

Third Sunday after Epiphany

11:00 a.m.

Gathering for Worship

Hearing the Scriptures

Committing Our Lives

*Please stand as you are able

Engaging the Scriptures

Responding to God

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.

Opportunities for the Week

Thank you for submitting your 2024 pledge! Pledge cards are still available in the church office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting Agenda, January 28th at 12:15 p.m.

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports, 4. Vote for approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Rev. Bonnylee Witt, 5. Vote on proposed monument sign.

Thursday Night Kid's Church, Room 101

Kid's church began again on Thursday, January 18th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is a weekly Faith Development Class for ages 4-10 with Pastor Caroline. Nursery available for younger siblings.

Come Join our Choir!

The start of a new year is a great time to try new things. If you've ever considered being part of a choir, now is a great time to join us as we work on new music and begin preparations for the coming Lenten season. Our Sanctuary choir meets for an hour on Thursday evenings at 5:30 in our choir room, which is located just inside the main ELC entrance. Child care is provided. You are welcome to come sit in on rehearsal and see what it's like before committing to join. If music is a joy for you and you want to share it with others, come sing with us, Thursdays at 5:30 as we prepare to lead worship on Sundays.

New Christmas Trees

The Flower Committee would like to raise money to buy much-needed new Christmas Trees for the Narthex and Sanctuary. The current trees are in bad shape – the lights no longer work and the branches are broken. We are looking to buy three 9' pre-lit trees. Each tree will cost \$799 for a total of \$2,397. To date: 1 Tree donated.

New Green Paraments

We would like to upgrade our green paraments to a more modern green color and design. The cost for paraments (Lord's Table and pulpit) is around \$1,500.

Worship Banners with stands for the Sanctuary

These banners depicting the different liturgical seasons would be 3'x9' and would hang on a stand in the Sanctuary to focus our worship for each season. The stands are \$300 each (need two) and the banners range from \$200-280 each (2 per season, reusable). To date: one banner/stand donated.

If you would like to donate to the Flower Fund for any of these projects, you may do so in memory/honor of a loved one.

FBC Kids Pray Partners

Begins this Lent – February 18th

This Lent, Pastor Caroline will be pairing an adult from the congregation with a child from the congregation to be prayer partners for one another. The Prayer Partners will last from Sunday February 18th to Sunday March 31st. All that this will require is that you leave a note for your prayer partner each week in the prayer mailbox that will be in the narthex. We will start with a spaghetti lunch on February 18th at 12:15pm in the fellowship hall at Chatham Heights Baptist Church to meet one another and to learn how this will work. Please talk with Pastor Caroline or send her an email at caroline@fbcmartinsville.com if you are interested in being a prayer partner for one of the kids at FBC.

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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Season of Epiphany

MISSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

FBC Missions Year In Review 2023
See what FBC has participated in and donated to for 2023!
Visit <https://fbcmartinsville.com/fbc-missions-review-2023/> to see a brochure outlining our projects and donations! A printed version is available in the Narthex.

*Hymn 29 *O Worship the King* LYONS

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

*Hymn 43 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN’ FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth
his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo
us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph
through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours thro’ him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may
kill: God’s truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

*Song of Response Hymn 530 *Be Still My Soul* FINLANDIA

Be still, my soul! the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly Friend
thro’ thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul! Your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past;
your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul! The waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul! The hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still my soul! When change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.