# Sunday Morning Worship

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## Order of Worship

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Scriptural Call to Worship — Psalm 115:1-3

Song — How Great Thou Art

**Prayer of Thanks** 

The Nicene Creed

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**Pastoral Prayer** 

Message — Josh Strickland "If God Is for Us" Romans 8:31-39

Song — All I Have is Christ

## **Benediction**

<u>Comfort Rooms:</u> A live video feed of the worship service is *available* in several classrooms around the building to help accommodate families with small children or those with various *medical conditions. Stop by the Welcome Desk for information and classroom locations.* 

## Call to Worship — Psalm 115:1-3 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

#### **How Great Thou Art**

Stuart K. Hine

#### Verse 1:

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed

#### **Chorus:**

Then sings my soul My Savior God to Thee How great Thou art How great Thou art

#### Verse 2:

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

#### Verse 3:

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Why should the nations say,

<sup>&</sup>quot;Where is their God?"

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.

## The Nicene Creed\*

We believe in one God, the Father, Ruler of All,
Maker of all things visible and invisible;
And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
Begotten of the Father as only begotten,
That is, from the essence of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
Begotten, not created, of the same essence as the Father,
Through whom all things came into being, both in heaven and in earth;
Who for us and for our salvation came down,
And was incarnate, being made a man.
He suffered and the third day he rose.
And he ascended into the heavens.
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### \*History of the Nicene Creed

What do you say when someone asks, "Who is Jesus Christ?" Maybe you answer, "Jesus is the Word who became flesh and died for sins once for all before God raised him from the dead on the third day" (John 1, 1 Peter 3, Acts 10). If this is your response, you join Christians who, throughout the centuries, have summarized their faith to proclaim the Gospel and to ensure that teaching in the church is thoroughly biblical. These summaries are often called "creeds."

Knowing the historical context of the Nicene Creed of 325 A.D. can help us appreciate the truths it declares. In the early fourth century, a preacher named Arius began to teach false doctrine such as: 1) God the Father alone is God; 2) Jesus Christ is a created being; and 3) there was a time when Christ did not exist. About 220 elders gathered in the town of Nicaea (in modern-day Turkey) to address Arius' false teaching. They wrote a brief statement, using biblical wording, to clarify that Christians believe Jesus Christ is fully God, and that those who believe and teach anything less lack biblical faith. We have omitted one paragraph that condemns a particular false teaching of the time.

At First Baptist Church, we believe Scripture teaches that at the center of our faith is Christ, Himself. Therefore we rejoice in joining with saints through the centuries who have confessed the same, biblical truth.

## **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

E.A. Hoffman

#### Verse 1:

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### **Chorus:**

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### Verse 2:

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

#### Verse 3:

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

## All My Help Comes From the Lord

Cleophus Robinson

#### **Chorus:**

All my help, (all my help) comes from the Lord.
All my help, (all my help) comes from the Lord, (the Lord).
All my needs that I'm possessing.
All my help, all my help, all my help comes from the Lord, (the Lord).

### Verse 2:

When I am weak, (when I'm weak)
He gives me strength.
When I am lonely, He comforts me.
When I am tired of the load
that I am bearing,
He gives me courage, courage, courage
to bear my share.

## Verse 1:

Father I stretch, (I stretch) my hands to Thee. I know that You, (only you,) remember me. When others forget, when others forget and leave me alone, I know that Jesus, Jesus, Jesus will hear my groan.

## Scripture Reading — Psalm 56:1-13

Service leader reads the regular font. Congregation responds by reading the underlined font.

<sup>1</sup>Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me; all day long an attacker oppresses me; <sup>2</sup> my enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly. <sup>3</sup> When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. <sup>4</sup> In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? <sup>5</sup> All day long they injure my cause; all their thoughts are against me for evil. <sup>6</sup> They stir up strife, they lurk; they watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. <sup>7</sup> For their crime will they escape? In wrath cast down the peoples, O God! <sup>8</sup> You have kept count of my tossings; put my tears in your bottle. Are they not in your book? <sup>9</sup>Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. <sup>10</sup> In God, whose word I praise, in the LORD, whose word I praise, <sup>11</sup> in God I trust: I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? <sup>12</sup> I must perform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God

in the light of life.

## **Sermon Notes**

"If God Is for Us" :: Romans 8:31-39

#### All I Have is Christ

Jordan Kauflin

#### Verse 1:

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

#### Verse 2:

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

#### **Chorus:**

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

#### Verse 3:

Now Lord I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

## **Praying with First Baptist Church**

A Prayer Guide for the week of November 28

#### **Prayer of the week:**

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as an inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer of the Apostle Paul from the book of Colossians 1:9a-10:

"9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you...
10 to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him:
bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

We recognize our need for God's help in all the areas of our lives. The categories and requests listed below are intentional ways to pray for each other as a church family. For help in knowing how and what to pray for, look up the Scripture included with each item.

#### Ongoing prayer items in the life of our church:

- Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with friends, family, co-workers (Matt. 28:19)
- Pray for conversions (John 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the preaching of God's word for faithfulness, fruitfulness, and God's glory (2 Tim. 4:2, 1 Cor. 2:4-5, Isa. 55:10-11)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved (Lk 8:8)
- Pray for increased one to one discipleship relationships in our church family (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray for unity in our diversity both on Sunday and through the week (Rom. 15:13, Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for continued growth and joy in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-5, 2 Pet. 1:12)
- Pray for growth in holiness, hatred of sin and growth in humility (Prov. 8:13, 1 Pet. 1:14-16)
- Pray for honest, loving relationships in our church (Col. 3:12-13, James 5:16)
- Pray for families: marriages to thrive, parents to teach/love/discipline carefully, and children to obey (Eph. 5:22-6:4)
- Pray that giving would be faithful, joyful, consistent, and sacrificial (2 Cor. 8:9)

#### Prayer items outside our church:

 Pray that God would help government leaders locally and nationally to make wise decisions going forward that will help protect all people from evil and unjust suffering. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)

- Pray that God would provide relief and comfort for those still suffering from the effects of COVID throughout the world, and that He would draw people to His Word and to salvation. (Ps. 139:23-24)
- Pray for fruitful ministry in other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area. (Rom. 15:20, 1
   Cor. 16:1-3, Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray for our missionary partners around the world and especially those we are directly involved with: Joe and Andi Carroll (Central Asia), Daniel and Brandi Spandler-Davison (East Asia), and Dave and JoAnn Brown (Guatemala). Pray that the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray God would strengthen their faith and supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

#### Particular prayer items in the life of our church:

- Pray for those in our church family who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Pray for God's comfort in their time of bereavement. Pray that our church family would come around them to serve practical needs and give encouragement in their faith. (John 14:27; 2 Cor. 1:3-4).
- Pray for our ministry leaders and elders during this budget season as they pray and prepare a budget to present to the church. Pray for wisdom and a God-centered vision for how to use the resources that God has given our church. (James 1:5)
- Pray that our church family would not grow weary of doing good. Pray that we would live
  and interact with one another in a way that reveals God's steadfast love and mercy to the
  world. Pray God would guard our church from fear, anxiety, and disunity. Pray that we would
  trust that God is good and be assured that He is in control. (Gal. 6:9; John 13:34-35)
- Pray that God would stir our hearts to hope in His glorious return and our place with Him in the New Heaven and New Earth where sickness shall be no more. (Rev. 21:1-4)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

John Barbour, Bob and Alice Copeland, Kesha Davis, Lucie Lowe, The Miller family (Death of Stevie's mother), Karin Simmons, Marty and Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker, Ron Whitely

(Click the link to submit a prayer request via our Digital Communication Card)

### **Announcements**

- **1.** <u>FBCUM Prayer Meeting IN-PERSON Wed., Dec 1st at 6:30 PM.</u> Lord willing, we'll meet this Wednesday evening for a prayer meeting. We hope you'll make plans to join us.
- **2.** <u>Lord's Supper Celebration Next Sunday.</u> Lord willing, we'll gather next Sunday, Dec 5, and celebrate the Lord's Supper together. We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the supper together as we remember the work of Christ on our behalf.
- **3.** <u>2022 Budget Informational Meeting Sunday, Dec. 5.</u> We invite any of our church members that are interested to attend the 2022 Budget Informational Meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, Dec. 5. In preparation for the upcoming Members Meeting, the elders will be walking us through the details of the proposed 2022 church budget, giving opportunity to review and ask questions.
- **4.** <u>Members Meeting Sunday, Dec. 12.</u> Lord willing, we plan to meet briefly for a Members Meeting immediately following the worship service. If you're a church member, please mark your calendar and make plans to join us for this important meeting.
- **5.** <u>Giving.</u> We continue to encourage your faithful giving as the means to sustain the gospel ministry here at FBCUM and as a means for us to care for those in need as a church family. You can **give** <u>online</u> or mail in your offering to the church office. To guide and help us consider the New Testament's teaching on giving, we've included a quick **read** <u>here</u>. *Church members* who have a benevolence request, please contact the church office at <u>fbcum@firstbaptistum.com</u>.

