

A Service of Worship

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 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 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Young
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. David Cameron

Call to Worship *Inspired by Psalm 1:1-3* Rev. Caroline Taminger

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow
the advice of the wicked,

**People: Or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

Leader: But their delight is in the law of the Lord,

People: And on his law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,

People: Which yield their fruit in its season,

Leader: And their leaves do not wither.

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

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 578 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Bill Sapp
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Mark 9:30-37
The Gospel of our Lord; **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message 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 429 *Let Your Heart Be Broken* WYE VALLEY

Prayer of Commitment Rev. David 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 *Within These Walls* Choplin

Sermon *The Way of Service is the Way of the Kingdom*
Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield

Responding to God

Prayer For All People (*Responsive Reading*) Dr. Hatfield
(See insert)

*Song of Response

Hymn 710 *We Are Called to Be God's People*
AUSTRIAN HYMN

*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

*Response *Make Me a Servant* Willard

Postlude *Gigue in D* Handel

*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 Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield to our pulpit
this morning. Mike is Pastor of our sister church, Chatham Heights
Baptist Church, in Martinsville.

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

September Birthdays: 12 Linda Read, 16 John Buck, 19 Jim Fetter,
20 Frank Taylor, 21 Mary Taylor, 23 Charlie Miers, Margie Shytle,
24 Debby Simpson, 25 Martha Medley, Judy Szulecki Bunin,
27 Melva Stultz, 29 Judy Epperly, 30 Mary Lewis Johnston

Deacon of the Month: Jean Rood

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

Worship Care

Sunday, September 22th- Pastor Caroline

Sunday, September 29th- Pastor Caroline

Pastor Search Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the members of
the next Pastor Search Committee for First Baptist Church.
The committee members are:

**Herb Collins, Crystal Darden, Marsha Frith, Sylvia Knight,
Martha Medley, Bill Sapp, and Roslyn Wingett.**

The alternates are: **Mary Lewis Johnston and Susan Sapp.**

*The Nominating Committee is also deeply grateful to everyone
whose name appeared on the ballot. We appreciate your willingness
and readiness to support this important process.*

*Please know that the entire First Baptist Church family will be
praying for God's discernment and guidance as you begin this very
important work.*

Gratitude for Giving

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of
Gayle Williams by Helen Wright.

Grace Network July-Sept. 2024 Food Assignment: Grits

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. Nominating Committee Report-the Deacon Selection Committee.

Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions

Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) invite you to join in giving to the Alma Hunt State Mission Offering. **First Baptist's goal is to raise \$2,500.** Help us reach and exceed this goal by designating an offering to "Alma Hunt Offering" on your check memo line or online at fbcmartinsville.com/give (memo Alma Hunt). Raised to date: \$ 1,358.00

Grace Network Pumpkin Patch, October 1st

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Volunteers Needed!

FBC will work the Pumpkin Patch for Grace Network.

We have 2 volunteers from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. but we need

2 more volunteers from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are willing to volunteer, please let the church office know.

Shared Worship Service, Sunday, October 6th

FBC Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

Join us as we worship (note the time) with our sister church, Chatham Heights Baptist Church to celebrate World Communion Sunday. Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield will be our guest preacher.

Henry Co. Food Pantry, October 12th

10:00 a.m. – 12:00p.m.

We will be assisting with food box packing. Wear FBC t-shirt and join us for this mission opportunity! Please sign up by calling or emailing the church office. We need a minimum of 10 people signed up. The Food Pantry is located at 3321 Fairystone Parkway in Bassett, Va. in the Riverwalk Mini Mall.

Henry Co. Baptist Association Annual Meeting

October 15, 2024 at Oak Level Baptist Church

The Annual Henry County Baptist Association Meeting will be Tuesday, October 15th at Oak Level Baptist Church. If you wish to be a Messenger let the church office know before September 27th. Everyone is welcome to attend. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 5:00 p.m. Meals are \$15.00 per person and payable to the church office by September 27th.

Operation Inasmuch Project-Thank you!

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the members of the FBC Missions Committee, the WMU, and Rev. Caroline Taminger for your support and dedication to the Operation Inasmuch Project on Saturday, September 14, 2024. Your collective efforts at the Scrub Board Laundromat in Martinsville, handing out quarters to help with laundry needs, made a meaningful difference in the lives of those we assisted.

The project was a success, and we are excited to share that we are already planning to continue this effort at a new location in the near future. Your commitment to serving our community is truly appreciated!

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 us at: info@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 us at info.fbcmartinsville.com or 276-632-6336 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. Caroline Taminger
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Baxter Jennings
Organist

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Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 578 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord;
make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew,
turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,
to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring;
in your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe;
worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,
and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.

*Hymn 429 *Let Your Heart Be Broken* WYE VALLEY

Let your heart be broken for a world in need—
feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that bleed;
give the cup of water and the loaf of bread—
be the hands of Jesus, serving in his stead.

Here on earth applying principles of love—
visible expression God still rules above,
living illustration of the Living Word
to the minds of all who've never seen and heard.

Blest to be a blessing, privileged to care,
challenged by the need apparent everywhere,
where the world is wanting fill the vacant place,
be the means through which the Lord reveals his grace.

Add to your believing deeds that prove it true—
knowing Christ as Savior, make him Master too;
follow in his footsteps, go where he has trod,
in the world's great trouble risk yourself for God.

Let your heart be tender and your vision clear—
rouse yourself to action, serve God far and near.
Let your heart be broken by another's pain,
share your rich resources—give and give again.

*Song of Response

Hymn 710 *We Are Called to Be God's People* AUSTRIAN HYMN

We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives his grace,
one in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as his own,
let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants, working in his world today;
taking his own task upon us, all his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons, dedicate to him our all,
that we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right,
standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil things to light.
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,
that the world may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.

Prayer For All People (*Responsive Reading*) Dr. Hatfield

God of glory, we pray for our leaders — ecclesiastical, elected
and volunteer. May their decisions and work be guided by
your wisdom, and may their actions take into account the
poor and oppressed. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of creation, you entrusted us with the care of your
creation. Help us take our responsibility seriously. We need to
seek ways to ensure a more equitable distribution of resources
and see that all your children have safe water to drink,
food to eat and clean air to breathe. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we lift up to you all those who live in
places of strife and warfare. While they wait in hope for
peace, may they find peace and refuge in you. Lord, in your
mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, we ask your loving care for those awaiting a
diagnosis, suffering from physical or mental illness or
recovering from surgery. We pray, also, for their caregivers.
Give them patience, strength and compassion, as well as time
to care for themselves. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, comfort those who grieve. May they be blessed
with sweet memories and find true solace in the hope of the
life to come. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of grace, help us come before you with the wonder and
innocence of children. Remind us to set aside our pride and
vanity and instead be filled with humility. Lord, in your
mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend all our prayers to you, knowing that you hear all
the joys and concerns of our hearts — even the ones we
cannot put into words. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, September 22

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
12:00 p.m. Business Meeting-Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 23

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

Tuesday, September 24

8:45 a.m. Children's Chapel-Classrooms
4:30 p.m. School Age Music-Music Room

Wednesday, September 25

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library
5:00 p.m. Coordinating Council/Zoom

Thursday, September 26

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Rm. 105 /1 Samuel
11:00 a.m. ELC Music-Music Room
4:15 p.m. School Age Chapel-Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room