

# A Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 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 *Uphold Us, Lord, By Your Holy Word* arr. Walcha  
Baxter Jennings, organ

Welcome Rev. Dr. Libby Grammer

Call to Worship Dr. Grammer

Leader: Come, and praise God!  
In the company of the God's people,  
let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: Great are the works of God,  
full of glory and majesty.**

Leader: Our God is gracious and compassionate;

**People: our God is merciful and forgiving,**

Leader: our God is faithful and trustworthy,

**People: our God is just and good.**

Leader: So come, let us worship God together.

**People: God's praise will last forever!**

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 60 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

## Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 111 Merle Prince  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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.*

\*Please stand as you are able

## Committing Our Lives

\*Hymn 367 *Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment*  
BLOTT EN DAG

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 Of Our Life* Butler

Sermon *Epiphany about God: God is Faithful* Dr. Grammer

## Responding to God

\*Song of Response  
Hymn 517 *The Solid Rock* SOLID ROCK

\*Benediction Dr. Grammer

\*Response *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart* Smith

Postlude *The Spirit of the Lord* Stamm

***Today is the Fourth 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 are seeking to know God better through a sermon series called "Epiphanies about God," reading from the Psalms each week. We are asking questions and seek answers with the psalmists about who God is, how God works, and how we might encounter God in our own lives.***

**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](http://fbcmartinsville.com/give).

## Prayer Reminder

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

**Christian Sympathy** to the family of Nita Gauldin who passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2024. The funeral will be held Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> here at First Baptist. Visitation will be held in the parlor at 12:00 p.m. followed by the funeral in the Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> – Ruth Anne Collins  
Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – Caroline Taminger

**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 28

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  
12:15 p.m. Business Meeting-Fellowship Hall/Zoom

### Monday, January 29

12:00 p.m. Nita Gauldin Visitation-Parlor  
1:00 p.m. Nita Gauldin Funeral-Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Stillwater Rehearsal-Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

### Tuesday, January 30

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

### Thursday, February 1

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Business Meeting Agenda, TODAY at 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall**

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. 6. Vote for approval of changes from the Nominating Committee.

### **FBC Kids Prayer 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](mailto:caroline@fbcmartinsville.com) if you are interested in being a prayer partner for one of the kids at FBC.

### **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 ½ Trees 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:** two banners/two stands 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.

### **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.

## 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 60      *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*      FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain*

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*all I have needed thy hand hath provided*  
*great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Refrain*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Refrain*

\*Hymn 367    *Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment*

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Day by day and with each passing moment,  
strength I find to meet my trials here;  
trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,  
I've no cause for worry or for fear.  
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure  
Gives unto each day what he deems best-  
lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,  
mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord himself is near me,  
with a special mercy for each hour;  
all my cares he wants to bear, to cheer me,  
he whose name is Counselor and Power.  
The protection of his child and treasure  
Is a charge that on himself he laid:  
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"  
this the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in every tribulation  
so to trust thy promises, O Lord,  
that I lose not faith's sweet consolation  
offered me within thy holy Word.  
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,  
e'er to take, as from a father's hand,  
one by one, the days, the moments fleeting,  
till I reach the promised land.

\*Song of Response

Hymn 517      *The Solid Rock*      SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*Refrain*

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand;*  
*all other ground is sinking sand;*  
*all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.

*Refrain*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way he then is all my hope and stay.

*Refrain*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be  
found,  
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the  
throne.

*Refrain*