

# A Service of Worship

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 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 and Invocation Rev. Steve Zimmerman

Prelude *I Will Arise* arr. Pollock  
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Call to Worship Rev. Caroline Taminger

Leader: Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey.

**People: Strength is accepting vulnerability  
from inside the boat.**

Leader: Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.

**People: Strength is turning a cheek,  
Strength is loving an enemy.**

Leader: We come to worship: a God who redefines our  
vision of strength.

\*Hymn 91 *I Love You, My Jesus* LOVE TO CHRIST

## Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 84:1-6 Pam Caudill  
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn 574 *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* CANONBURY

\*Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:38-48 Pam Caudill  
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 651 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

\*Please stand as you are able

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 *Jesus, Jesus, teach Me Love* Sewell

Sermon *Going the Second Mile* Rev. Zimmerman

## Celebrating Communion

Prayer of Confession Rev. Zimmerman

**Everlasting God, we know how easy it is to forget your  
presence and power in our lives. Focused on our daily  
planners, we do not pay attention to the night sky and the  
stars that glitter. Surrounded by the sounds of anger,  
violence, and hate, we have trouble listening to your  
whispers of hope and grace. Forgive us. Lift us to our feet so  
we may walk with you; fill us with your strength so we may  
serve your people; touch us with your healing so we may  
proclaim to everyone the Good News that has come in Jesus  
Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**God of all power, you are the One who called this world into  
being, yet you want to share your power—your strength—  
with those who are powerless; you ache to heal the  
brokenhearted and to bind up the wounds of the lost and  
rejected in this world.**

**We give you thanks and praise for blessing our lives through  
the presence and person of Jesus Christ, so we may also learn  
to love the powerless, and be passionate bearers of hope to  
those whose lives are filled with despair and  
hopelessness. Amen.**

\*Response 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.

Postlude *Toccata "On Jordan's Bank"* Trey Clegg  
(*Trey Clegg is a classmate of Rev. David Cameron*)

***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. On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate  
communion, and the liturgical color changes to white to recognize  
the holiness and majesty 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](http://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

**February Birthdays:** 3 Armand Harrell, Shirley Roark,  
5 Audrey Buck, 7 Martha Crowley, 13 Linda Dorr, 16 Rosa Collins,  
19 Betsy Miers, Jane Mize, 23 Ann Grogan, Linda Moore,  
25 Betty Minter, 28 Jack Johnston

**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

## Deacon of the Month: Ruth Anne Collins

Deacon of the month assists other deacons with visitation  
as needed.

## Opportunities for the Week

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

### **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. Trustee Meeting-Conference Room  
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  
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-CHBC Fellowship Hall

## Announcement

### **Movie Night- This Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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](mailto:info.fbcmartinsville.com), (276) 632-6336, [steve@fbcmartinsville.com](mailto: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 91            *I Love You, My Jesus*            LOVE TO CHRIST

I love you my Jesus, I love you, my Lord;  
I love you my Savior, I love you my God:  
I love you, and that you well know;  
but how much I love you my actions will show.

O Jesus my Savior, with you I am blest,  
my life and salvation, my joy and my rest:  
your name be my theme, and your love be my song;  
your grace shall inspire me and keep my heart strong.

\*Hymn 574    *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*            CANONBURY

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak  
in living echoes of your tone;  
As you have sought, so let me seek  
your wandering children, lost, alone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
the stumbling and the straying feet;  
and feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
your hungry ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious things which you impart;  
and wing my words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord,  
until my heart shall overflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
your love to tell, your praise to show.

\*Hymn 651    *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*            MARYTON

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
winning word of love; teach me the way-ward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the home-ward way.

Teach me thy patience—still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's  
broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.