

## A Service of Worship & Communion

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 7, 2021

11:00 a.m.

To listen by phone:

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

Meeting ID: 276 632 6336 #,#

### Gathering for Worship

Prelude *Adagio for Flute and Bassoon* Lotti  
Baxter Jennings, organist

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

\*Call to Worship

Hymn *Great and Mighty* GREAT AND MIGHTY

Great and mighty is the Lord and God, Great and mighty is He.  
Great and mighty is the Lord and God, Great and mighty is He.  
Lift up your banner, let the anthems ring praises to our King;  
Great and mighty is the Lord our God, Great and mighty is He.

\*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 62 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

### Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 40:21-31 William Underwood  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Lesson 1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Worship Pastor Libby & Mrs. Becky

\*Hymn 552 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

\*Please stand as you are able

Sermon *Walk a Mile* Dr. Grammer

### CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Confessional Prayer Litany Dr. Grammer  
(See insert)

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

**God of Transformation, we give you thanks for your wisdom  
and your call on our lives to be people of purpose – your  
purpose. We are grateful that your Holy Spirit keeps us on our  
toes, ready to serve others as you would have us to serve  
them, even when it's different or difficult. Thank you for  
your grace and courage to continue to serve and love in your  
name. Amen.**

### Responding to God

\*Hymn 77 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
LOBE DEN HERREN

\*Benediction Dr. Grammer

\*Response 708 *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* DENNIS  
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Postlude *Trumpet Tune in C* Boyce

***Today is the Fifth Sunday After Epiphany in the Christian year.  
Epiphany (January 6) celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus  
Christ. The Season of Epiphany continues this emphasis, calling  
attention to the words and deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry. The  
liturgical color is green, representing new life and growth. On the first  
Sunday of each month, we celebrate communion, and the liturgical  
color changes to white to recognize the holiness and majesty of Christ.***

### Prayer Reminder

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

**IN APPRECIATION:** MISSION OPPORTUNITY: A gift was given in  
memory of Betty Jennings, Betty Shires, and June Grammer by  
Linda and Richard Dorr. LIBRARY FUND: A gift was given in  
memory of Betty Shires by Becky Stone.

### Opportunities for the Week

#### **Sunday, February 7**

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

#### **Monday, February 8**

10:30 a.m. Children's Chapel  
12:30 p.m. Coordinating Council

#### **Tuesday, February 9**

7:00 p.m. Music Committee-Zoom

#### **Wednesday, February 10**

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

#### **Thursday, February 11**

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

**February Birthdays:** 3 Armand Harrell, Shirley Roark, Faye Hanks,  
5 Audrey Buck, 6 Jean Gray, 7 Martha Crawley, Peyton Dowdy,  
13 Linda Dorr, 14 Johnny Crouch, 16 Rosa Collins, 19 Betsy Miers,  
Jane Mize, Jeanne Pedigo, 20 Nancy Canupp, 23 Ann Grogan,  
Linda Moore, 25 Elaine Fringer, Betty Minter, 28 Jack Johnston

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Laying on of "Hands"- Deacon Ordination 2021**

Sunday, February 14, 2021 we will ordain two new deacons to our  
deacon body: Sylvia Knight and Nancy Thomas. We may not be able  
to safely lay on hands and whisper prayers and words of  
encouragement during a pandemic, but we CAN offer these same  
words in new ways. Will you join us?

Our deacon body and pastor ask you to do the following to help us  
bless these two new deacons:

1. Take two sheets of paper (white or solid color) and **trace your  
hand in ink or marker** on each one. One is for Sylvia, the  
other for Nancy.
2. Inside or around your hand, **write a prayer, a note of  
encouragement, a word of blessing** for each person. The  
words the Spirit gives you to say to them as your "hand" lays  
upon them will be a word they can keep. Tell them why you  
believe they are called to this work: the gifts you see in them.  
Give them a prayer to pray when they do this good work.  
Give them words that they can read and re-read as  
encouragement when times are tough. Any of these would be  
great to add to your hand outline.
3. Drop these off or mail these to the church. **We need them by  
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

*Announcements continued on back page*

\*Hymn 62 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish— but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

\*Hymn 552 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold,  
sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

\*Hymn 77 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in  
what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again:  
gladly forever adore him.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

### Women on Mission

#### Thank you for giving to our January WOM Mission Action Project!

Thanks to YOUR generosity, we raised \$1,590 for the mission project donations to the Henry County Food Pantry during the month of January.

*Action Project for February: Monetary Donations to Safetynet.* Safetynet is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide emergency financial assistance as a resource of last resort to residents of Martinsville and Henry County whose legitimate, urgent needs are not being adequately met from other public or private sources. To give, send your check to the church and write "Safetynet" in the memo line.

### Deacons of the Month

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

**February Deacons of the Month:** Ross and Linda Gale

### MISSIONARY PRAYER: Lynn and Michael Hutchinson, Lomé, Togo.

The Hutchinsons serve in Lomé, Togo, in west Africa through asset-based community development and transformative community ministry. They believe that the greatest need for the people of Togo is to know the living God through transforming faith in Christ and to develop their gifts to become fully who God designed them to be.

### Grace Network January-March 2021 Food Assignment

Potato Products (mashed, scalloped)  
Please drop the food off at the church during office hours.

### Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Closed on Fridays.\*

*\*Call the church staff cell phones or email them if needed.*



Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer  
Senior Pastor

Becky Collins  
Minister of Music

Baxter Jennings  
Organist

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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.*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
MARTINSVILLE, VA



Season of Epiphany

## Confessional Prayer Litany

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Grammer

Pastor: Woe to us all if we persist in proclaiming the Gospel in words and ways which put people down rather than build them up.

**Congregation: Forgive us, O God, for clinging to the use of language which excludes people from hearing the good news about Jesus.**

(silent confession)

Pastor: Woe to us all if our lives and characters proclaim anything other than the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: Forgive us, O God, for the times when our piety is visible on Sundays, but hard to detect the rest of the week.**

(silent confession)

Pastor: Woe to us all if the gospel is proclaimed only within these walls and not daily in the communities where we live or study or work.

**Congregation: Forgive us, O God, for earnestly praising and worshipping you in words and ritual, while ducking for cover when it comes to performing deeds of mercy and service.**

(silent confession)

Pastor: Woe to us all if we forget that proclamation of the gospel goes hand in hand with the belief that the hopes and dreams of the downtrodden and powerless can be transformed into reality when we risk stepping out in faith.

**Congregation: Forgive us, O God, if our zeal for mission and evangelism is shaped by the state of our finances rather than the promptings of the Holy Spirit.**

(silent confession)