

# A Service of Worship

First Sunday After Christmas

December 26, 2021

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.*

## Emmanuel, God-with-us

Prelude *Once in Royal David's City* arr. Page  
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Welcome Rev. John Fulcher

Call to Worship Rev. Keith Spangenberg

Leader: We waited.

**People: And imagined a savior.**

Leader: We imagined power.

**People: One like the world but stronger and on our side.**

Leader: We imagined a king on a white horse wielding  
a sword.

**People: We got a baby born in a stable among the  
livestock.**

Leader: We imagined the work done for us through the  
destruction of our enemies.

**People: We receive a baby who will teach us our calling  
to seek reconciliation and to love expansively.**

Leader: Praise be to God for the unexpected babe of  
Bethlehem.

**People: Praise to the wisdom of love!**

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 146 *Joy to the World!* ANTIOCH

## With Minds Prepared

Old Testament Lesson 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Nancy Thomas  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 2:41-52  
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

\*Please stand as you are able

\*Hymn 169 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* W ZLOBIE LEZY

Prayer of Commitment Rev. Fulcher

\*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.**

Duet *The First Noel* arr. Page  
Baxter Jennings, organ & John Fulcher, piano

Sermon *Some Assembly Required* Rev. Spangenberg

## With Christmas Light

\*Song of Response  
Hymn 150 *What Child is This?* GREENSLEEVES

\*Benediction Rev. Spangenberg

\*Response 157 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO  
(vs. 1)

Postlude *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* arr. Diemer

***Today is the First Sunday After Christmas*** in the Christian year.  
*The season of Christmastide is a twelve-day celebration of the birth  
of Christ, beginning on Christmas Day and lasting until January 5. It  
is primarily a celebration of God's incarnation. The liturgical color  
white is used symbolic of the purity of Christ.*

**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)

**Flowers on the Lord's Table** are given in memory of Jim Wyatt  
by his family.

**We welcome Rev. Keith Spangenberg** as our guest preacher in  
worship. Rev. Spangenberg was raised in Orlando, FL where he met  
Susan, who would become his wife following his graduation from the  
U.S. Naval Academy in 1977. After 20 years of active duty, Keith  
accepted a call upon his life for fulltime gospel ministry. He served as  
Associate Pastor to Senior Adults at Tabernacle Baptist Church while  
attending Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. Villa  
Heights Baptist Church called him to be their pastor in 2000, where  
he served for 18 years. Since then, he has served as interim pastor for  
Broad Street Christian Church and filled the pulpit for several of our  
HCBA churches. Rev. Spangenberg continues to be active in the  
Henry County Baptist Association and the Martinsville/Henry County  
Ministerial Association. His wife, Rev. Susan Spangenberg, is pastor  
at Pocahontas Bassett Baptist Church.

**Children are Welcome** to join us through the entirety of this  
morning's service sitting with their families. Worship bags filled  
with activities are available in the narthex to help during the  
service. Volunteers are also in the Church Nursery for children 5  
and under to explore the Christmas story and play.

**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:** John Abbott, Alice Bowman, Judy Szulecki Bunin,  
Mary Clifton, Martha Crawley, Helen Dandridge, Martha Drane,  
Judy Epperly, Ann Grogan, Ted Hatcher, George Lester,  
Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Roark,  
Jimmie Sexton, Benny Shires, Irene Simpson, Stacey Steagall,  
Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

**December Birthdays:** 4 Lee Lester, Jeanette Stone, 6 Jean Rood,  
11 Danny Baptist, 13 Ebb Williams, Howard Fringer,  
26 James Stokes, 31 Jim Frith

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Offering Envelopes for 2022** - pick up in the Bell Tower.

**Pledges to date for 2022-36** pledges/\$149,282.00

**Pledges in 2021-43** pledges/\$227,825.00

## Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> -Linda Gale

## Deacons of the Month: Sylvia Knight and Linda Moore

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

## Gratitude for Giving...

LIBRARY MEMORIAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of  
Margaret Lester by Becky Stone. GENERAL FUND: A gift has been  
given in memory of Smitty Grogan by Anne McDaniel. Gifts have  
been given in memory of Jean Gray by Herb & Ruth Anne Collins  
and John & Judy Hall.

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, December 26

#### **No Sunday School**

11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual

### Wednesday, December 29

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

### Thursday, December 30

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom

### Friday, December 31

**Church Office/ELC Closed-Happy New Year!**

## MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Churchwide Christmas Missions Offering: Heifer International**  
Women on Mission & Mission Committee are sponsoring a churchwide Heifer International mission project during December 2021. **Our goal of \$475.00 will enable us to give the gift of a water pump to supply clean water for an entire community and to send a girl to school.** If we exceed our goal, we will supply a hive of honeybees and provide chicks for a family.

All these gifts have education supplied by Heifer to the recipients to enable them to effectively use the gifts for the family or community to eventually be self-supporting. You may write a check and/or use one of your offering Special Gift envelopes noting "Heifer International" on the "for" line. You can mail or bring it by the church or give online, adding Heifer International in the memo line. *The deadline for our campaign is December 29<sup>th</sup>.*

During the month of December, Heifer International will triple match our donation totals.

### **MHC Warming Center - Volunteers Desperately Needed!**

The MHC Warming Center opens when temperatures drop below 35 degrees. It cannot open without dedicated **volunteers** who will make hot meals and deliver them, provide transportation to and from the center, check in the guests at intake, and stay overnight. They are in need of volunteers for overnight shifts and intake shifts to help the center stay open. Please consider volunteering so they don't close the doors to so many in need.

### **Donations Needed-Drop Off at the Church:**

Winter Coats, sweatshirts, flannel shirts, gloves & hats, hand & toe warmers, sleeping bags, small tents, cleaning supplies, plastic wrap, paper plates/bowls/cups, napkins & paper towels, toilet paper, stir sticks, hand sanitizer, warm socks, flashlights/batteries, gift cards, ear thermometer tips, non-latex gloves, headphones, hand soap, dish washing liquid, coffee, plasticware, personal hygiene supplies, laundry bags, creamer, sugar, non-perishable food items, soft drinks.

### **Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign Donations**

This Christmas season, in lieu of Ringing the Bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign, the FBC Women on Mission collected monetary donations. The final amount for the Red Kettle Campaign is \$920. The monetary donations will directly benefit those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity and love this Christmas season!

## 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 our Pastor: [libby@fbcmartinsville.com](mailto:libby@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 our pastor 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.*



**Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer**  
Senior Pastor

**Rev. Ashley Harrington**  
Interim Minister Children & Families

**Rev. John Fulcher**  
Interim 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



*christmas tide*

\*Hymn 146

*Joy to the World!*

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

\*Hymn 169

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Swiftly winging angels singing,  
bells are ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all!  
Christ the child is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the child was born for you!  
Christ the child was born for you!

\*Song of Response

Hymn 150

*What Child is This?*

GREENSLEEVES

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
the cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
the virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary