

A Service of Worship

Eighth Sunday After Epiphany

March 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 *Thanks Be to Thee* Handel
Baxter Jennings, organ; John Fulcher, piano

Call to Worship Rev. David Cameron

Leader: The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.

People: Praise God above all, the giver of life!

Leader: The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,

**People: but God's presence is more powerful
than the earth itself.**

Leader: Come into God's presence, for God is among us now.

People: O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways.

Leader: Come to the Rock, the God of life,
for God is present now.

*Hymn 77 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Hearing the Scriptures

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 99:1-5 Rev. John Fulcher
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 636 *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*
NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

*Gospel Lesson Luke 9:28-36 Rev. John Fulcher
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 612 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

*Please stand as you are able

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 *Devotion* Beck

Sermon *If God is in It, Watch Out!* Rev. Zimmerman
Nehemiah 4:1-18
The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

Celebrating Communion

Prayer of Confession Rev. Zimmerman

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*in unison*)

**We give you thanks, O Christ, for challenging our
assumptions, making sure we are listening to your
commands, and helping us lead lives of justice and
peacemaking. Help us embody your truth this day
and always. Amen.**

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

*Benediction Rev. Zimmerman

Today is the Eighth Sunday After Epiphany in the Christian year.
*Epiphany 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. However, 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.*

Rose on the Lord's Table is in honor of the birth of
Owen Payne Collins, born on February 14th. The proud
parents are Trey and Kelsey Collins and the grandparents
are Ruth Anne and Herb Collins.

+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.

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

March Birthdays: 4 Ann Draper, 5 Benny Shires, 12 Marie Lannom,
13 John Fulcher, Merle Prince, 16 Dennis Knight, 22 Susan Sapp
26 Becky Stone, Marcus James

Christian Sympathy to the family of Jessie Shumate who passed
away on February 19, 2025. Funeral plans are pending.

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

Deacon of the Month: Merle Prince

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

Announcements

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: Offering for Global Missions
WMU and the Church Missions Committee invite you to give
generously to our annual CBF Offering for Global Missions. 100% of
your gift will send CBF field personnel to share the Gospel of Jesus
Christ around the world. **Our goal this year is \$2,500.**
Help us meet and exceed our goal!

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

Sharon Mills with the Henry County Food Pantry will be the
speaker. All are welcome to come and learn about this service to our
community and how we can help.

Joint Ash Wednesday Service, March 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Starling Avenue Baptist Church Sanctuary

This will be a shared service with First Baptist, Chatham Heights Baptist and Starling Avenue Baptist Church. We will gather to begin the Season of Lent through the worship of God and imposition of ashes. Join us as we prepare our hearts to walk alongside Jesus in this season of growth as we take the road to the cross, and ultimately to the joy of Easter morning.

Shredding Documents- Thursday, March 6th

Commonwealth Document Management will be here at the church to shred library material. Anyone wishing to have papers shredded can bring their material to the church on March 5th in the afternoon and leave them in the Fellowship Hall by the doors going out to the Kessee Terrace. Call the church office for more information.

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. Check with the church office for extra books or you may go to <https://www.cokesbury.com/Simon-Peter> to order your book. Come join us!

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, March 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, March 3

10:00 a.m. WMU Meeting -Rm.105
6:00 p.m. Stillwater Rehearsal-Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Tuesday, March 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, March 5

2:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at King's Grant-Chapel
6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service-Starling Avenue Baptist

Thursday, March 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

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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Interim Pastor

Rev. David Cameron
Associate Pastor for
Music & Worship

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Season of Epiphany

*Hymn 77 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth!
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee,
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
gladly forever adore him.

*Hymn 636 *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*

NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

If you will trust in God to guide you
and place your confidence in him,
you'll find him always there beside you,
to give you hope and strength within.
For those who trust God's changeless love
build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping,
in helpless anger and distress?
If you are in his care and keeping,
in sorrow will he love you less?
For he who took for you a cross
will bring you safe through every loss.

In patient trust await his leisure, in cheerful hope,
with heart content to take whate'er your Father's pleasure
and all discerning love have sent.
Doubt not your inmost wants are known
to him who chose you for his own.

Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
offer your service faithfully, and trust his word;
though undeserving, you'll find his promise true to be.
God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.

*Hymn 612 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee, I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

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.