

A Service of Worship

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

February 20, 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 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* arr. J.N. David
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Jerry Perdue

Call to Worship Rev. Ashley Harrington

Leader: God of Light, we give you thanks
for your guiding path.

**People: May we follow your example and
shine brightly in this world.**

Leader: God of Growth, we give you thanks
for your teaching.

**People: May we always be willing to learn and
re-learn to be your disciples each day.**

Leader: God of Inspiration, we give you thanks
for your wisdom and insights.

**People: May we lean not on our own
understanding, but trust in yours.**

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 8 *All Glory Be to God on High* MIT FREUDEN ZART

Hearing & Interpreting the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Joel 2:28-32 Roslyn Wingett
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:19-23
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 298 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* ST. AGNES

Prayer of Commitment Rev. Harrington

*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 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Atkinson

Sermon *Messages of Epiphany* Sam Harrell

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 458 *Search Me, O God* ELLERS

*Benediction Rev. Harrington

*Response *Threefold Amen* Traditional

Postlude *The Spirit and the Gifts Are Ours* arr.Reger

***Today is the Seventh 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.

The Rose on the Lord's Table is in honor of Iris Audrey
Grammer-Underwood. Iris weighs 8 lbs. 2 oz. and is 21" long. Her
proud parents are Libby Grammer and William Underwood and big
sister, Elena.

We Welcome Sam Harrell as our Guest Preacher this morning!
Sam was born to Baptist missionary parents in Nairobi, Kenya
where he spent all of his childhood and most of his adult life.
Married to Melody (spiritual director, born and raised in Uganda),
they have three adult sons.

A graduate of North Carolina State University and Baptist
Theological Seminary at Richmond, Sam together with Melody
founded Africa Exchange, a non-profit education and community
development organization, through which they have operated over
the last 20 years under the auspices of the Cooperative Baptist
Fellowship as global field personnel. Sam's primary work has been
in community development and appropriate technology with
marginalized urban and rural communities in Kenya. He has also
conducted cross-cultural field education and service-learning
modules for a number of institutions including Mercer University,
Baylor University and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond
where Sam was adjunct faculty in practical mission.

As Associate Coordinator of Global Missions for the Decatur, GA
based Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Sam's responsibilities include
facilitating the work of global field personnel in some 20 countries.
He is passionate about environmental stewardship and draws
important connections between engaging God's mission and caring
for creation.

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

Betty Minter's 100th Birthday

She will celebrate her 100th birthday on February 25th. Cards can be
mailed to 300 Kings Way Rd. Apt. 412, Martinsville, Va. 24112.

Deacons of the Month: Herb Collins and Richard Dorr

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

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, February 20th-Sylvia Knight
Sunday, February 27th-Linda Read

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, February 20

9:30 a.m. Combined Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School-Church Nursery
11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual

Monday, February 21

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary
5:15 p.m. ELC Committee-Zoom

Tuesday, February 22

7:00 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-Zoom

Wednesday, February 23

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

Thursday, February 24

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting Agenda, February 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.-Zoom

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports

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, Begins TODAY!

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 or the bulletin board outside the church office for more information.

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.

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.



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



Season of Epiphany

*Hymn 8 *All Glory Be to God on High* MIT FREUDEN ZART

All glory be to God on high and thanks to him forever!

Whatever Satan's host may try, God foils their dark endeavor.

He bends his ear to every call and offers peace, goodwill to all,
and calms the troubled spirit.

O Father, for your lordship true we give you praise and honor;
we worship you, we trust in you, we give you thanks forever.
Your will is perfect, and your might relentlessly confirms the right;
your lordship is our blessing.

Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, creation's author,
redeemer of your wandering ones, and source of all true pleasure:
O Lamb of God, O Lord divine, conform our lives to your design,
and on us all have mercy.

O Holy Spirit, perfect gift, who brings us consolation:
to men and women saved by Christ assure your inspiration.
Through sickness, need, and bitter death, grant us your warm,
life giving breath; our lives are in your keeping.

*Hymn 298 *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* ST. AGNES

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.

O raise our thoughts from things below, from vanities and toys,
then shall we with fresh courage go to reach eternal joys.

Awake our souls to joyful songs; let pure devotion rise,
till praise employs our thankful tongues, and doubt forever dies.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior's love, and that shall kindle ours.

*Song of Response

Hymn 458 *Search Me, O God* ELLERS

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

I praise thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
fulfill thy Word and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
grant my desire to magnify thy name.

Lord, take my life and make it wholly thine;
fill my poor heart with thy great love divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;
I now surrender, Lord in me abide.

O Holy Spirit, revival comes from thee;
send a revival start the work in me,
Thy Word declares thou wilt supply our need;
for blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.