

# A Service of Worship & Communion

Epiphany Sunday  
January 3, 2021 11:00 a.m.

To listen by phone:

**Zoom Call-in Number:** 1-833-548-0276

Meeting ID: 276 632 6336 #,#

## Emmanuel, God-with-us

Prelude *Three Kings Arrived From a Distant Land* Sandresky  
Baxter Jennings, organist

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

\*Call to Worship Rev. David Cameron  
Hymn 151 *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

\*Invocation & Lord's Prayer Dr. Grammer

**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 185 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 William Underwood  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12  
The Gospel of our Lord; **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Children's Worship Pastor Libby

\*Hymn 162 *The First Noel* THE FIRST NOEL

Duet *Do Not Fear* Sovereign Grace Worship  
Jon Althoff, and Nathan Stiff  
David Cameron, tenor and Rob Bailey, baritone & Piano

## With Wise Minds

Sermon *A Word to the Wise* Dr. Grammer

\*Please stand as you are able

## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Litany of Confession Dr. Grammer

Leader: Jesus, you are the Light of the World.  
Shine Your light in us today.

**People: Chase away the darkness of sin,  
the darkness of fear and doubt and despair.**

Leader: Fill us with the light of your truth, your Word.  
Produce in us the fruit of righteousness –  
the evidence that Your Holy Spirit lives in us  
and works in us and through us.

**People: Teach us what is pleasing to you.  
Make us a shining example of your amazing  
grace, redeeming love, and life-changing power.  
May others be drawn to you through me.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**Everlasting God: we thank You for the gift of Your son  
Jesus, light in darkness, savior of all people, who was  
born in a poor place, who now rules the world, Lord of  
lords and King of kings.**

## With Lived Light

\*Hymn 745 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

\*Benediction Dr. Grammer

\*Response *Shine, Jesus, Shine* SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!

Postlude *Joy to the World* arr. Ashford

***Today is Epiphany Sunday in the Christian year. Epiphany  
(January 6) celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The  
season after the Epiphany continues this emphasis, calling attention  
to the words and deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry by which his divine  
sonship is made manifest. The liturgical color for Epiphany Sunday  
is white, symbolic of the purity of Christ.***

## Prayer Reminder

**CHURCH FAMILY:** John Abbott, Jim Barnett, Alice Bowman,  
Mary Clifton, Martha Drane, John Fulcher, Jean Gray, Sylvia Knight,  
George Lester, Gene Medley, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Clarence  
and Stacey Monday, Betty Prillaman, Jimmie Sexton, Benny and  
Betty Shires, Stacey Steagall, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner,  
Gayle Williams

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, January 3

9:45 a.m. Sunday School-Zoom  
11:00 a.m. Worship-Virtual  
12:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting-Zoom

### Monday, January 4

10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel

### Tuesday, January 5

7:00 p.m. Personnel Committee-Zoom

### Wednesday, January 6

7:00 p.m. Midweek Check-in-Zoom

### Thursday, January 7

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom  
8:00 p.m. Journey Small Group-Zoom

**January Birthdays:** 1 Herb Collins, 10 Ran Isley, 16 Bobby Moore,  
18 Karen Doss, 22 Martha Drane, 23 Yvonne Turner, JoAnna Wilson,  
29 Joretta Draper, Kenny Smith, 30 Richard Dorr

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome Rev. David Cameron as our guest music director.**  
Rev. Cameron is the Associate Minister of Chatham Heights Baptist  
Church, Martinsville, where he has served since November of 2001.  
He earned a Masters of Church Music Degree from Southern  
Seminary, in Louisville KY in 1998. While in seminary he met Mary  
Helen Scott, also a Southern MCM graduate. Mary Helen and David  
were married in 1997 and have shared life and ministries together  
ever since. Mary Helen is the Minister of Music for Pocahontas  
Bassett Baptist Church. He is a member of the Smith River Singers,  
SRS ensemble "Still Water," the Virginia Baptist Male Chorale, plays  
bass guitar, guitar, and enjoys hiking, reading, and cooking.

**We also welcome Rob Bailey** who will be singing a duet with Rev.  
Cameron and also playing the piano for their duet. Rob Bailey grew  
up in Martinsville and attended MHS. After college, he returned  
home and has been employed at Bassett Furniture as a network  
analyst for the last 23 years. He has also been the organist at  
Chatham Heights Baptist Church for 20 years. Rob is married to  
Elizabeth and they have 4 children - Andrew, Asher, Genevieve, and  
Max.

\*Hymn 151      *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*      GO TELL IT

*Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is Born.*

While shepherds kept their watching o' ver silent flocks by night, behold, through-out the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

\*Hymn 185      *We Three Kings of Orient Are*      KINGS OF ORIENT

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.

*Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again, King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.

*Refrain*

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds thro' the earth and skies.

*Refrain*

\*Hymn 162      *The First Noel*      THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

*Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.*

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far, to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

*Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord, who hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

\*Hymn 745      *Jesus Shall Reign*      DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run; his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head; his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the prisoners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blessed.

Let all the people rise and bring their special honors to our King; angels descend with songs again and earth repeat the loud Amen.

***Our Bulletin art today*** is original work by Baptist minister Suzanne L. Vision. You can find more of her work or order her art at [www.silvertreeart.com](http://www.silvertreeart.com)



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**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 our spiritual gifts beyond our doors with enthusiasm, generosity, and grace.*



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank You for Making Your 2021 Ministry Pledge!** So far, for 2021 we have received 42 pledges totaling \$225,965. Last year in 2020, we had 51 pledges totaling \$206,263. Pledge cards are still available from the church office. Please contact Kaylee White at [kaylee@fbcmartinsville.com](mailto:kaylee@fbcmartinsville.com) or 276-632-6336. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the mission and ministry of First Baptist Church!

**Offering Envelopes for 2021** are now ready for pick up. You can come by the church to pick them up or if you need them to mailed to you let the church office know.

**IN APPRECIATION:** FULLER DAVIS FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Edwin Stokes and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee Taylor, Sr. by James and Debbie Stokes. GENERAL: A gift has been given in memory of Boyd Gray by Rob, Christy, and Josh Landon. A gift has been given in memory of Boyd Gray, David Doss, and Lil Doyle by Helen Dandridge. LIBRARY FUND: A gift has been given in honor of Judy Epperly by Anne Anderson. GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Nicholas Haggas by Mary Frances Gibbs. HEIFER INTERNATIONAL: A gift has been given in memory of Boyd Gray by the Mary Kirk/Linda Lewis Bible Class. MISSION OPPORTUNITY: A gift has been given in memory of June Grammer and Boyd Gray by Max and Roslyn Wingett.

**Women on Mission** sponsored a churchwide mission offering for December with Heifer International. For \$300, we will provide a community with the Gift of Clean Water. We have raised \$1,037.15.

### **Deacons of the Month**

Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

**January Deacons of the Month:** Jerry Perdue and Bill Sapp

### **Warming Center Food Donations**

Rags, towels, shaving cream, liquid detergent, toilet paper, & sugar.

### **Grace Network January-March 2021 Food Assignment**

Potato Products (mashed, scalloped)

Please drop the food off at the church.