

A Service of Worship

Christmas Day

December 25, 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 *Toccata on "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!"*

Baxter Jennings

Paul Fey

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship

Dr. Grammer

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And hope to every discouraged heart.

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And peace to every conflicted soul.

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And joy to every downcast spirit.

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And love to everyone.

Leader: Let us sing praises to our God.

People: Let us offer light into a darkened world.

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.

*Carol 173

O Come, All ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 98

Rev. David Cameron

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson

John 1:1-14

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Please stand as you are able

Children's Worship

Pastor Libby

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Children are invited to come forward for a time of story and song.

*Afterward, children will return to their pews to enjoy the remainder of
the service with their families.*

Committing Our Lives

*Carol 147

Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

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.

Engaging the Scriptures

Sermon

Let Christmas Begin

Dr. Grammer

Shine, Christmas Light

*Song of Response

*Carol 146

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

*Benediction

Dr. Grammer

Postlude

Fanfare on "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Paul Fey

Today is Christmas Day in the Christian year. The season of
Christmastide is a twelve-day celebration of the birth of Christ,
beginning on Christmas Day and lasting until January 6. It is
primarily a celebration of God's incarnation. The liturgical color
white is used, symbolic of the purity 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.

Our Bulletin art this morning is original work by Baptist minister
Suzanne L. Vision. You can find more of her work or order her art at
www.silvertreeart.com.

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

Serve at Richard's Dinner, TODAY

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., FBC Fellowship Hall.

Volunteer to deliver or help serve meals to our neighbors.

Each year, our church hosts the annual Richard's Dinner on
Christmas Day for all who need a meal at Christmas. This dinner, in
cooperation with Grace Network of Martinsville and Henry County,
serves hundreds of meals each year so no one will ever be alone for
a Christmas dinner!

Give to our Christmas Missions Offering: Heifer International

Your gift will 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.

Give in-person or fbcmartinsville.com/give & designate

"Heifer International." *The deadline for our campaign is December
30th.* 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*

A Most Successful Bake Sale!

The McCabe Library staff are so grateful for the love and generosity
of our church members for helping us this year as in the past. Many
people worked very hard to pull off such a successful event. We had
our faithful cooks pitch in and added some new bakers to our
group. And we all had a lovely afternoon together and checked off
much of our Christmas lists in the bargain.

We are blessed and humbled by such a giving, loving church family.

Love to you all from,

Linda G, Linda R, Roslyn, Martha, Debby, and Dottie

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, David Cameron, Pete Compton, Kenny Smith,
Beth Kotchish, and the ELC teachers and staff.

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.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, December 25

9:30 a.m. No Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m. No Journey Small Group
11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Sanctuary/Online

Monday, December 26

Office & ELC closed for Christmas

Thursday, December 29

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

IN APPRECIATION: GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of John Collins by Ruth Anne & Herb Collins

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARTINSVILLE, VA



christmas tide



23 Starling Avenue
Martinsville, VA 24112
(276) 632-6336

Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer
Senior Pastor

Rev. David Cameron
Associate Pastor for
Music & Worship

Baxter Jennings
Organist

www.fbcmartinsville.com
facebook.com/FirstBaptistMartinsville/

"Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope"

*Hymn 173 *Come, All ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.

Refrain:

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

True God of true God, Light from Light eternal,
lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above:
"Glory to God, all glory in the highest"; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing, *Refrain*

*Hymn 147 *Away in a Manger* AWAY IN A MANGER

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and take us to heaven to live with you there.

Hymn 146 *Joy to the World!* 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.