

A Service of Worship & Communion

Epiphany Sunday

January 2, 2022

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 *Carillon* Bizet
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

People: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

Leader: Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ!

People: Let us fall on our knees in his honor! Let us lift our voices in praise of his name!

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

With Minds Prepared

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 Nancy Thomas
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 Ashley
After children's worship, children age 5 and under are invited to join our nursery workers for age-appropriate children's church.

*Hymn 162 *The First Noel, the Angel Did Say* THE FIRST NOEL

Prayer of Commitment Dr. Grammer

*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.**

Anthem *Arise, Shine* arr. Pote

Sermon *Seek and Shine* Dr. Grammer

*Song of Response
Hymn 181 *As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX

Celebration of Communion

Confession (*in unison*) Dr. Grammer

God, we confess that ours is still a world in which Herod seems to rule: The powerful are revered, the visions of the wise are ignored, the poor are afflicted, and the innocent are killed. You show us that salvation comes in the vulnerability of a child, yet we hunger for the "security" of weapons and violence. You teach us that freedom comes in love of service, yet we trample on others in our efforts to be "free." Forgive us, God, when we look to the palace instead of the stable, when we heed politicians more than prophets. Renew us with the spirit of Bethlehem, that we may be better prepared for your coming.

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

We give you thanks, God of Light, for providing the light by which we can see the world through your eyes. Continue to inspire us with your insight, allowing us to become the people who wisely seek you and follow you, and not the people who settle for the kingdoms of this world.

With Shared Light

*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 *Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella* arr. Diemer

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.

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

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 #, #

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.

This morning we welcome Rev. George Hearn as our guest music director. George is Minister of Music Emeritus at Pocahontas Bassett Baptist Church. An accomplished soloist, he has also served as Minister of Music at Chatham Heights Baptist Church. In recent years George was an Associate at Collins-McKee Funeral Home. He and his wife Lucy are now happily retired.

In Christian Sympathy to Kenny Smith in the loss of his brother on December 24th.

In Christian Sympathy to Pete Compton on the loss of his mother on December 27th.

In Christian Sympathy to the family of Bruce Spencer, who passed away on December 24, 2021. A memorial service was held at King's Grant on December 27, 2021.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Envelopes for 2022 - pick up in the Bell Tower.
Pledges to date for 2022-36 pledges/\$149,282

*Please stand as you are able

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, January 2rd- Crystal Darden

Sunday, January 9th- Linda Gale

Deacons of the Month: Bill Sapp and Susan Sapp

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

Thank You!

We are so grateful for the monetary gift that you gave us this Christmas and for the many thoughtful acts of appreciation this year. – FBC staff: Libby Grammer, Kaylee White, Mary Taylor, Baxter Jennings, John Fulcher, Ashley Harrington, Ted Hatcher, Pete Compton, Kenny Smith, Beth Kotchish, and the ELC staff.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, January 2

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
9:45 a.m. Journey Small Group-Rm 110/Zoom
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School-Church Nursery
11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual

Monday, January 3

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Women on Mission-Rm 105-107
5:00 p.m. ReShape Coordination Team-Rm 105-107

Tuesday, January 4

5:15 p.m. Personnel Committee-Rm 105-107

Wednesday, January 5

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Thursday, January 5

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchwide Christmas Missions Offering: Heifer International
Women on Mission & Mission Committee sponsored a churchwide Heifer International mission project during December 2021.

We raised \$1,905. Thank you for your generosity!

During the month of December, Heifer International triple matched our donation totals, so **the total raised from our giving is \$5,715.**

With these funds, we will be providing sustainable gifts to a community in need. More information will be coming soon!

Grace Network Jan-March 2022 Food Assignment

Jelly (28-32 oz.) Please drop the food off at the church.

Gratitude for Giving...

A.J LESTER BEVEVOLANT FUND: A gift has been given in memory of N. Roscoe & Clyde Burroughs by the J.M. Hall family.

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
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.



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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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*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

Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God on high.

Refrain

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom,
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

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 Angel Did Say* 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.

Refrain

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

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

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.

Refrain

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain

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

*Song of Response

Hymn 181 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

DIX

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
so, most gracious Lord, ay we evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped to that lowly manger bed,
there to bend the knee before him whom heaven and earth adore,
so, may we with willing feet ever seek the mercy seat.

As they offered gifts most rare at that manger rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.