A Service of Worship Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 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.

Gathering for Worship

Prelude *In Thee Is Gladness* arr. Graham Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Creator God, Holy One,

People: you have made us in your image, and we are precious in your sight.

Leader: Jesus Christ, Son of God, People: we stand at the river, ready to share in your baptism.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Dove of Peace,

People: set us on fire with the power of your 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 45 Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 43:1-7 John Collins The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Lesson Luke 3:15-17. 21-22 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.

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 302 Holy Spirit, Light Divine **MERCY**

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 Gracious Spirit Dwell arr. Scott

I will be with you Sermon Dr. Grammer

Remembering Our Baptism

Service of Water

Dr. Grammer

Minister: Dear friends, on this day of re-creation, we recall Christ's baptism, and we claim and remember our own.

People: We gather at this font of living water to celebrate the gift of God's redeeming grace.

Minister: For just as the body is one and has many members and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

People: For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, male or female—and were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Minister: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Affirmation of Faith

Minister: Do you reaffirm and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ and his Kingdom? If so, say, "I do."

People: I do.

Minister: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God, the Creator of heaven and

earth.

Minister: Do you trust in the Spirit of God as Guide?

People: I trust that God's Spirit blows where it will,

inspiring many.

Minister: Will you continue in the disciples' teaching and

community, in the breaking of bread, and in

prayer?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: Will you strive for justice and peace among all

people, respecting the dignity of every human

being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Minister: May it be so.

People: In this and all we do, keep us faithful to

our Savior Iesus Christ. forever and ever.

Amen.

Blessing of Water

Prayer of Blessing

Dr. Grammer

Minister: Bless by your Holy Spirit, gracious God, this water, that by it we may be reminded of our baptism into Jesus Christ, and that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may be kept faithful until you receive us

at last in your eternal home.

People: Glory to you, eternal God, the one who was

and is, and shall always be, Amen.

Minister: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

Please come forward at this time, as you are able, sanitize your hands, and dip your finger into the water and touch your forehead or hand, remembering the waters of baptism. The water will also be available as you exit the Sanctuary if you are unable to come forward at this time.

Say a prayer of thanksqiving as you return to your seat. Once the congregation has returned to their seats, we will close the service with a hymn and a benediction. We hope you feel the closeness of a God whose Spirit washes over you and know that you too are God's beloved child.

Responding to God

*Song of Response

Hymn 758 Baptized in Water **BUNESSAN**

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response Fourfold Amen Stainer

Postlude The King of Love My Shepherd Is arr. Milford Today is the First Sunday After Epiphany, and Baptism of the Lord Sunday 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. Today specially marks the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing the purity and holiness of Christ.

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.

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

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, January 9

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 1:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting-Zoom

Monday, January 10

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 12

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

Thursday, January 13

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom

Deacons of the Month: Bill Sapp and Susan Sapp

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

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: <u>libby@fbcmartinsville.com</u> 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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Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer Senior Pastor

Rev. John Fulcher Interim Minister of Music

Rev. Ashley Harrington
Interim Minister Children & Families

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.





Baptism of the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering Envelopes for 2022 - pick up in the Bell Tower. Pledges to date for 2022-37 pledges/\$154,282

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, January 9th- Linda Gale Sunday, January 16th- Ruth Anne Collins

Grace Network Jan-March 2022 Food Assignment Jelly (28-32 oz.) Please drop the food off at the church.

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchwide Christmas Missions Offering: Heifer International

Thank you, thank you, thank you for your great generosity!!!

FBC's donations to Heifer International during the month of December totaled \$1900.05!!! We chose to provide:

Water for Life (\$750.00 each) for 2 communities \$1,500.00 Sending 1 girl to school \$275.00 2 hives of honeybees (\$30.00 each) \$60.00 1 flock of chicks (\$20.00) \$20.00 Processing fee \$37.85

Donations were tripled by Heifer during December, so the total value of our contribution became \$5,565.00. This means that we are now providing Water for 6 communities, sending 3 girls to school, providing 6 hives of honeybees, and sending 3 flocks of chicks! Your generosity is providing hope to many families and a hand up toward dignity and sustainability!

WMU Mission Action Project for January "Cold Days, Warm Hearts"

The FBC Women's Missionary Union (WMU) is sponsoring a churchwide missions project for the Martinsville Henry County Warming Center. During the month of January, members can donate any of the following needed items for the Warming Center's guests:

Bowls - disposable, Plates - disposable, Cups - disposable, Sugar, Milk, Orange juice, Trash bags, Laundry detergent, Sodas, Powdered Kool-Aid or lemonade (little plastic jug of Kool-Aid or lemonade), Masks, Hand sanitizer, Disinfectant spray, and Breakfast items

The Warming Center also needs volunteers for intake and to stay overnight. To volunteer call or email the center at (276) 207-9660 or operations@mhcwarmingcenter.org. Individuals are also needed to make dinners serving 20-25 guests. The meals should be delivered to: Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville, Virginia, between 6:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Please put your donated items in Room #103 in designated box for the Warming Center.

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of Bruce Spencer by Ran & Linda Isley, The John Kirk Sunday School Class, and David & Dottie Lewis. *Hymn 45 Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, turn my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise his name—I'm fixed upon it—name of God's redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering form the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

*Hymn 302 Holy Spirit, Light Divine MERCY

Holy Spirit, Light divine, shine upon this heart of mine; chase the shades of night away, turn my darkness into day.

Holy spirit, Power divine, cleanse this guilty heart of mine; long has sin without control held dominion o'er my soul.

Holy Spirit, Joy divine, cheer this saddened heart of mine; bid my many woes depart, heal my wounded, bleeding heart.

Holy Spirit, all divine, dwell within this heart of mine; cast down every idol throne, reign supreme, and reign alone.

*Song of Response

Hymn 758 Baptized in Water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King; one with his rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King; born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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