

A Service of Worship

Reformation Sunday

October 27, 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 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* arr. Young
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. David Cameron

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 46* Rev. Caroline Taminger

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.

**People: So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come,
and the mountains crumble into the sea.**

Leader: Let the oceans roar and foam.
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

**People: The Lord Almighty is here among us;
God is our fortress.**

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 125 *Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him* ACCLAIM

Hearing the Scriptures

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 19:16-26 Pam Caudill

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 593 *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE

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 *Seek the Lord* Carter

Sermon *Do You Possess It or Does It Possess You?*
Rev. Steve Zimmerman

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 635 *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*
HE LEADETH ME

*Benediction Rev. Zimmerman

*Response *We Give Thee but Thine Own*
How/Mason/Webb

Postlude *Thanks Be to God Who Has Given Us Victory
Through Our Lord Jesus Christ* Handel

Today is Reformation Sunday, which is celebrated on the last Sunday of October, commemorating the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 theses to the door of the church in Wittenberg, Germany. The liturgical color of the day is red, which represents the Holy Spirit and the Martyrs of the Christian Church. Red is also the liturgical color for anniversaries and festival days of the churches.

We Welcome Rev. Steve Zimmerman, to the pulpit today. Steve will be serving as FBC's Interim Pastor beginning in November.

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 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 & Worship Care

Sunday, October 27th – Mary Lewis Johnston

Sunday, November 3rd – Ruth Anne Collins & Linda Read

Announcements

Regular Business Meeting Agenda, TODAY at 12:15 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports. 4. Present and vote on the 2025 Proposed Budget, 5. Vote to approve nominees on the 2025 Nominating Committee Report.

All Saints, NEXT SUNDAY - November 3, 2024

We invite you to plan for and attend our All Saints Sunday service, where we remember those saints who have gone before us - especially those in the past year from among our church membership.

Welcome Reception for Rev. Steve Zimmerman

November 3rd at 12:00 p.m. Narthex/Bell Tower

After worship join your church family to welcome our Interim Pastor to FBC! We will have a light reception and visit with Rev. Zimmerman.

Announcements Cont.

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 -November 1st at 5:30 p.m.

Chatham Heights Baptist Church

Trunk-or-treat will be Friday, November 1st at CHBC from 5:30pm-6:30pm in the upper parking lot. This will be a drop-in event; people can come and go within the hour as they trunk-or-treat. 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.

Rise Against Hunger- November 16th 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 16, from 9:00 am to Noon

Join Us for a Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event!

FBC will be joining other CBF Sister Churches in sponsoring a meal-packing event with Rise Against Hunger, an organization dedicated to fighting food insecurity worldwide.

We're looking for **50 volunteers** to join us in this hands-on service opportunity! Let's work together to pack meals and make a difference in the lives of those facing hunger. Sign up in the church office to volunteer.

Grace Network Oct.-Dec. 2024 Food Assignment:

Applesauce (24-32 oz)

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

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, October 27

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, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

Thursday, October 31

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

Friday, November 1

5:30 p.m. Trunk or Treat-CHBC parking lot

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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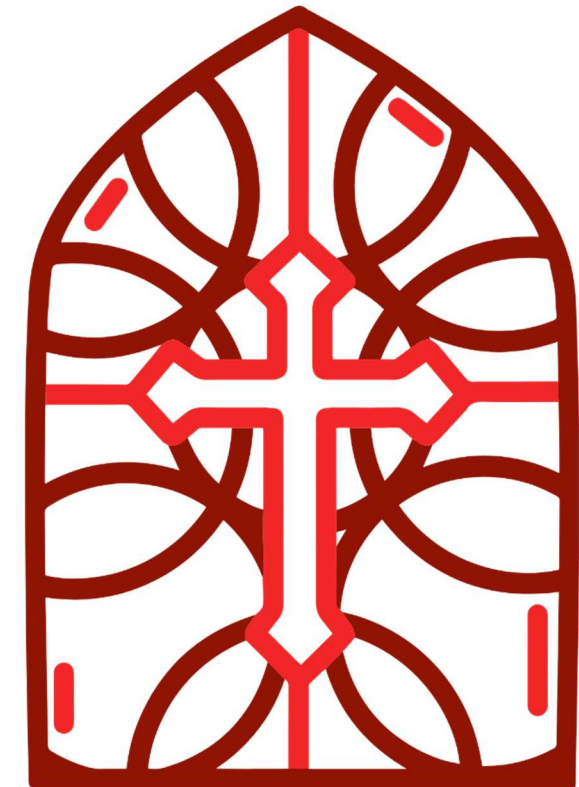
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*Hymn 125 *Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him* ACCLAIM

Praise the Savior, ye who know him!
Who can tell how much we owe him?
Gladly let us render to him all we are and have.

Jesus is the name that charms us;
He for conflict fits and arms us;
Nothing moves and nothing harms us while we trust in him.

Trust in him, ye saints, forever;
He is faithful, changing never;
Neither force nor guile can sever those he loves from him.

Keep us, Lord, on thee relying whether living, whether dying:
Let no bitterness or sighing mar our trust and praise.

*Hymn 593 *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift of all inspire,
and have not love: my words are vain;
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

*Song of Response

Hymn 635 *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* HE LEADETH ME

He leadeth me, O blessed thought,
O words with heavenly comfort fraught! What e'er I do,
wher-e'r I be, still 'tis Gods hand that leadeth me.

*Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.*

Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will
not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain