

A Service of Worship

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 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 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* arr. Krapf
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Rev. Zimmerman

Leader: God of Love, when I lean on the power of a lovely
language to change the world,

People: Your mercy draws a circle much bigger than mine.

Leader: When I trust in wisdom and understanding to build
bridges over the spaces that divide,

People: Your mercy draws a circle much bigger than mine.

Leader: When I pour my efforts into charity and self-denial to
prove my dedication to good causes,

People: Your mercy draws a circle much bigger than mine.

Leader: God of Love, have mercy.

People: Your mercy draws a circle much bigger than mine.

*Hymn 49 *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* AMSTERDAM

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Nehemiah 1:1-11 Dennis Knight
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 299 *O Breath of Life* SPIRITUS VITAE

*Gospel Lesson Luke 6:17-23 Dennis Knight
The Gospel of our Lord; **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Children's Worship Pastor David

*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 48 *God of Creation, All-Powerful* Slane

*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 *If We Will Seek the Lord* Price/Besig

Sermon *Combining Concern and Calling* Rev. Zimmerman

Responding to God

*Song of Response
Hymn 584 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* ADELAIDE
Join us as we reflect on our worship of God today.

Postlude *Imperial Processional* Elgar

*Benediction Rev. Zimmerman

***Today is the Sixth 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 are in memory of George Lester given
by his family.

+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

February Birthdays: 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, Betsy Miers, Betty Minter,
Betty Prillaman, Shirley Reeves, Shirley Roark, Shirley Stone, Benny
Shires, Yvonne Turner

Deacon of the Month: Ruth Anne Collins

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

Announcements

Pregnancy Care Center

WMU is sponsoring a church wide collection of **diapers size 3 and
up and baby wipes for the month of February**. Please place all
items in the container labeled Pregnancy Care Center donations in
the Narthex.

Covered Dish Lunch-Next Sunday, February 23rd after Worship

Before the Business Meeting we will share a meal and fellowship.
Bring your favorite side dish and/or salad and join us. The church
will provide chicken tenders, ham biscuits, dessert, and drinks.
Following lunch we will have our regular monthly business
meeting.

Business Meeting Agenda, February 23rd

after the covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall

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

Dinner Church Encounter: A Food to Faith Initiative

Have you ever considered the power of a shared meal? Have you
ever wondered how a dinner table could reconnect you to your
neighbors and friends who may never attend a Sunday morning
church experience?

A Dinner Church Encounter is a one-day training event that will
give our church a vision and practical insights to host Dinner
Church meals within our community. A group from our church will
be attending this training on March 1st in Lynchburg. Your cost to
go is only \$15.00. If you are interested in going or need more
information, contact the church office this week. You must also
register online for this event at:

FreshExpressions.com/event/FoodtoFaithLynchburg.

Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple

Starting on Wednesday, March 12, there will be a special six-week Lenten Bible study led by Rev. Zimmerman over the life of Peter who was a major character in the days leading up to Easter. By studying his life, we will come away with a better understanding of what we must do to be better disciples of Christ, too.

There will be two opportunities to join us. There will be a group meeting at King's Grant in the Pheasant Run Room (Card Room) at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. The other group will convene at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at the church.

A study book is also available but not required. You may go to <https://www.cokesbury.com/Simon-Peter> to order your book or you can contact the church office by February 26th. Come join us!

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, February 16

9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom

11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online

Monday, February 17

5:00 p.m. Missions Committee/Zoom

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

Tuesday, February 18

8:45 a.m. Children's Chapel-Classrooms

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

6:00 p.m. Business & Finance Committee-Rm. 105

Thursday, February 20

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

11:00 a.m. ELC Music Class-Music Room

12:00 p.m. Children & Youth Committee-Rm 105

4:15 p.m. School Age Chapel-Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Ongoing Missions Opportunities

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

The Missions Committee invites the church to serve these children in our community through food donations to Patrick Henry Elementary School. 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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Rev. David Cameron
Associate Pastor for
Music & Worship

Rev. Caroline Taminger
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Baxter Jennings
Organist

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Season of Epiphany

*Hymn 49 *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* AMSTERDAM

Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps his court below;
praise the holy God of love, and all his greatness show;
praise him for his noble deeds, praise him for his matchless power;
him from whom all good proceeds let earth and heaven adore.

Celebrate th'eternal God with harp and psaltery,
timbrels soft and cymbals loud in this high praise agree;
praise him, every tuneful string; all the reach of heavenly art,
all the powers of music bring, the music of the heart.

God, in whom they move and live, let every creature sing,
glory to their Maker give, and homage to their King.
Hallowed be his name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored;
praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

*Hymn 299 *O Breath of Life* SPIRITUS VITAE

O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore—for this we plead.

O Breath of Love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in every part!

*Hymn 48 *God of Creation, All-Powerful* Slane

God of creation, all powerful, all wise,
Lord of the universe rich with surprise,
Maker, sustainer, and Ruler of all,
we are your children— you hear when we call.

God of the ages, through time's troubled years
you are the One in whom history coheres;
nations and empires your purpose fulfill,
moving in freedom, yet working your will.

God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth,
called out your Church from the ends of the earth,
still you are Savior—put darkness to flight;
overcome sin by salvation's pure light!

God of your people, your Word still stands fast—
do for us now as you've done in the past!
Yours is the Kingdom—your triumph we claim,
challenging evil in Jesus' strong name.

God of our now, all our trust is in you,
Covenant God, ever faithful and true;
Sovereign Creator, Redeemer and Lord,
now and forever your name be adored!

*Song of Response

Hymn 584 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* ADELAIDE

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway.
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!