

A Service of Worship

Third Sunday After Epiphany

January 22, 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 *Lord, Have Mercy* Couperin
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: We walk in darkness.

People: We live in a land of deep darkness.

Leader: We have seen a great light!

People: Light shines upon us!

Leader: God brings us hope.

People: We live into grace-filled hope.

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 62 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

Hearing the Scriptures

First Lesson Psalm 27:1, 4-9 Merle Prince
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson Isaiah 9:1-4
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

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.

*Please stand as you are able

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 532 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

Prayer of Commitment

*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 *Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come* Pote

Sermon *Deep Darkness* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
*Hymn 562 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* DIX

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*
Ambrose/Praetorius

Postlude *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* arr. Paine

Today is the Third 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.

Flowers on the Lord's Table are in memory of Kitty Sparrow and her birthday, January 21st, given by Pam Sparrow McCauley and Caz Sparrow.

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, John Buck, 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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting Agenda TODAY at 12:15 p.m.-Fellowship Hall

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

WMU Churchwide Mission Action Project for January

Collecting Items for the Homeless Day Ministry

During the month of January, there will be a collection box in the Narthex for items for the day shelter at Christ Episcopal Church. Items needed are new men's socks, underwear, hats, gloves, coats, and blankets.

Offering Envelopes for 2023 - pick up in the Bell Tower.

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, January 22nd-Ruth Anne Collins

Sunday, January 29th-Marcia Collins

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.

FBC Missions Year In Review 2022

See what FBC has participated in and donated to for 2022. Visit: <https://fbcmartinsville.com/a-year-of-giving-fbc-missions-review-2022/> to see a brochure outlining our projects and donations! A printed version is available in the Narthex.

Deacons of the Month: Richard Dorr and Herb Collins

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

Mark Your Calendars! Next Sunday, January 29, 2023

Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley, CBF Executive Coordinator

9:30 a.m. – Chatham Heights Baptist Church

11:00 a.m. – First Baptist Church

We are honored to host Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley, Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Global, in our pulpit as he visits Southside Virginia. Make plans to attend worship next Sunday, January 29, 2023 to hear him preach!

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, January 22

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
12:15 p.m. Business Meeting-Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 23

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee-Zoom

Tuesday, January 24

5:00 p.m. Children & Youth Committee Rm. 105

Wednesday, January 25

10:00 a.m. Library Committee

Thursday, January 26

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

Gratitude for Giving...

ELC SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Gifts have been given in memory of Pat Jordan by Ruth Dandridge and Anne McDaniel.

GRACE NETWORK: A gift has been given in memory of Pat Jordan by Marie Lannom. MISSION OPPORTUNITY: A gift has been given in memory of Pat Jordan by David & Dottie Lewis.

Missionary Prayer: Karen Morrow, Fort Worth, Texas

FBC Field Missionary

Karen Morrow is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel ministering among internationals and refugees who have been forced to flee their home countries due to violence and persecution and are being resettled in Texas. Hoping for a better life in a new country, they often find themselves overwhelmed and alone. Karen and partnering churches are the welcoming presence of Christ to refugees. To learn more about Karen, see our Missionary Wall by Room 105, across from the church office.

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.



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