

# A Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 29, 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 *Their Sound Has Gone Out to All Lands* Handel  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: People of God, who do you come to worship?

**People: We come to worship the one true God.**

Leader: How will you worship?

**People: Not with words alone, but by living lives  
of justice and love.**

Leader: Come, you who belong to God.  
Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

**People: We come and abide in God's tent and in God's  
heart, now and forever.**

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 578 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

## Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Micah 6:1-8 Nancy Thomas  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:1-12  
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Children's Worship Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley  
*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 636 *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*  
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 *Offertory* Beck

Sermon *Where Faith Begins* Dr. Baxley

## Responding to God

\*Song of Response  
\*Hymn 540 *Take Time To Be Holy* HOLINESS

\*Benediction Dr. Baxley

\*Response *Lord of All Good* Bayly/Watson

Postlude *Praeludium in G* Bach

***Today is the Fourth 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.*

**We Welcome Rev. Dr. Paul Baxley** as our guest preacher in worship today. Dr. Paul Baxley is the Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Global. Baxley, who has served since 2010 as senior minister of First Baptist Church, Athens, Ga., was selected in 2019 based upon the unanimous recommendation of the 11-member Executive Coordinator Search Committee.

A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., Baxley has held pastorates and ministry positions in Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia and is a former member of the CBF Governing Board. During his two-terms on the CBF Governing Board from 2013-2017, Baxley chaired the Personnel Committee as well as the Global Mission Structure and Staffing Committee, an *ad hoc* body that worked for 18 months to develop a comprehensive plan for Global Missions committed to the long-term presence of CBF field personnel around the world.

Baxley is a graduate of Wake Forest University (Bachelor of Arts – Religion, 1991), Duke Divinity School (Master of Theological Studies, 1996) and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (Doctor of Ministry, 2003).

Baxley was ordained to gospel ministry in 1993 at his home church, First Baptist Church on Fifth in Winston-Salem, N.C. Baxley and his wife, Jennifer, a licensed physical therapist, have four children: Olivia, Maria, and twins Caroline and Matthew.

**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.

**In Christian Sympathy** to the family of Stacey Stegall who passed away Monday, January 23, 2023. A visitation and funeral was held at the church on Friday, January 27, 2023.

## 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, Mary Frances Gibbs, Ann Grogan, Armand Harrell, George Lester, Marvin Midkiff, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, 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

**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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome Helen and Hutch Heffinger!** The twins arrived Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and the proud parents are Ainsley and Sam Heffinger. Their grandparents are Mary Lewis and Dean Johnston and great-grandmother is Sue Lester.

## 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. Donations are due by Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

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

## Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>-Marcia Collins

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>- Imogene McMillan

## 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.

## Opportunities for the Week

### Sunday, January 29

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-Sanctuary/Online

### Monday, January 30

6:30 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

### Tuesday, January 31

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel

### Thursday, February 2

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 Barbara Epperly, Donald & Amy Lampe, and John Bowling. A gift has been given in honor of Ruth Anne Collins by Michelle Norris.

## Missionary Prayer: Alicia and Jeff Lee

### CBF Field Personnel-Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

Alicia and Jeff Lee are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel in Skopje, Macedonia, where they seek to be the presence of Christ by engaging in holistic, relational and healing ministries among the ethnic groups of Skopje. In Skopje, the Lees work alongside local, grassroots organizations to address the needs of families living in extreme poverty, people neglected by society and children rescued from or at-risk for human trafficking. They participate in and organize weekly activities at a group home for adults with developmental disabilities. The Lees are also partnering in the development of a faith-based children's home. To learn more about the Lees, see our Mission Wall, "Prayers of the People" booklet, or [cbf.net/field-personnel](http://cbf.net/field-personnel)

## 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.*



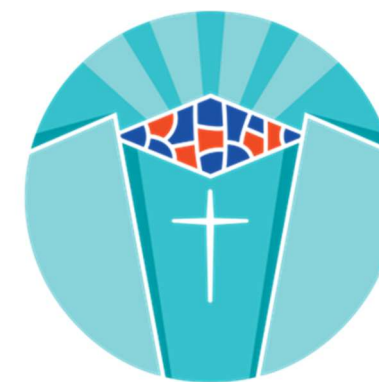
Rev. Dr. Libby M. Grammer  
Senior Pastor

Rev. David Cameron  
Associate Pastor for  
Music & Worship

Baxter Jennings  
Organist

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## Season of Epiphany

\*Hymn 578 *Come, All Christians, Be Committed* BEACH SPRING

Come, all Christians, be committed to the service of the Lord;  
make your lives for him more fitted, tune your hearts with one accord.  
Come into his courts with gladness, all your sacred vows renew,  
turn away from sin and sadness, be transformed with life anew.

Of your time and talents give ye, they are gifts from God above,  
to be used by Christians freely to proclaim his wondrous love.  
Come again to serve the Savior, tithes and offerings with you bring;  
in your work, with him find favor, and with joy his praises sing.

Come in praise and adoration, all who on Christ's name believe;  
worship him with consecration, grace and love will you receive.  
For his grace give him the glory, for the Spirit and the Word,  
and repeat the gospel story until all his name have heard.

\*Hymn 636 *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*

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If you but trust in God to guide you  
and place your confidence in him,  
you'll find him always there beside you  
to give you hope and strength within.  
For those who trust God's changeless love  
build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping,  
in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in his care and keeping,  
in sorrow will he love you less?  
For he who took for you a cross  
will bring you safe through every loss.

In patient trust await his leisure,  
in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take what-e'er your Father's pleasure  
and all discerning love have sent.  
Doubt not your inmost wants are known  
to him who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,  
offer your service faithfully,  
and trust his word; though undeserving,  
you'll find his promise true to be.  
God never will forsake in need  
the soul that trusts in him indeed.

\*Song of Response

\*Hymn 540

*Take Time To Be Holy*

HOLINESS

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;  
abide in him always, and feed on his Word.  
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak,  
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;  
spend much time in secret with Jesus alone;  
by looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;  
thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,  
and run not before him whatever betide;  
in joy or in sorrow still follow thy Lord,  
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his Word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,  
each thought and each motive beneath his control;  
thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,  
thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.