

# A Service of Worship & Communion

## Epiphany Sunday

January 1, 2023

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 *Joy to the World* arr. Raney  
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

**People: O Lord, call us so we may hear your voice.**

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

**People: O Lord, keep us in your ways and on your path.**

Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

**People: O Lord, remind us that you lead us.**

Leader: May our eyes stay focused.

**People: O Lord, guide us as we look to you.**

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 185 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* KINGS OF ORIENT

### Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 60:1-6 Bill Sapp  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 2:1-12  
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

\*Please stand as you are able

Children's Worship Pastor Libby

*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 186 *Wise Men, They Came to Look*  
WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

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

Anthem *Will We Know Him?* Besig/Price

Sermon *Another Road Out of Bethlehem* Dr. Grammer

\*Song of Response  
\*Hymn 181 *As with Gladness Men of Old* DIX

### Celebrating Communion

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Dr. Grammer

**God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune. We follow the dim lights that call us to be more religious by following rules. Forgive us for not seeking the true Light, of Your love for all the world. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another. Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**We give you thanks, God of Light, for providing the light by which we can see the world through your eyes. Continue to inspire us with your insight, allowing us to become the people who wisely seek you and follow you, and not the people who settle for the kingdoms of this world.**

### Responding to God

\*Response 708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS  
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Postlude *Now Sing We, Now Rejoice!* Bach

***Today is Epiphany Sunday in the Christian year.*** Epiphany (January 6) celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The season after the Epiphany continues this emphasis, calling attention to the words and deeds of Jesus' earthly ministry by which his divine sonship is made manifest. The liturgical color for Epiphany Sunday is white, symbolic of the purity of Christ.

**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](http://www.silvertreeart.com).

**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

**In Christian Sympathy** to the family of Pat Jordan who passed away on December 25, 2022. A memorial service was held at King's Grant, December 30, 2022.

**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

### Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of N. Roscoe & Clyde Burroughs by the J.M. Hall Family. A gift has been given in honor of Roslyn & Max Wingett by Laura Wingett. GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Danny Winn and Neville Frith by Susan & Bill Sapp.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>-Linda Gale

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>-Nancy Thomas

### WMU Meeting Rescheduled

The WMU has rescheduled the Monday meeting to Tuesday, January 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in Room 105.

### Decorations

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. we will be taking down the decorations from the trees. Then at 4:30 -5:00 p.m. we will be taking down the trees. If you are able to help with either of these events, please let the office know. Thank you!

**Deacons Meeting-** January 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 a.m. Fellowship Hall

**Grace Network Jan.-Mar. 2023 Food Assignment:**

**Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz jar or can)**

Please drop the food off in the Missions Room at the church.

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, January 1

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom

9:45 a.m. No Journey Small Group-Rm 110/Zoom

9:45 a.m. No Children's Sunday School-Church Nursery

11:00 a.m. Worship-In-Person/Virtual

### Monday, January 2

Office & ELC Closed-Happy New Year!

### Tuesday, January 3

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting -Rm 105

12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee-Rm 105

### Wednesday, January 4

1:00 p.m. Take down the decorations from Christmas

4:30 p.m. Take down the trees from Christmas

### Thursday, January 5

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Leviticus/Zoom

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

## 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.*



Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer  
Senior Pastor

Rev. David Cameron  
Associate Pastor for  
Music & Worship

Baxter Jennings  
Organist

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