

# A Service of Worship & Communion

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 5, 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 *Prelude in F Major* Handel  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Jesus calls us to be the light of the world –

**People: To loose the bonds of injustice,  
open the eyes that are blind, and deliver from  
prison those who sit in darkness.**

Leader: God invites us to be a light to the nations –

**People: To carry God's salvation to the ends of the earth.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit dwells in us, giving us strength  
to do God's work.

**People: We live in God's foolish hope for us  
and for the 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.**

\*Hymn 108 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* MADRID

## Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 58:9b-12 Taylor Vecchia  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:13-20  
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 700 *We Are God's People* SYMPHONY

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 *A Table Set By God* Frombach/Lantz

Sermon *Bright, Salty Christians* Dr. Grammer

## Responding to God

\*Song of Response  
\*Hymn 656 *Make Me a Blessing* SCHULER

## Celebrating Communion

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Dr. Grammer

**God of Creation, we confess that we have not sought your face.  
We too often ignore the needs of the poor and turn away from  
our own kin. We allow the gospel to go stale and tasteless, and  
hide the light you have given. Forgive us; give us grace. By the  
renewing gifts of your Spirit inspire and empower us again to  
show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**Christ Our Redeemer, we give you thanks for the gift of Good  
News that brings hope to our existence and provides light to  
guide our lives and shines into the darkness of this world.  
Inspire us with your Holy Spirit to share all we have been  
given with a world in need. Amen.**

## 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 *Fugue in B-flat* Handel

***Today is the Fifth 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. On the first  
Sunday of each month, we celebrate communion, and the liturgical  
color changes to white to recognize the holiness and majesty of Christ.***

**Flowers in the Sanctuary today** are in memory of Jean and Boyd  
Gray, to remember Jean's birthday on February 6<sup>th</sup> and the love that  
they shared with each other and with all who knew them. The flowers  
are given by Sherri, Kevin, Anna, and Ellie Lewis.

**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 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on February 19<sup>th</sup> and  
Betty Minter will celebrate her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday on February 25<sup>th</sup>.  
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," 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 5<sup>th</sup>- Imogene McMillan

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>- Linda Moore

#### 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!

##### 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. Training 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 5

8:45 a.m. Deacons Meeting-Fellowship Hall  
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 6

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm 105-107/Zoom  
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

### Tuesday, February 7

10:00 a.m. Children's Chapel-Sanctuary  
4:15 p.m. Personnel Committee-Rm 105

### Wednesday, February 8

10:00 a.m. Library Committee

### Thursday, February 9

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

#### Gratitude for Giving...

ELC SCHOLARSHIP FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Stacey Steagall by Karen Doss. GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Stacey Steagall by Jim & Becky Stone and Judy Epperly.

## 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.*



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## Season of Epiphany

\*Hymn 108      *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*      MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend, to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!  
life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

\*Hymn 700      *We Are God's People*      SYMPHONY

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,  
born of his Spirit, established by his Word;  
our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in him we stand:  
O let us live transparently,  
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
for we have known it, the love of God out-poured;  
now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given:  
O let us share each joy and care,  
and live with a zeal that pleases Heaven.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,  
called to obey him, now risen from the dead;  
he wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:  
O let us give our gifts to God,  
and so shall his work on earth be done.

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;  
we die alone, for on its own each ember loses fire:  
yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light,  
and to inspire.

\*Song of Response

Hymn 656      *Make Me a Blessing*

SCHULER

Out in the highways and byways of life,  
many are weary and sad;  
carry the sunshine where darkness is rife,  
making the sorrowing glad.

*Refrain:*

*Make me a blessing, Make me a blessing.*

*Out of my life may Jesus shine;*

*Make me a blessing, O Savior, I pray.*

*Make me a blessing to someone today.*

Tell the sweet story of Christ and his love,  
tell of his power to forgive;  
others will trust him if only you prove  
true, every moment you live. *Refrain*

Give as 'twas given to you in your need,  
love as the Master loved you;  
be to the helpless a helper indeed,  
unto your mission be true. *Refrain*