

A Service of Worship

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 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 *Sanctus (Holy Art Thou)* Gounod
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Grace and peace to you from the One who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Alpha and Omega—the beginning and the end.

People: This is our God—the One who loves us, and who gave himself for us; who gathers us together in this place, and bids us seek his face.

All: Let us worship God together!

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 558 *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling* BEECHER

Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 3:14-21 William Underwood
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

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.

*Please stand as you are able

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 486 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

Prayer of Commitment Rev. Caroline Taminger

*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 *As You Eat This Bread* Krapf

Sermon *Benediction* Dr. Grammer

Words from the Deacon Chair Bob Moore

Congregational Blessing on the Continuing Mission
(see insert) Rev. David Cameron

Choral Response *Ascription of Praise* Schwoebel

Celebrating Communion

Invitation to the Table Dr. Grammer

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, we confess that we have often failed to recognize the depth of Christ's love for us, choosing instead to live in fear. We confess that we have relied on our own strength instead of the power of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, and give us strength through prayer and supplication, so that we might accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

We give you thanks, O God, for love that surpasses knowledge, for strength for the journey, and for your unfailing commitment to us, wherever the road may lead. Amen.

Responding to God

*Response 708 *Blest Be the Tie* DENNIS

Postlude *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Page

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.

The Flowers on the Lord's Table are given with gratitude for Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer, her family, and her time of ministry with us at First Baptist Church.

In Christian Sympathy to Ebb Williams and his family on the loss of his wife Gayle Williams. A Funeral will be held here at First Baptist on Monday, August 4th. Visitation will be held in the parlor at 12:00 p.m. followed by the funeral in the Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m.

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

August Birthdays: 7 Crystal Darden, 9 Ben Caudill, 10 Chad Coleman, J.I. Shumate, 13 Roy Thomas, 14 Pam Caudill, Nancy Wyatt, 20 Betty Prillaman, 28 Shirley Stone, 29 Gary Darden, 30 Darnell Cockram

Deacon of the Month: Bobby Moore

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

Personnel Anniversary Recognition

7-Year Anniversary

August 1, 2017

Mary Taylor, Administrative Assistant

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

Worship Care

Sunday, August 4th – Susan Sapp

Sunday, August 11th – Linda Gale

Gratitude for Giving

GENERAL FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of Johnny Crouch, Jerry Perdue, Daphine Blackwell, and Edith Bolen by Shirley Stone. GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Johnny Crouch by Marie Lannom.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, August 4

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meeting-Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
9:45 a.m. Journey Small Group-Rm 110
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School-Church Nursery
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
12:00 p.m. Farewell Reception-Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, August 6

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

Wednesday, August 7

2:00 p.m. Communion at King's Grant-Chapel

Thursday, August 8

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

Announcements

A Farewell Reception for the Grammer-Underwood Family

TODAY after Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us after worship to recognize Dr. Grammer's 6 years of ministry and say goodbye to her and her family. We will have a light lunch of salads, fruit, and dessert.

Back to School Sunday Blessing

Sunday, August 11th During Worship

Parents of children moving up to preschool or elementary school, we will be praying for and blessing our children on their journeys, as well as providing them a small gift to remind them God is with them. Please bring your child's backpack and be ready to sit with them for these moments of blessing!

Teachers, and Educators we want to bless you, too! If you have a bag you carry to work, please bring it as well.

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
Associate Pastor
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Rev. Caroline Tamingor
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Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 558 *Love Divine, All Love's Excelling* BEECHER

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

*Hymn 486 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WELLESLEY

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we would take him at his word,
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

Congregational Blessing on the Continuing Mission
Rev. David Cameron

Leader: Lord, we give you thanks for Dr. Libby Grammer,
for Will, for Elena, for Iris.

**People: Thank you for the love we have shared, through good
times & challenges.**

Leader: Thank you for the good works begun, finished,
and the good works that continue.

**People: We know that you will continue to work through this
family and through this church.**

Leader: Lord, we know that through Christ we are all joined as one
church, one body, called out by you, led by you, equipped
by you and sent into the world by you.

**People: As Dr. Grammer goes out from us, we pray that you
watch over and guide her ministry, her family,
and her new congregation as she continues her
mission to serve you.**

Leader: We pray that you watch over and guide First Baptist as we
continue our mission to serve you here, now and in the
future you have planned for us.

**People: Lord, bless this beloved family with peace of heart and
mind as they step out on faith to go where you send.**

Leader: We ask all this in faith, knowing your loving kindness has
no end and you know the plans you have made for us all.
In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Interim Guest Preaching Schedule

We are delighted to welcome our guest preachers to the pulpit over
the next few weeks. Their inspiring messages and spiritual
guidance will enrich our worship experience and bring us closer
as a faith community. We hope you join us in worship and extend a
warm welcome to our guest preachers.

August 11, 2024 – Rev. Dr. Dennis Knight

August 18, 2024 – Rev. Steve Zimmerman

August 25, 2024 – Rev. Bonnylee Witt

September 1, 2024 – Rev. John Fulcher

September 8, 2024 - WMU Preacher

September 15, 2024 – Rev. Caroline Taminger

September 22, 2024 – Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield

September 29, 2024 – Rev. David Cameron

October 6, 2024- Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield/Shared Service

Personnel Committee

This is our plan for the next few weeks. We are diligently searching
for an interim pastor while we hear from these great, local
preachers. We have, with Dr. Grammer, also covered the day-to-day
pastoral duties in the office and for pastoral care.