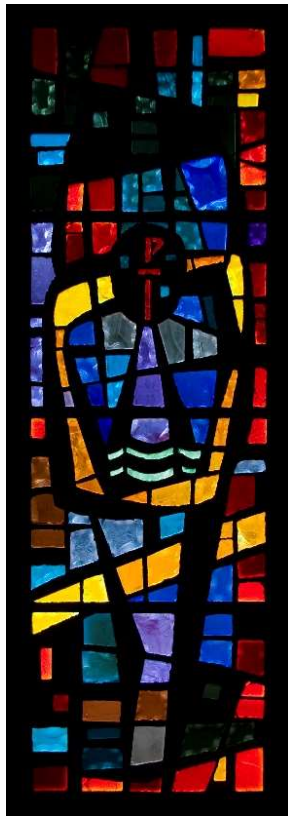


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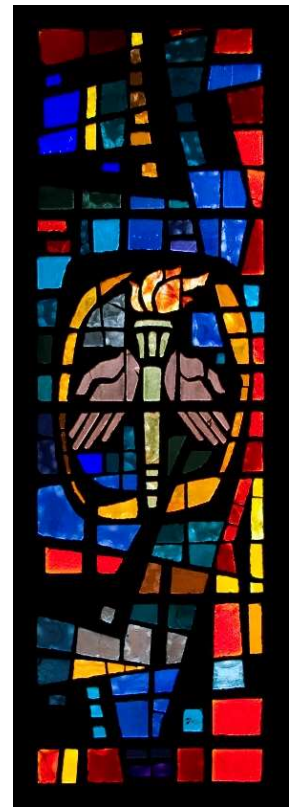
Worship



Preaching



Teaching



Service

A Celebration of Partnership in Ministry
A Service of Installation of the Reverend Libby M. Grammer
as the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Martinsville, VA

November 18, 2018

5:00 p.m.

The Church Gathering

Welcome Bill Sapp

Prelude Henry Purcell
Prelude and Air
Dr. Robert Gallagher, organ
Rev. Rick Grammer, trumpet

*Opening Hymn 689 AURELIA
The Church's One Foundation

*Call to Worship Ross Gale

Minister: In the beauty of this space, in the fellowship of Your people,
Congregation: **We worship You.**
Minister: In the presence of Your Spirit, in the company of all creation,
Congregation: **We worship You.**
Minister: In the joy of new beginnings, in the blessing of Your servant,
Congregation: **We worship You.**

*Invocation and 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

Words of Welcome Rev. Fr. Nicholas Hull
Revs. Ashley and Brian Harrington
Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield

*Please stand as you are able

The Church in Scripture and Song

Anthem Felix Mendelssohn
How Lovely are the Messengers

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

FBC Church Choir
RRCB & SABC Visiting Choral Members

*Please stand as you are able

First Lesson

1 Peter 5: 2-4

John Collins

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

*Gospel Lesson

John 21: 15-19

The Gospel of our Lord: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Hymn 710

We Are Called to Be God's People

AUSTRIAN HYMN

The Church in Commitment

Installation Sermon "Be Shepherds of the Flock God has Given You" Rev. Dr. Pam Durso

*Hymn 522

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY

Charge to the Pastor

Rev. Dr. Daniel Glaze

Pastoral Vows

David Lewis

Leader: Libby Grammer, do you accept the call to be the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA, committing yourself to this new trust and responsibility in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the local church?

Pastor: *With reliance upon God, I do.*

Leader: Will you be diligent in your study, teaching, and preaching of Holy Scripture? Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living, all with an openness to God's Spirit?

Pastor: *With reliance upon God, I will.*

Leader: Will you covenant to follow the example of the Good Shepherd in ministering to God's people, tending to them in their joys and sorrows? Will you strive to remember that you, too, are one of the sheep in God's pasture? And that you also need to be renewed in the green pastures and still waters of God's love?

Pastor: *With reliance upon God, I do.*

Leader: Will you give faithful witness in the world so that God's love may be known in all that you do? Will you covenant to call this church to her mission, to deeds of compassion and justice, to live and to love like Jesus?

Pastor: *With reliance upon God, I will.*

Leader: Will you strive to fulfill faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully the duties required of you in the work to which you are being commissioned, following our Lord's example of humble service?

Pastor: *With reliance upon God, I will.*

Solo

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (Prayer of St. Francis)
Beth Chapman, soprano

arr. Mark Hayes

Charge to the Church

Rev. Dr. Dennis Knight

Congregational Vows

Rev. John Fulcher

Leader: Do you, saints of First Baptist Church, Martinsville, accept Libby Grammer as your pastor, with the conviction that her calling is from God? And do you commit to respect and honor the office our pastor serves, to be responsive to her leadership, to trust her as a person of integrity and ability, and to love and accept her as your sister in Christ?

Congregation: **With joyful hearts, we do.**

Leader: Will you give our pastor the freedom in the pulpit to express honest, thoughtful convictions in the interpretation of God's Word, mindful that our unity does not require uniformity?

Congregation: **With reliance upon God's grace, we will.**

Leader: Will you commit to undergird Libby with daily prayer, positive attitudes, personal support, and hope for our future so that she may serve among you with joy and love?

Congregation: **With reliance upon God's grace, we will.**

Leader: Will you commit to journey with Libby in discerning the continuing mission and identity of the church through your presence, gifts, and faithful service both within and beyond the walls of the church, covenanting to love God with your whole being and your neighbors as yourselves?

Congregation: **With reliance upon God's grace, we will.**

Pastoral Response

Rev. Libby Grammer

Call to Prayer

Nearer, My God, to Thee
Ross Gail, hammer dulcimer

Lowell Mason

Prayer of Installation

Written by Rev. Nancy Stanton McDaniel

The Church in Praise and Blessing

Rev. Bonnylee Witt

*Hymn 809

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and holy Ghost. Amen.

Benediction

Rev. Libby Grammer

Choral Response

Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God by in my mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at mine end and in my departing.

Postlude

Festival Piece in G Major
Baxter Jennings, organ

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Today's service of worship recognizes the gifts and new ministry of Libby M. Grammer among the people of First Baptist Church of Martinsville, VA. For Baptists, each congregation calls its pastor and then takes time to install the pastor into his or her new work. Today, we recognize, install, and support the ministry of our pastor-with words, greetings, and prayers from faith leaders and friends.

Our Senior Pastor

Rev. Libby Grammer became the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Martinsville, VA on August 5, 2018. She came to us from River Road Church, Baptist where she served for over three years, most recently as Pastoral Resident. Libby grew up a lifelong Baptist, but with many ecumenical ties in recent years through River Road.

Libby received her undergraduate degree in Spanish, with minors in Religion and English, from Shorter College in Rome, Georgia. She then received her Master of Divinity degree, focused in Academic Research in Christian Ethics from McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia. Libby also studied Theology, Ethics, and Culture at the University of Virginia, earning her Master of Arts in Religion. Libby wrote two Master's theses focused in Christian ethics and immigration during seminary and at UVA, which she compiled into a book entitled *Privilege, Risk, and Solidarity: Understanding Undocumented Immigration through Feminist Christian Ethics*, published by Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2017. Libby also worked as a professional immigration legal assistant for over a decade.

Libby is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree with McAfee and is writing a thesis concerned with how congregations can best have conversations about tough ethical issues. She plans to complete this degree in Fall 2019.

Libby is active in community and denominational life. She serves on the board of Virginia Baptist Women in Ministry, writes articles and book chapters for various Baptist publications, serves as a Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty Fellow, and works with the Baptist General Association of Virginia as a Ministry Partner with immigration law accreditation. She was also recently accepted as a Baptist Women in Ministry (national) mentoring cohort participant.

Libby is a wife and mother. Her husband, William Underwood, is an I.T. professional and data analyst with the City of Richmond, working from home here in Martinsville. They are proud new parents of Miss Elena Ruth Grammer-Underwood. Together with their three dogs: Paco, Boober, and Samson, the Grammer-Underwood household is rich, busy, and full of life.

Participants in Today's Service Include

Rev. Libby M. Grammer

Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Martinsville VA

Bill Sapp

Trustee, First Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA

John Collins

Personnel Chair, First Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA

Rev. Dr. Pam Durso

Executive Director, Baptist Women in Ministry, Atlanta, GA

Rev. John Fulcher

Retired Pastor, First Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA

Ross Gale

Worship Assistant, First Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA

Member, Pastor Search Committee

Dr. Robert Gallagher

Minister of Music, River Road Church, Baptist, Richmond, VA

Rev. Dr. Daniel E. Glaze

Pastor, River Road Church, Baptist, Richmond, VA

Rev. Rick Grammer, Hymn Director

Libby's Father & Retired Minister of Music, Rossville, GA

Revs. Ashley and Brian Harrington

Co-Pastors, Starling Avenue Baptist, Martinsville, VA

Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield

Pastor, Chatham Heights Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA

The Rev. Nicholas Hull

Rector, Christ Episcopal Church, Martinsville, VA

Baxter Jennings

Organist, First Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA

Rev. Dr. Dennis Knight

Retired Pastor, First Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA

David Lewis

Music Director, First Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA

Chair, Pastor Search Committee

Rev. Nancy Stanton McDaniel

Former Associate Pastor, First Baptist Church, Martinsville, VA

Retired Pastor, Rhoadesville Baptist Church, Rhoadesville, VA

Rev. Bonnylee Witt

Director of Pastoral Care, SOVAH health, Martinsville, VA

Members of the Starling Avenue Sanctuary Choir and
River Road Church, Baptist Chancel Choir

Please join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service.

We give thanks for the Pastor Search Committee, Hospitality Committee, and all those who have come far and near to celebrate with us the installation of Rev. Libby Grammer to the pastoral ministry at First Baptist Church, Martinsville.

We are grateful for the beauty of our faceted windows in the parlor that tell a story of worship, preaching, teaching and service. For more information about our stained-glass windows, please visit our website at firstbaptistmartinsville.com. Photos of the stained-glass windows by Andrea Despot.

Additionally, we give thanks for the hand lettering for the windows on the front cover of this bulletin, artfully crafted by Suzanne L. Vinson, Virginia Baptist minister and artist. You can find more of her lettering and watercolor art at silvertreeart.com.

Mission Statement

The congregation of First Baptist Church, led by the Holy Spirit, covenants to worship Almighty God and to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Consistent with the Great Commission, we will share gifts beyond our doors with enthusiasm, generosity, and grace.