

<i>A Service of Worship & Communion</i>		
Second Sunday of Advent		
December 7, 2025	11:00 a.m.	
<i>As we enter sacred space for worship, quiet your heart and mind, centering your thoughts on God’s presence among us.</i>		
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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel		
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Mike Hatfield	
Prelude	<i>Pavane</i> Baxter Jennings, organ	William Byrd
Call to Worship		
Leader:	God spoke through the prophet Isaiah,	
People:	“Comfort, O comfort, my people.”	
Leader:	A voice cries out,	
People:	“Prepare the way of the Lord!”	
Leader:	Every valley will be lifted up, every mountain brought low,	
All:	<i>And the glory of the Lord will be revealed.</i>	
Leader:	All people shall witness this together,	
People:	For the mouth of God has spoken.	
Leader:	Come, O Come, Emmanuel;	
People:	We wait for You to enter our world and our lives in a new way.	
Hearing the Scriptures		
Reading the Word of Peace	Sylvia & Dennis Knight	
	Romans 15:4-13	
	The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.	
Lighting the Candle of Peace	The Knights	
A Prayer for the Advent of Peace	Dr. Hatfield	
Leader:	The second candle is the candle of PEACE. Peace is the gift of God, the assurance that we are right with him.	
People:	It was of peace the angels sang as their great light filled the heavens and the shepherds learned of the Christmas gift of God in Jesus Christ.	
*Please stand as you are able		

Leader: Jesus told us that the peace he gives us is a peace which can be found in no other place, from no other one. It is wholeness, health, life itself.		
People: Jesus Christ is our Peace: Peace on earth, God now come to earth, good will to those with whom he is pleased. God, make us peaceful.		
All: Amen.		
Our Song of Advent 133	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> (2 nd verse)	VENI EMMANUEL
O Come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave.		
Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!		
Children's Worship		Dr. Mike
Committing Our Lives		
*Hymn 170	<i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>	CAROL
Prayer of Commitment & Lord's Prayer		Dr. Hatfield
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		
<i>Doxology</i>		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		
Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 11:1-10	Rev. Dr. Dennis Knight
The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.		
Anthem	<i>Advent Processional</i>	Page
Sermon	<i>Journey to Bethlehem: Returning To Our Roots</i> Dr. Hatfield	
Celebrating Communion		
Congregational Prayer of Confession		Dr. Hatfield
(See insert)		
Sharing the Bread and the Cup		

With Lived Peace		
*Response 708	<i>Blest Be the Tie That Binds</i>	DENNIS
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.		
<i>Today is the Second Sunday of Advent</i> , the inaugural season of the Christian year. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ; thus, it is a season of both joyous and solemn expectation. The liturgical color is purple, symbolic of a spirit of preparation.		
Nursery Schedule Our nursery is available for children seven 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.		
+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 .		
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		
Church Family: John Burgess, Mary Clifton, Martha Drane, Ann Grogan, Imogene McMillan, Betty Prillaman, Shirley Reeves, Shirley Roark, Benny Shires, Yvonne Turner		
December Birthdays: 4 Lee Lester, 6 Jean Rood, Weslyn Brannock, 13 Ebb Williams, 26 James Stokes, 29 Chrissy Kinzer, 31 Jim Frith		
Deacon of the Month: Jean Rood She will assist other deacons with visitations as needed.		
Grace Network Oct.-Dec. 2025 Food Assignment: Juice (40-64 oz) Place items in the Missions Room 103.		
Christmas Poinsettias If you would like to contribute to the Christmas poinsettias in the Sanctuary, in memory or in honor of someone, please fill out the form located in the Narthex and return it to the church office by December 15 th . Names will be included in the Sunday, December 21 st bulletin.		

Patrick Henry Elementary Food Pantry

A church wide mission project again this school year will be for Patrick Henry Elementary School. The school provides food bags for students who need extra food over the weekends. See the bulletin board for items needed.

Opportunities for the Week

Sunday, December 7

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School-Rm 105-107/Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary/Online
- 12:15 p.m. Deacons Meeting-Rm.105
- 4:00 p.m. Moravian Lovefeast-Wake Forest Wait Chapel

Monday, December 8

- 6:00 p.m. Still Water Group-Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Smith River Singers-Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 9

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

Wednesday, December 10

- 2:30 p.m. Communion at King’s Grant-Multipurpose Room
- 7:00 p.m. ELC Children’s Pageant-Sanctuary

Thursday, December 11

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study-2 King-Rm 105/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Gratitude for Giving

GENERAL FUND: A gift has been given in memory of Phyllis & John Abbott by Anitha & David Philpott.

Announcements

Churchwide Christmas Missions Offering: Heifer International

The WMU is sponsoring a churchwide mission project during December. Last year we raised enough for Heifer International to enable us to give the gift of one Water for Life systems; send two Girls to School; purchase two honeybee hives; purchase two flocks of chicks and two garden seeds. We hope to do the same this year! Giving to Heifer in honor of a loved one can be a great Christmas gift for those on your gift list who already have all they need! You may write a check and/or use one of your offering Special Gift envelopes noting “Heifer International” on the “for” line. You can mail or bring it by the church or give online, adding Heifer International in the memo line. The deadline for our campaign is December 31st.

Thank you from the Brannocks

Thank you, Church Family, for throwing our family a baby shower! We are overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and incredible generosity shown to us by everyone. You all have truly made us feel welcomed in a new place, that we can call home, due to the love expressed to us from this church. It has truly given us a peace of mind that we are at the right place, and we are excited to be raising our children with wonderful people that can teach them about the wonderous gifts of God! Love, The Brannock Family

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, mike@fbcmartinsville.com or his cell (276) 340-7550.

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. John Fulcher
Interim Associate Pastor for
Music & Worship

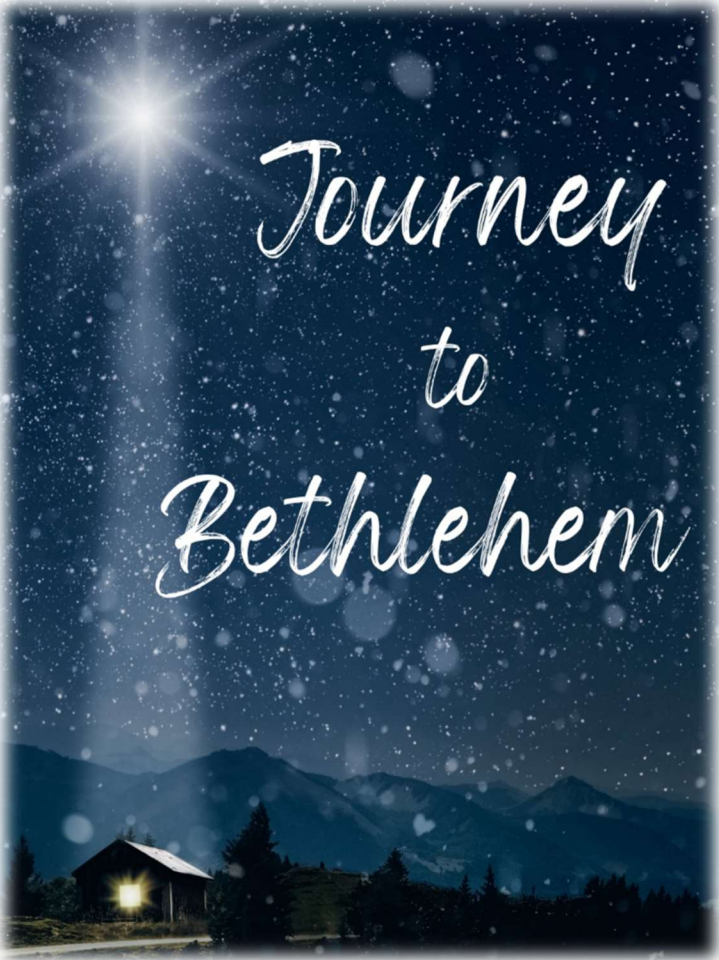
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Season of Advent

Congregational Prayer of Confession

Leader: It is Advent. It is the season in which we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ, who is the bringer of all peace. We confess to you the ways in which we block the peace of Christ in our lives.

People: God of peace, hear our prayer.

Leader: The rushing and scurrying to get things done,

People: we confess to you, O God of peace.

Leader: The worry about the little details,

People: we confess to you, O God of peace.

Leader: The impatience and irritability we feel and take out on one another,

People: we confess to you, O God of peace.

Leader: Though we make ourselves less than peaceful at this time of the year, your peace is always there for us.

People: Instill within us your peace, O God.

Leader: When we feel overwhelmed,

People: instill within us your peace, O God.

Leader: When we are filled with worry,

People: instill within us your peace, O God.

Leader: When the guilt of our ways overcome us, help us to remember that we are forgiven in Christ.

People: Instill within us your peace, O God.

Leader: Instill within us your peace and help us to make choices that bring us closer to you. Help us to be more peaceful so that we may spread Christ’s peace and love to others.

All: Amen.

Special Events

“Journey to Bethlehem”
ELC Christmas Pageant- December 10th at 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary
This year’s ELC pageant will tell the story of the birth of Jesus, along with festive Christmas songs sung by our Pre-K children.

Breakfast with Santa, December 13th at 10:00 a.m.
Chatham Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
Bring the children and enjoy a tasty breakfast and fellowship with our sister church! After breakfast, have your child’s picture taken with Santa.

Children’s Christmas Play-FBC & CHBC
Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 p.m.
The play will be held at Chatham Heights in their Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy the Christmas spirit!

Longest Night Service-December 21st at 4:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Chapel
During this service, you will be invited to name and light a candle for the loss or disappointment you are experiencing. Remember that though it is dark now, the Light of the world is coming! Please use the Chapel door to enter.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service-4:00 p.m.
Sanctuary
This special service is for all the family to enjoy. Join us as we welcome the birth of the Christ-child.

*Hymn 170 It Came upon the Midnight Clear CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when, with the ever-circling years, shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.