

# A Service of Worship

## Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

February 13, 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 *Chorale* Jongen  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Bill Sapp

Call to Worship Rev. Ashley Harrington  
*(inspired by Jeremiah 17:5-10)*

Leader: Blessed are those who trust God,  
whose trust is the Lord.

**People: They are like trees planted by water,  
sending out roots by the stream.**

Leader: They have no fear of summer's heat,  
nor do they wither in the sun.

**People: In the year of drought they are not anxious,  
for their lives bear the fruit of righteousness.**

Leader: Come to the waters of life all you who trust  
in the Lord.

**People: We have come to worship and to send forth  
our roots into streams of God's living water!**

Invocation & Lord's Prayer Rev. Harrington

**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 34 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

### Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 17:5-10 Taylor Robertson  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 6:17-26  
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

\*Please stand as you are able

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 429 *Let Your Heart Be Broken* WYE VALLEY

Prayer of Commitment Rev. John 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.**

Anthem *As Water to the Thirsty* John Carter

Sermon *Level Places* Rev. Harrington

### Responding to God

\*Song of Response  
Hymn 437 *Help Us Accept Each Other* BECK

\*Benediction Rev. Harrington

\*Response *God Be with You* GOD BE WITH YOU

Postlude *Fugue Finale in C Major* Gorski

***Today is the Sixth 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 for the season is green, representing new life and  
growth.*

**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.

**Welcome Iris Grammer-Underwood!** She arrived Wednesday,  
February 9<sup>th</sup> and her proud parents, Libby Grammer and William  
Underwood and sister Elena are excited she is here.

### 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

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

### Opportunities for the Week

#### **Sunday, February 13**

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, February 14**

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

#### **Tuesday, February 15**

5:15 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm 105-107

#### **Wednesday, February 16**

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

#### **Thursday, February 17**

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom

1:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee-Rm 105-107

#### **Deacons of the Month: Herb Collins and Richard Dorr**

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Happy Birthday to Betsy Miers**

Birthday Wishes to Betsy as she celebrates her 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday on  
February 19<sup>th</sup>! Cards can be sent to 1408 Whittle Road,  
Martinsville, Va. 24112

#### **GIMME FIVE! Campaign from Our Children & Youth Committee**

As we are welcoming new babies, children, and their families to our  
church, our ministry to children is growing! With all of this  
wonderful growth, our volunteer needs are growing as well. From  
rocking newborn babies to playing with preschoolers, we need your  
help during the Sunday School and worship hours.

In 2022 would you consider giving just 5 Sundays volunteering in  
Sunday school or Worship care nurturing our youngest children.  
No matter your age or ability, there is a place for you to Gimme  
Five. To partner with our growing children's ministry, contact  
Pastor Ashley, ashley@fbcmartinsville.com or call the church office  
and we'll provide all training and materials for your flexible  
schedule.

### CBF Preaching Series, February 20<sup>th</sup>-March 27<sup>th</sup>

First Baptist Church welcomes CBF Leadership & Field Personnel to the Pulpit and Sunday School! For six weeks, our church will welcome Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Leadership and Field Personnel (Missionaries) to our pulpit and Sunday School classes. Check out our website, [www.fbcmartinsville.com](http://www.fbcmartinsville.com) or the bulletin board outside the church office for more information. Coming February 20<sup>th</sup> Sam Harrell, Associate Coordinator of Global Missions. He will also be teaching the combined Sunday School Class that morning.

### Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>- Marsha Garren  
Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>- Sylvia Knight

### Got A Little Time on Your Hands? READ A BOOK!

Check out the new book review, *The Winter of the World*, on the McCabe Library page on the church's website, and linked in this week's e-newsletter. If you want to read this book, our library will gladly loan it to you. Check out books via our online database or simply come to the church during office hours and we can leave the book out for you to pick up. Visit [fbcmartinsville.com/mccabe-library](http://fbcmartinsville.com/mccabe-library) to see book reviews and get a link to our online database!

### FBC BOOK CLUB-ARE YOU INTERESTED??

Your Church Library is thinking of starting a Book Club! If you are interested in this, let our church Librarian Dottie Lewis or any of our library staff know. It would be via Zoom for the present, and possibly in-person in the future.  
Library Email- [mccabekesler@gmail.com](mailto:mccabekesler@gmail.com)

### MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### WMU Mission Action Project for February "Noses & Toeses"

WMU is sponsoring a churchwide mission project to collect tissues and socks for the Henry County Schools. We are collecting boxes of tissues and larger size children's socks (no socks with gripper treads on the bottom and no fluffy house socks). Place your donations in the collection baskets in the Narthex.

#### Grace Network Jan-March 2022 Food Assignment

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

### Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Jean Gray by Tom & Jackie Peele.

## 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.*



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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.*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
MARTINSVILLE, VA



## Season of Epiphany

\*Hymn 34            *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*            MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!*

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,  
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!

*Refrain*

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;  
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe,

*Refrain*

Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array;  
as warriors through the darkness toil till dawns the golden day.

*Refrain*

\*Hymn 429            *Let Your Heart Be Broken*            WYE VALLEY

Let your heart be broken for a world in need—  
feed the mouths that hunger, soothe the wounds that bleed;  
give the cup of water and the loaf of bread—  
be the hands of Jesus, serving in his stead.

Here on earth applying principles of love—  
visible expression God still rules above,  
living illustration of the Living Word  
to the minds of all who've never seen and heard.

Blest to be a blessing, privileged to care,  
challenged by the need apparent everywhere,  
where the world is wanting fill the vacant place,  
be the means through which the Lord reveals his grace.

Add to your believing deeds that prove it true—  
knowing Christ as Savior, make him Master too;  
follow in his footsteps, go where he has trod,  
in the world's great trouble risk yourself for God.

Let your heart be tender and your vision clear—  
rouse yourself to action, serve God far and near.  
Let your heart be broken by another's pain,  
share your rich resources—give and give again.

\*Song of Response

Hymn 437            *Help Us Accept Each Other*            BECK

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted, and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love,  
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!