

A Service of Worship

First Sunday After Christmas

December 31, 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 Caroline Taminger

Call to Worship Pastor Caroline

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And hope to every discouraged heart.

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And peace to every conflicted soul.

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And joy to every downcast spirit.

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

People: And love to everyone.

Let us sing praises to our God.

Let us offer this light against the darkness.

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 174 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*
REGENT SQUARE

Hearing the Scriptures

First Lesson Galatians 4:4-7 Taylor Vecchia
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Lesson Luke 2:22-40 Andy Taminger
The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Please stand as you are able

Children's Worship Pastor Caroline

*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 151 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* GO TELL IT

Prayer of Commitment Rev. David Cameron

*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 *Prayer of Blessing*
Traditional Scottish/Christopher

Sermon *Following the Star: Consoling Spirit*
Andy Taminger

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 162 *The First Noel, The Angels Did Say* FIRST NOEL
(Vs. 1,2,3,6)

*Benediction Andy Taminger

*Response *Angel We Have Heard on High* Barnes/Gerig

Postlude *Good King Wenceslas* Page

Today is the First Sunday After Christmas in the Christian year.
*The season of Christmastide is a twelve-day celebration of the birth
of Christ, beginning on Christmas Day and lasting until January 5. It
is primarily a celebration of God's incarnation. The liturgical color
white is used symbolic of the purity of Christ.*

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.

Giving in Worship at First Baptist – We welcome your gifts to
support the mission and ministry of First Baptist Church. You can
give in worship by dropping your offering (check/cash) in our
offering plate in the Narthex, or you can give online anytime at
fbcmartinsville.com/give.

**We Welcome Andy Taminger to the pulpit this morning as our
guest preacher.** Andy Taminger is the husband of our Associate
Pastor for Families Caroline Taminger. Andy is a third-year
seminary student at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, PA.
After completing his coursework, Andy will begin his pastoral
internship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
(ELCA). He is a candidate for ordination in the ministry of word
and sacrament in the ELCA.

Prayer Reminder

Church Family: Alice Bowman, John Buck, John Burgess,
Mary Clifton, Martha Crawley, Martha Drane, Nita Gauldin,
Ann Grogan, Armand Harrell, George Lester, Betsy Miers,
Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires,
Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner, Gayle Williams

December Birthdays: 31 Jim Frith

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

Deacons of the Month: Tom Hall and Bob Moore
Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons
with visitation as needed.

Worship Care Schedule
Sunday, December 31st – Susan Sapp

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, December 31

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

11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Monday, January 1, 2024

Office & ELC Closed Happy New Year!

Thursday, January 3

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-Deuteronomy-Rm 105/Zoom

12:15 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-Rm. 105

5:30 p.m. Kid's Church-Rm 101

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

Gratitude for Giving

FULLER DAVIS FUND: A gift has been given in memory of
Michael Hancock by Roslyn Wingett. LIBRARY MEMORIAL: A gift has
been given in honor of Dottie Lewis by Susan & Bill Sapp.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Network Jan-Mar. 2024 Food Assignment: Sugar (4lb.)

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

The Warming Center of Martinsville & Henry Co.

The Center is now located at the Salvation Army, 603 Memorial Blvd. S, Martinsville, VA. To learn more about how you can volunteer, see your e-newsletter or the church bulletin board for a list of donations needed.

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

The Missions Committee invites the church to serve children in our community through food donation. Patrick Henry Elementary school is providing food bags for students who need extra food over the weekends. A list of items can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office. Please place any of the needed items in the box marked "PHE" in Room 103, the Missions Room.

Thank You!

We are so grateful for the monetary gift that you gave us this Christmas and for the many thoughtful acts of appreciation this year. – FBC staff: Libby Grammer, Kaylee White, Mary Taylor, Baxter Jennings, David Cameron, Caroline Taminger, Pete Compton, Kenny Smith, Beth Kotchish, and the ELC teachers and staff.

Call to Worship

The Call to Worship today is written by Joanna Harader, and posted on Spacious Faith.

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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Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer
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Rev. David Cameron
Associate Pastor for
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Caroline Taminger
Associate Pastor
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Following the Star...

Christmastide

*Hymn 174

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Refrain:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant Light: *Refrain*

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of Nations, ye have seen his natal star: *Refrain*

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear. *Refrain*

Though an infant now we view him he will share his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him; every knee shall then bow down.
Refrain

*Hymn 151

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, through-out the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

*Song of Response

Hymn 162

The First Noel, The Angels Did Say

FIRST NOEL

(Vs. 1,2,3,6)

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east,
beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from
country far, to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth of naught,
and with his blood our life hath bought. *Refrain*