

A Service of Worship

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 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

Prelude *Rondeau (Fanfare Sympathy)* Mouret
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Rev. David Cameron

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ,
who gathers the poor of the earth.

**People: Glorious is our God, who wipes away
the tears of sorrow.**

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ,
who gives inheritance to the meek.

**People: Glorious is our God, who satisfies
the hunger of the just.**

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ,
who gives mercy to the merciful.

**People: Glorious is our God, who gives vision
to the pure in heart.**

Leader: Wonderful is the God of Christ,
who adopts the peacemakers.

People: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

Leader: Let us worship our God.

People: Amen.

*Hymn 347 *Tell His Praise in Song and Story* HOLY MANNA

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 36:5-10 Bill Sapp
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

*Please stand as you are able

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:1-12 Bill Sapp
The Gospel of our Lord; **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Children's Worship Pastor Caroline
*After children's worship, children age 4 and under are invited to
join our nursery workers for age-appropriate children's church.*

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 340 *Amid the Thronging Worshipers* FOREST GREEN

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 *Blest Are They* Haas

Sermon *Bless Your Heart, Really!* Rev. Zimmerman

Responding to God

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

*Benediction Rev. Zimmerman

Postlude *If God Is For Us* arr. Walcha

Today is the Second 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.*

Flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given by Pam Sparrow
McCauley and Kavey Sparrow in loving memory of their mother,
Kitty Sparrow, for her January birthday.

+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 Schedule

Our nursery is available for children four and under.
The nursery is down the hall from the Narthex and to the right.

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: 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

Opportunities for the Week

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

Saturday, January 25

10:00 a.m. AED Training-Fellowship Hall (*See Announcements*)

Announcements

AED Training Rescheduled

Due to the weather the training will now be Saturday, January 25th at 10:00 a.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.

Business Meeting Agenda, January 26th

12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports.

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.

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.

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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Rev. Steve Zimmerman
Interim Pastor

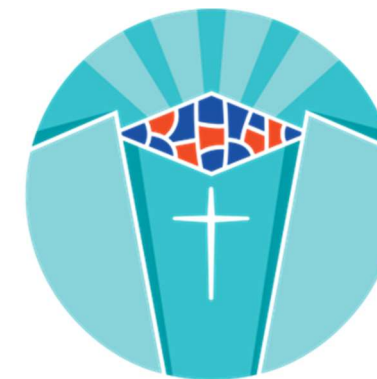
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Associate Pastor for
Music & Worship

Rev. Caroline Taminger
Associate Pastor
for Families

Baxter Jennings
Organist

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Season of Epiphany

*Hymn 347 *Tell His Praise in Song and Story* HOLY MANNA

Tell his praise in song and story, bless the Lord with heart and voice;
in my God is all my glory, come before him and rejoice.

Join to praise his name together, he who hears his people's cry;
tell his praise, come wind or weather, shining faces lifted high.

To the Lord whose love has found them cry the poor in their distress;
swift his angels, camped around them,
prove him sure to save and bless.

God it is who hears our crying though the spark of faith be dim;
taste and see! Beyond denying blest are those who trust in him.

Taste and see! In faith draw near him,
trust the Lord with all your powers; seek and serve him,
love and fear him, life and all its joys are ours—
true delight in holy living, peace and plenty, length of days;
come, my children, with thanks-giving
bless the Lord in songs of praise.

In our need he walks beside us, ears alert to every cry;
watchful eyes to guard and guide us, love that whispers "It is I."
Good shall triumph, wrong be righted,
God has pledged his promised word;
so with ransomed saints united join to praise our living Lord!

*Hymn 708 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear;
And often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again.

*Hymn 340 *Amid the Thronging Worshipers* FOREST GREEN

Amid the thronging worshipers the living Lord I bless;
Before my people, gathered here, God's name will I confess.
Come, sing with all who fear the Lord, you children of God's grace;
With reverence sound all glory forth and bow before God's face.

The burden of the sorrowful the Lord will not despise;
God has not turned from those who mourn but listens to their cries.
Such goodness makes me join the throng where saints
this praise proclaim, and there will I fulfill my vows
with those who fear God's name.

You feed with good the humble ones and satisfy the meek,
And they shall live and praise you, Lord, who for your mercy seek.
The ends of all the earth take thought, the nations seek you, Lord.
They worship you, the Sovereign One, in earth and heaven adored.

Before you, Lord, the proud shall bow, the haughty with their trust.
They cannot keep themselves alive; they too return to dust.
But you, Lord, dwell beyond all time, deliverance to proclaim
to generations yet unborn who shall confess your name.

*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.