: Tuesday, July 23rd, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Uptown Ministry Center

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

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

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

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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"Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope"

Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 78 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of your throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its years away,
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home!

*Hymn 610 *Through the Love of God Our Savior* AR HYD Y NOS

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well;
free and changeless is his favor, all, all is well;
precious is the blood that healed us,
perfect is the grace that sealed us,
strong the hand stretched out to shield us all must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well;
ours is such a full salvation, all, all is well;
happy, still in God confiding, fruitful, if in Christ abiding,
holy through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow, all will be well;
faith can sing through days of sorrow, all, all is well;
on our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying,
or in living or in dying, all must be well.

*Song of Response

Hymn 561 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* CLOSER WALK

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain

*Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.*

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but
thee. *Refrain*

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.

Refrain