

A Service of Worship

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 9, 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 *Tune for Trumpets and Cornets* Couperin
Baxter Jennings, organ

Call to Worship Linda Dorr

Leader: The buzz of the world interrupts our lives
and fills our ears

People: Call us into Your way of life, O God

Leader: The complaints of others settle in our minds
and cloud our vision

People: Lead us into Your vision of life, O God

Leader: The cries of the poor, the oppressed and
the outcast pierce our hearts

People: Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God

Leader: Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears
with Your love, O God

People: Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God.

Let us worship You together.

*Hymn 107 *Christ Be My Leader* SLANE

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 138:1-8 Jean Rood
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 563 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

*Gospel Lesson Luke 5:1-11 Judy Epperly
The Gospel of our Lord; **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Children's Worship Crystal Darden

*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 580 *Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult* PLEADING SAVIOR

Prayer of Commitment & Lord's Prayer Merle Prince

**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 *Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me* Scott

Sermon *Called to Follow* Rev. Caroline Taminger

Responding to God

Prayers of the People *See Insert* Sylvia Knight

*Song of Response
Hymn 566 *Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord* LANGLEY
Join us as we reflect on our worship of God today.

Postlude *Trumpet Chorus* Couperin

*Benediction Rev. Taminger

Today is the Fifth 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*

Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching: *Several Baptist
churches invite women to preach in their pulpits in the month of
February to allow space for women's voices in the pulpit and to
recognize that God's calling of ministry and preaching is not limited
to men. Today we give thanks for all of the women who are
participating in the worship service.*

+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-Ruth Anne Collins and Susan Sapp

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, Benny Shires,
Yvonne Turner

In Christian Sympathy to Lee Lester and her family whose
husband, George Lester, passed away on January 31st. The funeral
will be here at First Baptist on Saturday, February 15th at 2:00 p.m.
with a visitation from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Deacon of the Month: Ruth Anne Collins

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

Personnel Anniversary Recognition

Two-Year Anniversary

February 1, 2023

Juli Cespedes Ramirez, Nursery worker & ELC teacher

*On behalf of the Personnel Committee and Church Family, we
appreciate your dedicated service, devotion, and commitment to
First Baptist Church of Martinsville.*

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-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.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, February 9

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

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

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

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

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

Wednesday, February 12

10:00 a.m. Library Committee-Library

Thursday, February 13

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 15

12:00 p.m. Visitation for George Lester

2:00 p.m. Funeral for George Lester

Ongoing 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.

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 107 *Christ Be My Leader*

SLANE

Christ be my leader by night as by day,
safe through the darkness, for he is the Way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the Truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the Life.
Nor darkness, nor doubting, nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

*Hymn 563 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,
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In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

*Hymn 580 *Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult* PLEADING SAVIOR

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me."
Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying,
"Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than
these."

Jesus calls us- by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

*Song of Response

Hymn 566 *Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord*

LANGLEY

Take my life lead me, Lord, take my life, lead me, Lord
make my life useful to thee; take my life lead me, Lord
take my life, lead me, Lord, make my life useful to thee.

Take my life, teach me, Lord, take my life, teach me, Lord
make my life useful to thee; take my life, teach me, Lord,
take my life, teach me, Lord, make my life useful to thee.

Here am I, send me, Lord, here am I, send me, Lord,
make my life useful to thee; here am I, send me, Lord,
here am I, send me, Lord, make my life useful to thee

Prayers of the People

Sylvia Knight

Leader: Gracious and eternal God,
you have raised up your name and your word
above everything; your steadfast love endures forever.
You call us to sail out of our harbors into uncharted
waters of faith. Help us to wander off from our
predictable paths to follow you into the unpredictable
footsteps of the kingdom.

God of grace,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Comforting God,
In a world where every day
some division or strife arises
we bring our prayers for others
and for ourselves. Bind up the broken-hearted
and those who mourn; calm the fearful;
rejoice with those who celebrate;
be present to those who call on your name,
and to those we name in the silence of our hearts.

God of grace,

People: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Ever-present God,
As we wait, in our simple, sometimes crazy,
constantly uncertain lives, speak to us, Spirit of Grace:
of that hope which is our anchor;
of that peace which is our rock;
of that grace which is our refuge.

God of Grace,

People: Hear our prayer. Amen

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 neighborhood?

Leaders from across the country are rediscovering Jesus' dinner table theology that dominated the Early Church. The present-day Dinner Church movement is giving church leaders and members a renewed ability to reach people who would never attend their Sunday morning experiences.

A Dinner Church Encounter is a one-day training event from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, beginning with the rich theological history of the dinner church vision, and progressing throughout the day toward practical insights that will enable our church families to host Dinner Church meals within our community.

A group from our church will be attending this training on Saturday, March 1, at Gospel Community Church Rivermont, 1301 Rivermont Avenue, Lynchburg. Your cost is only \$15.00 since we are affiliated with the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV). If you are interested in going or need more information, please contact the church office today! You must also register for this event at FreshExpressions.com/event/FoodtoFaithLynchburg.