

A Service of Worship

First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025

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

Welcome Rev. Steve Zimmerman

Choral Prelude *When the Angels' Song Is Silent* Beal/Carter
Baxter Jennings, piano

Call to Worship Rev. David Cameron

Leader: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

People: Let our joy be complete!

Leader: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

People: Love one another!

Leader: Strangers and neighbors will join in the new song:

People: No longer strangers but friends!

Leader: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

People: Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

*Hymn 34 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

Hearing the Scriptures

New Testament Lesson I Timothy 6:11-21 Roslyn Wingett
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 573 *We Trust in You, Our Shield* STRENGTH AND STAY

Children's Worship Pastor Caroline
After children's worship, elementary aged children are invited to join our volunteers for age-appropriate children's church.

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 555 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

*Please stand as you are able

Prayer of Commitment & Lord's Prayer Rev. Caroline Taminger

**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.**

+*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 *Devotion* Beck

Sermon *Do You Have What It Takes?* Rev. Zimmerman

Responding to God

*Song of Response

Hymn 559 *Make Room within My Heart, O God*
KINGSFOLD

*Benediction Rev. Zimmerman

Postlude *Rondeau (Fanfare Symphony)* Mouret

Today is the First Sunday After Epiphany in the Christian year. Epiphany (January 6) celebrates the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing the purity and holiness of Christ.

+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.

Nursery & Children's Chapel Schedule

Our nursery is available for children four and under. The nursery is down the hall from the Narthex and to the right. **Nursery** –Marsha Garren; **Chapel**-Crystal Darden & Roslyn Wingett.

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.

Our 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 #, #

Reminders

January Birthdays: 16 Bobby Moore, 18 Karen Doss, 22 Martha Drane, 23 Yvonne Turner, 29 Joretta Draper, Kenny Smith, 30 Richard Dorr

Prayers for our Church Family: Alice Bowman, John Burgess, Mary Clifton, Martha Crawley, Martha Drane, Judy Epperly, Ann Grogan, Armand Harrell, George Lester, Betsy Miers, Betty Minter, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Reeves, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Shirley Stone, Yvonne Turner

Weather Closing Information

For weather closings we will announce via WLSL 10 & WDBJ 7 TV stations and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistMartinsville/>

Announcements

AED Training Rescheduled

Due to the weather the AED training will now be Saturday, January 25th at 10:00a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please let the church office know if you are able to attend since we have to have 35 people to be able to hold this event.

Churchwide Christmas Missions Offering Update

Thank you! We raised \$3,301.56 for Heifer International! This allowed us to give one *Joy to the World* (two sheep, four goats, one heifer and a bundle of seeds, along with training and education), one Earth Gift Basket (a hive of bees and tree seedlings), one gift of Water for Life, two Send a Girl to School, one gift of Clean Water, one more Hive of Honeybees, and one Flock of Chicks.

FBC Missions Year In Review

See what we have participated in and donated to for 2024. Visit: <https://fbcmartinsville.com/a-year-of-giving-fbc-missions-review-2024/> to see a brochure outlining our projects and donations! A printed version is available in the Narthex.

Pledge Campaign Update

Thank you for submitting your 2025 pledge! So far for this year we have received 25 pledges totaling \$109,456. Pledge cards are still available in the church office.

Gratitude for Giving

A gift has been given in memory of Jerry Perdue by Chad Coleman to the General Fund.

Opportunities for the Next Two Weeks

Sunday, January 12

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Tuesday, January 14

8:45 a.m. Children's Chapel-Classrooms
10:30 a.m. Administrative Planning Meeting-Rm 105

Thursday, January 16

10:00 a.m. No Bible Study
11:00 a.m. ELC Music Class-Music room
4:15 p.m. School age Chapel-Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Sunday, January 19

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Monday, January 20

Church Office & ELC Closed-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 21

10:30 a.m. Administrative Planning Meeting-Rm 105
6:00 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm. 105

Wednesday, January 22

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library
10:00 a.m. Trustee Committee-Conference Room

Thursday, January 23

10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 Samuel-Rm 105/Zoom
11:00 a.m. ELC Music Class-Music Room
2:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Committee-Rm. 105
5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Saturday, January 25

10:00 a.m. AED Training-Fellowship Hall

Ongoing Opportunities

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

The children are back from break and the Missions Committee invites the church to serve these children in our community through food donations. 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.

The Warming Center of Martinsville & Henry Co.

The Center is now located at the Salvation Army, 603 Memorial Blvd. S, Martinsville, VA and is staffed from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each weekday. Donations can be dropped off between those times and other times in the Missions Room 103. Check the bulletin board, outside the office, for all needed items.

Grace Network Jan-Mar. 2025 Food Assignment:

Pork & Beans (15 oz)

Please drop the food off in the Missions Room 103.

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

We are #yourcitychurch in Martinsville...

Coming together with 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.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MARTINSVILLE, VA

Live Faith, Be Love, Speak Hope

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.

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, contact us at info.fbcmartinsville.com, (276) 632-6336, steve@fbcmartinsville.com or his cell (336) 214-3958.

Our doors are always open. Come see and serve what God is doing among us as we worship in Christ's name.



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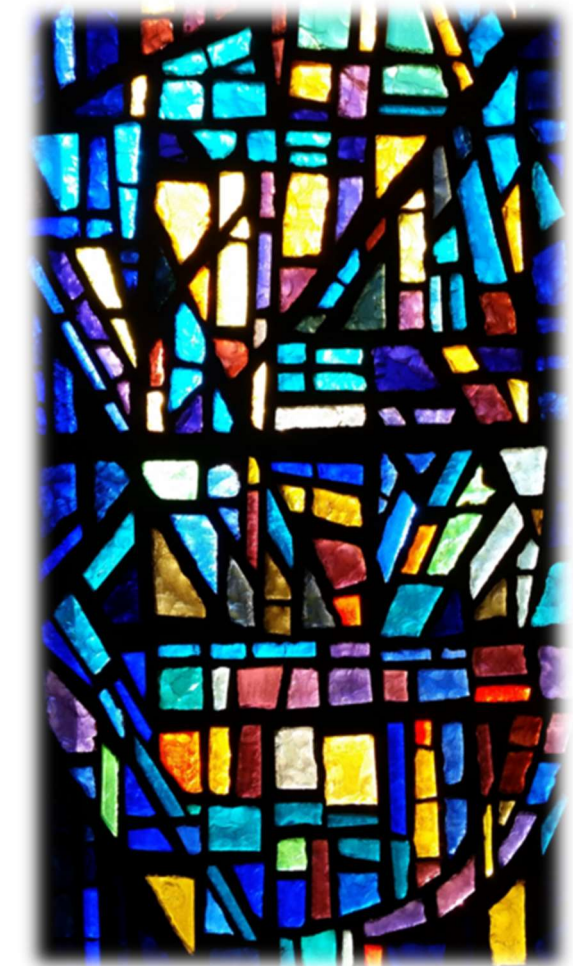
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*Hymn 34 *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* MARION

Rejoice, Ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!

Refrain

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe,

Refrain

Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array;
as warriors through the darkness toil till dawns the golden day.

Refrain

*Hymn 573 *We Trust in You, Our Shield* STRENGTH AND STAY

We trust in you, our shield and our defender;
we do not fight alone against the foe:
strong in your strength, safe in your keeping tender,
we trust in you, and in your name we go.

We trust in you, O captain of salvation—
In your dear name, all other names above:
Jesus, our righteousness, our sure foundation,
our prince of glory and our king of love.

We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
and needing more each day your grace to know,
yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
“We trust in you, and in your name we go.”

We trust in you, our shield and our defender:
Yours is the battle—yours shall be the praise!
When passing through the gates of dazzling splendor,
victors we rest in you through endless days.

*Hymn 555 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* MORE LOVE TO THEE

More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee:
hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee;
this is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek, give what is best;
this all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Through all that life may bring- joy, grief or pain,
work out thy perfect plan- true heavenly gain;
only create in me more love, O Christ, to thee
More love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;
this still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee,
more love to thee, more love to thee!

*Song of Response

Hymn 559 *Make Room within My Heart, O God* KINGSFOLD

Make room within my heart, O God, that you may form in me
the image you have shown in Christ, my very life to be.
Inspire my thought, O lofty One, to reach the highest plane,
That I may know the mind of Christ, and him as greatest gain.

Direct my will, O King of kings, subject it to your own,
That every impulse, action, word, may make your kingdom known.
Effect my prayer, great Trinity, eternal Three-in-One,
Combine each part of me to praise the Father, Spirit, Son.