

A Service of Worship

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 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 *Sonata II in C minor* Mendelssohn
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Rev. Caroline Taminger

Leader: In the name of God the Creator,

**People: who created us, who holds us and
the whole world in his hands**

Leader: In the name of the Son

**People: who came into the world,
who reconciles us with God.**

Leader: In the name of the Holy Spirit

**People: who fills us with eternal life, who links us
with all Christians and incites us to peace,**

Leader: we come together to offer our thanks and praise.

*Hymn 70 *God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him* ABBOT'S LEIGH

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 19:7-14 Merle Prince
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 502 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*
NEW BRITAIN

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:21-26 Merle Prince
The Gospel of our Lord; **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Children's Worship Pastor Caroline

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

*Please stand as you are able

Committing Our Lives

*Hymn 556 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* ST. CATHERINE

Prayer of Commitment & Lord's Prayer Rev. David Cameron

**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 *Help Us Accept Each Other* Beck

Sermon *It's Time to Bury the Hatchet!* Rev. Zimmerman

Responding to God

*Song of Response

Hymn 557 *Open My Eyes, That I May See* SCOTT

*Benediction Rev. Zimmerman

Postlude *Fugue in C Major* Mendelssohn

***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.***

+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. 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: 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, Yvonne Turner

Announcements

Business Meeting Agenda, TODAY at 12:15 p.m. - Fellowship Hall
1. Approval of the Minutes, 2. Financial Report, 3. Committee Reports.

Movie Night- February 8th at 4:00 p.m.

We will have a Family Movie Night in the Chatham Heights Baptist Fellowship Hall! Pastor Caroline will teach a Bible lesson on 1 Corinthians 12 and then we will watch "Encanto" together. This event is specifically geared towards families with young children- elementary school aged children, but all ages are welcome!

Ongoing Opportunities

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

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.

Opportunities for the Next Two Weeks

Sunday, January 26

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
12:15 p.m. Business Meeting-Fellowship Hall (*See Announcements*)

Monday, January 27

- 5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers' music pick up and Reception
Narthex/Bell Tower

Tuesday, January 28

- 10:30 a.m. Administrative Planning Meeting-Rm 105

Thursday, January 30

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

Sunday, February 2

- 8:45 a.m. Deacons Meeting-Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Monday, February 3

- 10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting-Rm. 105

Tuesday, February 4

- 8:45 a.m. Children's Chapel-Classrooms
10:30 a.m. Administrative Planning Meeting-Rm 105
5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee-Rm. 105

Wednesday, February 5

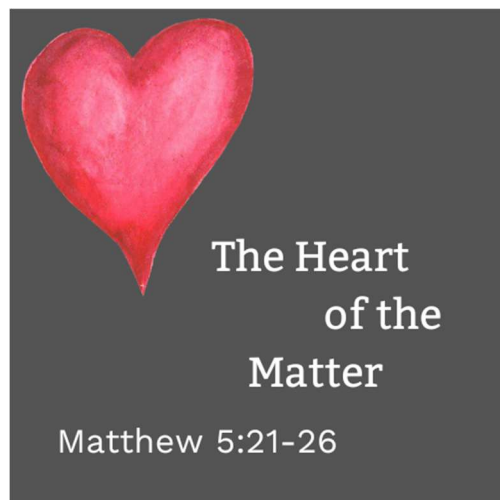
- 10:00 a.m. History Committee-Rm. 219
2:00 p.m. Communion at King's Grant-Chapel
5:15 p.m. Coordinating Council/Zoom

Thursday, February 6

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 Samuel-Rm 105/Zoom
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

Saturday, February 8

- 4:00 p.m. Movie Night-Chatham Heights Fellowship Hall



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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Season of Epiphany

*Hymn 70 *God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him* ABBOT'S LEIGH

God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice;
Let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens
above, God who Breathes thro' all creation: God is Love,
eternal Love.

God is Love; and love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace;
With unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race,
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,
Then we find that self-same aching deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving kindness guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love forever o'er the universe must reign.

*Hymn 502 *Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound* NEW BRITAIN

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved:
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*Hymn 556 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* ST. CATHERINE

Jesus, thy boundless love to me no thought can reach,
no tongue declare; O draw my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I am;
be thou alone my constant flame.

O grant that nothing in my soul may dwell,
but thy pure love alone; O may Thy love possess me whole,
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
my every act, word, thought, be love.

In suffering be thy love my peace,
in weakness be thy love my power;
and when the storms of life shall cease,
O Jesus, in that final hour, be thou my rod and staff and guide,
and draw me safely to thy side!

*Song of Response

Hymn 557 *Open My eyes, That I May See* SCOTT

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast
for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp
and set me free.

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit Divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou
sendest clear, and while the wave notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy
will to see; open my ears illumine me, Spirit Divine!*

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth
everywhere; open my heart, and let me prepare love
with thy children thus to share

*Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see;
open my heart, illumine me, Spirit Divine!*