# A Service of Worship Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

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

A Mighty Fortress Baxter Jennings, organ arr. Walcha

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship

Dr. Grammer

Leader: Wait for the Lord. Our souls wait in silent longing.

People: God alone is our rock and our salvation!

Leader: Wait for the Lord. God is our fortress against

the storm.

People: God alone is our rock and our salvation!

Leader: Wait for the Lord. God is our refuge

and our strength.

People: God alone is our rock and our salvation!

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 29

O Worship the King

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# **Hearing the Scriptures**

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 62:5-12

Bill Sapp

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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 43 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God EIN' FESTE BURG

\*Please stand as you are able

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

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

Pote

Sermon Epiphany about God: God is Refuge and Fortress
Dr. Grammer

Responding to God

\*Song of Response

Hymn 530

Be Still My Soul

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Dr. Grammer

\*Benediction

\*Response

Praise The Name of Jesus

Hicks

Postlude

Fantasia Bach

Today is the Third 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.

This year, during the season of Epiphany, we will seek to know God better through a sermon series called "Epiphanies about God," reading from the Psalms each week. We'll ask questions and seek answers with the psalmists about who God is, how God works, and how we might encounter God in our own lives.

**Flowers on the Lord's Table** are in memory of Kitty Sparrow on her birthday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, given by Pam Sparrow McCauley and Kavey Sparrow.

**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*.

#### **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

**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: Bobby Moore and Ruth Anne Collins**Deacons of the month assist your pastor and other deacons with visitation as needed.

**Worship Care Schedule** 

Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup> – Caroline Taminger Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – Ruth Anne Collins

**Grace Network Jan-Mar. 2024 Food Assignment: Sugar (4lb.)** Please drop the food off in the Missions Room at the church.

### **Opportunities for the Week**

#### Sunday, January 21

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 22

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom

7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 23

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

Wednesday, January 24

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

Thursday, January 25

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

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

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

# Amahl and the Night Visitors-Tonight at 5:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church

This ecumenical musical, produced by Jill Gardner will feature local talents from FUMC Choirs, Smith River Singers, and the Ray Hollingworth Dancers, along with a 13-seat orchestra.

# 2024 Pledge Campaign Update

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Business Meeting Agenda, January 28<sup>th</sup> 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 avaible 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 muchneeded 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 <u>caroline@fbcmartinsville.com</u> 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: <u>libby@fbcmartinsville.com</u> 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 **Senior Pastor** 

**Rev. David Cameron Associate Pastor for Music & Worship** 

**Caroline Taminger Associate Pastor** for Families

**Baxter Jennings Organist** 

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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 <a href="https://fbcmartinsville.com/fbc-missions-review-2023/">https://fbcmartinsville.com/fbc-missions-review-2023/</a> to see a brochure outlining our projects and donations! A printed version is avaible in the Narthex.

\*Hymn 29 O Worship the King

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

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Hymn 530 Be Still My Soul
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.

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