

A Service of Worship

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

February 12, 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 *Gaelic Toccata* Stamm
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship *Inspired by Psalm 119* Dr. Grammer

Leader: Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

People: Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Leader: Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

People: Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Leader: Come, let us love the Lord our God.

People: We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

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 34 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Roslyn Wingett
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:21-30
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 719 *If My People's Hearts Are Humbled* BEECHER

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 *Devotion* Beck

Sermon *Exceeds Expectations* Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

*Song of Response
*Hymn 648 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* ANGEL'S STORY

*Benediction Dr. Grammer

*Response *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* Gilmore/Bradley

Postlude *To Thee, Our God, We Fly* Goss/arr. Wilson

Today is the Sixth 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 is green, representing new life and growth.

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, 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

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

Celebrate Two BIG Birthdays!

Besty Miers will celebrate her 103rd birthday on February 19th and Betty Minter will celebrate her 101st birthday on February 25th. There will be a basket in the Narthex if you wish to drop off birthday cards that will be delivered to them at home.

Deacons of the Month: Bob Moore and Sylvia Knight

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WMU Mission Action Project for February

Collecting Items for "Nose & Toes"

During the month of February, the Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) will be sponsoring a missions collection called "Nose & Toes," a project for our city schools. Drop off donations in the container in the Narthex. Needed items: socks (no gripper or fuzzy ones) & tissues.

Worship Care Schedule

Sunday, February 12th- Linda Moore

Sunday, February 19th- Linda Read

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.

We Need YOU!

You are invited to join the FBC Audio/Visual Team!

You have an opportunity to be a member of an important ministry at First Baptist Church. We are looking for individuals interested in filming, operating the sound board, and/or live streaming of our worship services. This ministry reaches many of our members and people around the globe. Instruction is available at all levels! Please let the Church Office know if you are interested in this ministry or if you know someone who might be willing to serve.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, February 12

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, February 13

6:00 p.m. Stillwater Small Group Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 14

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 15

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom

Thursday, February 16

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Leviticus/Zoom
1:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee-Rm. 105
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Gratitude for Giving...

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Margaret & Turner Weaver by Jonathan Doss.

GRACE NETWORK: Gifts have been given in memory of Stacey Steagall by Marie Lannom and Helen Wright. A gift has been given in memory of Pat Jordan by Helen Wright.

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22, 2023 at 6:00PM

Chatham Heights Baptist Sanctuary

The Season of Lent, a preparatory season of introspection leading up to Easter Sunday, begins soon. We will gather with our sister church, Chatham Heights Baptist, to begin this season through the worship of God and the imposition of ashes. Join us as we prepare our hearts to walk alongside Jesus in this season of growth as we head to the cross, and ultimately to Easter morning.

Missionary Prayer: Brooke and Mike

CBF Field Personnel-Indonesia

Brooke and Mike are ministers and educators supporting local churches, schools, and universities in Indonesia.

Their service in Indonesia includes partnerships with Northern Seminary's Grow Center, Baylor University, Immanuel Christian University, and the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies. With these partners, they support theological education and training of pastors and lay leaders, children's reading programs, solar lighting for rural congregations, and interreligious education promoting freedom of belief and peacemaking.

Alongside the local church, they serve as ministers of hospitality to young adults and students drawing from their city's many college and university campuses.

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.



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 34 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

Rejoice, Ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!

Refrain

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe,

Refrain

Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array;
as warriors through the darkness toil till dawns the golden day.

Refrain

*Hymn 719 *If My People's Hearts Are Humbled* BEECHER

If my people's hearts are humbled, if they pray and seek my face,
if they turn away from evil, I will not withhold my grace.
I will hear their prayers from heaven; I will pardon every sin.
If my people's hearts are humbled, I will surely heal their land.

Then my eyes will see their sorrow, then my ears will hear their plea;
if my people's hearts are humbled I will set their nation free.
If my people's hearts are humbled, if they pray and seek my face;
if they turn away from evil, I will not withhold my grace.

*Song of Response

Hymn 648 *O Jesus, I Have Promised* ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.