

# A Service of Worship

## Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 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.*

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Prelude *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* arr. Paul Fey  
Baxter Jennings

Welcome Rev. David Cameron

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield

Leader: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

**People: And our spirits rejoice in you.**

Leader: We will praise you as long as we live.

**People: We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.**

Leader: We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

**People: But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,**

Leader: the One who gives food to the hungry,

**People: the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.**

Leader: Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God,

**People: As we worship you in this place.**

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 133 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

### Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 146:5-10 Marsha Frith  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson Luke 1:46b-55  
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle Mission Committee & WMU

*We light the candle of Joy, rejoicing in God's good will for all creation, and opening ourselves to God's gentle, transforming love. May God fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared.*

\*Please stand as you are able

Advent Response

*Candles Glowing, Promise Showing* Elana Levy  
(see insert)

Children's Worship Pastor David

*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 146 *Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH

Prayer of Commitment Dr. Hatfield

\*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.**

### Engaging the Scriptures

Anthem *In the Sky a Star is Bright* Hudson/Larson

Sermon *When Patience Seems Intolerable* Dr. Hatfield  
*James 5:7-10*

### With Lived Joy

\*Song of Response

Hymn 20 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY

\*Benediction Dr. Hatfield

\*Response 606 *How Great Our Joy* Jungst

Postlude *Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion!* Handel

***Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, the inaugural season of the Christian year. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ; thus, it is a season of both joyous and solemn expectation. The liturgical color is purple, symbolic of a spirit of preparation.***

### Advent Candle Spotlight- Missions Committee & WMU

First Baptist Martinsville is committed to supporting local, state, national, and international missions organizations through prayer, financial resources, and service. FBC has a committed group of missions volunteers serving throughout Martinsville and Henry County. We are currently expanding missions opportunities for our church family as well as others in our community.

Women's Missionary Union is a gathering of women who learn about and engage in missions. Each meeting, they gather as a sisterhood to focus their energies on how to best understand God's mission in the world and their part in it, both locally and globally. They often invite a representative from various community organizations to share with them about their work, allowing them to become more involved with mission partners here in Martinsville & Henry County.

**We Welcome Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield to our pulpit today!** Mike is Pastor of our sister church, Chatham Heights Baptist Church, in Martinsville.

**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, John Burgess, Mary Clifton, Martha Crawley, Helen Dandridge, Martha Drane, Nita Gauldin, Ann Grogan, Armand Harrell, George Lester, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Stacey Steagall, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

**December Birthdays:** 4 Jeanette Stone, 6 Jean Rood, 11 Dan Baptist, 13 Howard Fringer, Ebb Williams, 26 James Stokes, 29 Christina Kinzer, 31 Jim Frith

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### RESCHEDULED Pastor's Christmas Drop-in

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

Dr. Grammer and her family invite you to drop-in and share some holiday fellowship. Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 1233 Mulberry Road, Martinsville, Va.

#### Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas poinsettias in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form located in the Narthex and return it to the church office by December 13th. Names will be included in the Sunday, December 18th bulletin.

#### NEXT SUNDAY!

**Christmas Cantata, "A Celebration of Carols," December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Join us as the combined choirs of Chatham Heights Baptist and First Baptist Church of Martinsville present "A Celebration of Carols" by Joseph M. Martin on Sunday, December 18th 9:30 AM at Chatham Heights Baptist and at 11:00 AM at First Baptist Church of Martinsville.

### Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>- Nancy Thomas

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>- Susan Sapp

### McCabe Library Bake Sale was a Success!

Thank you to everyone for all of your support.

### Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign-Thank you!

Thank you for your generous donations to the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign 2022. First Baptist Church will be donating \$775.00 for this mission project. Your gift to this project supports families this season and beyond. These contributions help show families in need that love exists beyond the most difficult situations.

### Henry County Food Pantry Box Packing

**Saturday, December 17th - CANCELED**

We will reschedule at a later date.

### Christmas Cards for Martinsville/Henry County Jails

**Cards Due TOMORROW, December 12th**

This year, our Missions Committee has partnered with Chaplain Joe Collins of Good News Jail & Prison Ministry to provide Christmas cards for the corrections officers in the Martinsville and Henry County Jails. To join us in this ministry, simply buy a couple of extra Christmas cards and write them to a Corrections Officer and place them in the box in the Narthex. There is no need to write anything on the outside of the envelope and you can sign the card with your first name, a pseudonym, or just initial it.

### Longest Night Service with Chatham Heights Baptist Church

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at CHBC\***

We recognize this is not always “the most wonderful time of the year” for everyone. Sometimes we need to face the reality that even in the midst of colorful lights and celebration, we also face the longest, darkest nights - and sometimes also the darkest nights of our souls. Join us for our Longest Night service on Wednesday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m., held in the Chatham Heights Sanctuary. During this service, you will be invited to name and light a candle for a loss or disappointment you are experiencing. Remember that though it is dark now, the Light of the world is coming. \*Childcare provided

## 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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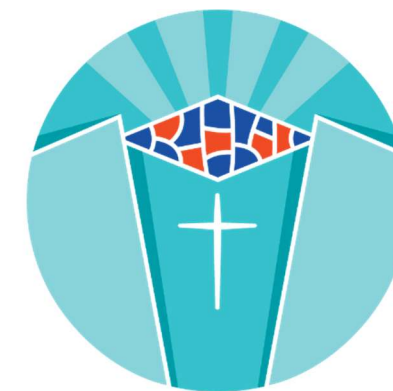
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
MARTINSVILLE, VA



Season of Advent

**Churchwide Christmas Missions Offering: Heifer International**  
 Women on Mission & Mission Committee are sponsoring a churchwide mission project during December. **Our goal is to raise \$500.00 for Heifer International to 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 30<sup>th</sup>.*

During the month of December, Heifer International may be able to triple match our donation totals. We partner with Heifer International to create lasting change in people’s lives globally and to fulfill Jesus’s call to care for the most marginalized. *“For I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink”* Matthew 25:35

**IN APPRECIATION: GENERAL FUND:** A gift has been given in memory of Phyllis Abbott and in honor of John Abbott by David & Anita Philpott  
**GRACE NETWORK:** A gift has been given in memory of Nicholas Haggas by Mary Frances Gibbs.

### Opportunities for the Week

#### Sunday, December 11

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom  
 9:45 a.m. No Journey Small Group-Rm 110/Zoom  
 11:00 a.m. Children’s Church Nursery only  
 11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual  
 4:00 p.m. Choir Cantata Rehearsal- FBC

#### Monday, December 12

12:00 p.m. Lunch & Learn-Rm 105  
 7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Concert  
 (Galilean House of Worship)

#### Wednesday, December 14

10:00 a.m. Library Committee

#### Thursday, December 15

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Zoom  
 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

#### Saturday, December 17

3:00 p.m. Pastor’s Christmas Drop-in

### An Advent Candle Lighting Song

Tune: W Żłobie Leży, a Polish folk melody  
 (the same as “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”)  
 Lyrics by Rev. Elana Keppel Levy, 2021

Hymn *Candles Glowing, Promise Showing* Elana Levy

#### Joy

Candles glowing, promise showing  
 joy that fills our very soul.  
 Grace abounding, hymns resounding,  
 Christ restores and makes us whole.  
 Mercies gleaming, wonders beaming,  
 justice streaming, Christ redeeming –  
 Christ restores and makes us whole!  
 Christ restores and makes us whole!

Hymn 133 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Immanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
 that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

#### Refrain

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny;  
 from depths of hell thy people save  
 and give them victory o’er the grave. *Refrain*

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits  
 by thine advent here; and drive away the shades of night,  
 and pierce the clouds and bring us light! *Refrain*

O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly  
 home; make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
 bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;  
 fill all the world with heaven’s peace. *Refrain*

\*Hymn 146 *Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come* ANTIOCH

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
 let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,  
 and heaven and nature sing, and heaven,  
 and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; let all 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 20 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* ODE TO JOY

Joyful, Joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
 hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
 melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
 giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy  
 rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
 chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
 well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother—all who live in love are thine;  
 teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.