

A Service of Worship

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 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 *Chanson* Rutter
Anne Epperly, flute; John Fulcher, piano

Welcome Rev. David Cameron

Call to Worship Rev. Caroline Taminger

Leader: The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

People: Jesus emerges from the water.

Leader: And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

**People: "This is my child, the Beloved,
with whom I am well-pleased."**

Leader: Jesus is named. Claimed.

**People: We come to the water. We remember
we are named. Claimed.**

Leader: Can it be so? What a thing to be named. Claimed.

**People: Let us worship the one who names
and claims us still.**

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.**

Baptism Rev. Dr. Jim Hewitt
Ella James

*Hymn 758 *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 5:15-20 Judy Epperly

The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able

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.

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 569 *Living for Jesus a Life That Is True* LIVING

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 *Prayer for Guidance* Pote

Sermon *Living Carefully* Dr. Hewitt

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 584 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* ADELAIDE

Presentation of Bible and Baptism Certificate Pastor Caroline

*Benediction Rev. Taminger

*Response *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*
Wilkinson/Barham-Gould

Postlude *This Lil Light* arr. Perkinson
Anne Epperly, flute; Baxter Jennings, organ

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.

Today's Worship includes the Rite of Baptism. Baptism is a physical ritual of washing new believers in water, mandated by Jesus, to symbolically wash away sin, unite us with Jesus in resurrection, and serves as a sign of new birth in Christ.

Reception after Worship

Join us in the Narthex/Bell Tower for refreshments to celebrate Ella James' Baptism.

We Welcome Rev. Dr. Jim Hewitt to our pulpit this morning.

Dr. Hewitt is a native of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He graduated from Myrtle Beach High School. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and Social Sciences from the University of South Carolina where he majored in religious studies. He is very proud to be a "Fighting Gamecock".

Dr. Hewitt earned his Master of Divinity at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond, Virginia. He completed his Doctorate of Ministry at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, now known as United Lutheran Seminary. On a side note, when Dr. Hewitt began his seminary studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological in Wake Forest, North Carolina, Dr. Chevis Horne, was his preaching professor one semester.

He was ordained at Ocean View Baptist Church, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina by Rev. Dr. J. Kirk Lawton, Jr. He has pastored churches in South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Dr. Mike Hatfield and Dr. Hewitt served churches just miles apart in the Goshen Baptist Association in Orange County Virginia. This is where they first met. Following his pastorate there he became the pastor of College Park Baptist Church in Danville, Virginia where Rev. Caroline's family attended. She was in the nursery at the time he arrived. Prior to his move to West Virginia, he was the pastor of Pocahontas Bassett Baptist Church where he pastored for nine years. Presently, Dr. Hewitt serves as the senior pastor of Charleston Baptist Temple, a historical church in the downtown area of the capital city of Charleston, West Virginia. He is now in his eighth year there.

Dr. Hewitt serves on the Board of Trustees for the Parchment Valley Conference Center, the home of youth, children, and adult conferences and spiritual retreats for the West Virginia Baptist Convention, American Baptist Churches USA. In the past, Dr. Hewitt has served as a trustee for Hope Tree Family Services (Virginia Baptist Children's Home). While living in South Carolina he served as an associate member of the Coordinating Council of the South Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Jim and his wife, Charlene, (Char), a native of Myrtle Beach as well, have three daughters, Brittany, (Travis, Jim and Char's aspiring son-in-law), Erica (Marcus) and Chelsea (David) who live in Martinsville and Fieldale, Virginia. They have four granddaughters, Ella, who Dr. Hewitt will baptize this morning, Piper, Charlotte, Sailor and one spectacular grandson, Oliver, who plays clarinet in the Patrick County High School Marching Band.

We Welcome Anne Epperly as a guest musician this morning.

Anne Epperly is retired from the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band and is currently pursuing a Master of Music Education and K-12 Certification in Music Education from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. She is a graduate of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and Aaron Copland School of Music of Queens College, City University of New York. Anne is the daughter of Judy Epperly.

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.

Nursery Available

Our nursery is available for children 4 and under. The nursery is down the hall from the Narthex and to the right.

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

October Birthdays: 2 Ron Austin, 4 Ronnie Garren, Morton Lester, Joe Prince, Adalyn White, 8 Linda Penta, 13 Kaylee White, 17 David Collins, 23 Erica James, 28 Charlotte James, 31 Mary Frances Gibbs

Deacon of the Month: Linda Moore

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

Children's Chapel and Worship Care

Sunday, October 13th – Crystal Darden & Roslyn Wingett

Sunday, October 20th – Erica James & Linda Read

Gratitude for Giving

GENERAL FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of Harry Hensley by Sue Lester and Shirley Stone. A gift has been given in memory of Gayle Williams and Nita Gauldin by Shirley Stone. A gift has been given in memory Matthew Uselton by Sue Lester.

Grace Network Oct.-Dec. 2024 Food Assignment:

Applesauce (24-32 oz)

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

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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Season after Pentecost

*Hymn 758 *Baptized in Water*

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
born of one Father, we are his children,
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

*Hymn 569 *Living for Jesus a Life That Is True*

LIVING

Living for Jesus a life that is true,
striving to please him in all that I do;
yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain

*O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee,
for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master my heart shall be thy throne;
my life I give, hence-forth to live, O Christ, for thee alone.*

Living for Jesus who died in my place,
Bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace;
Such love constrains me to answer his call,
Follow his leading and give him my all. *Refrain*

Living for Jesus wherever I am,
doing each duty in his holy name,
willing to suffer affliction and loss,
bringing the weary to find rest in him. *Refrain*

Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
my dearest treasure—the light of his smile,
seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,
bringing the weary to find rest in him. *Refrain*

*Song of Response

Hymn 584 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

ADELAIDE

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master today!
Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 13

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
12:00 p.m. Reception-Bell Tower

Monday, October 14

6:00 p.m. Still Water-Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, October 15

4:30 p.m. HCBA Annual Meeting-Oak Level Baptist
4:30 p.m. School Age Music-Music Room
6:00 p.m. Business & Finance-Rm. 105

Thursday, October 17

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Rm. 105 /1 Samuel
11:00 a.m. ELC Music-Music Room
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Announcements

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 welcomed to attend. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m. and the service begins at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor Search Committee Congregational Survey

As we continue the process of seeking a new pastor for our church, the Pastor Search Committee is committed to ensuring that this process is as inclusive and thoughtful as possible. Please complete and return the Pastor Profile Survey by Wednesday, October 16 either online, mail, or in person. Copies will be available in the church office. Please let us know if you need one mailed to you.

Called Business Meeting, October 20, 2024

12:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

We will hold a special call business meeting on Sunday, October 20, immediately after the morning worship service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to approve a recommendation from the Personnel Committee regarding the filling of the position of Interim Pastor. Your presence and participation are important as we navigate this transition together. Information on the Interim Pastor will be available in the Narthex, church office, e-news, and on our website: <https://fbcmartinsville.com/fbc-personnel-committee-recommends-interim-pastor/>

If you are unable to attend church and the called business meeting afterwards on October 20, 2024, please fill out a ballot and return it to the church office by noon on Friday, October 18, 2024. Ballots are located in the church office.

WMU October Mission Action Project

WMU will be collecting monetary donations for God's Pit Crew. These donations will be sent to God's Pit Crew for them to purchase essential items that are needed for areas that were struck by Hurricane Helene. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church and write God's Pit Crew in the memo line.

Trunk or Treat & Covered Dish

November 1st at 5:30 p.m.

Chatham Heights Baptist Church

Everyone is welcomed to join us for our Trunk or Treat event, November 1st at CHBC at 5:30pm. We will have the trunk or treat first, and then we will have a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite finger food to share. This year we need volunteers to decorate their car and hand out candy. Candy will not be provided by the church; please provide your own. To sign up for either trunk-or-treat or the covered dish dinner, please call the church office.