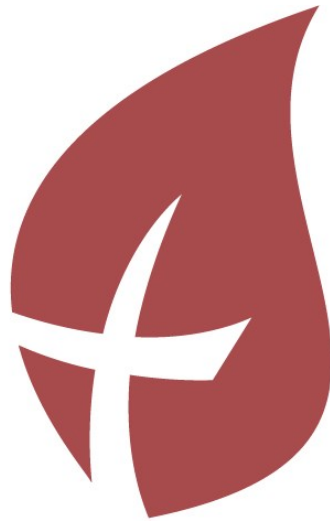


# ***Sunday Morning Worship***

*December 19, 2021*



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# ***Order of Worship***

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**Psalm 40**

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**Benediction**

**Comfort Rooms:** 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 — Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

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<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

## O Come, O Come Emmanuel

John Neal | Steve Cook | Bob Kauflin

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### Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel!

### Verse 2

O come Thou Dayspring from on high  
And cause Thy light on us to rise.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel!

### Verse 3

O come, O come, True prophet of the Lord  
And turn the key to heaven's door  
Be Thou our comforter and guide  
And lead us to the Father's side.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall by His Word  
our darkness dispel.

### Verse 4

O come our great High Priest and intercede  
Thy sacrifice our only plea  
The judgment we no longer fear  
Thy precious blood has brought us near.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Has banished every fear of hell.

### Verse 5

O Come Thou King of nations bring  
An end to all our suffering  
Bid every pain and sorrow cease  
And reign now as our Prince of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come again with us to dwell

### Verse 6

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in its ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come again with us to dwell

## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

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### Verse 1

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

### Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

## Heaven Has Come to Us

Marc Willerton | John Althoff | Lacy Hudson

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### Verse 1

Unto us from on high  
Reaching down into the deepest night  
To the world hope has come  
In the dark the Light of Life has dawned

### Verse 2

Unto us meek and mild,  
God eternal born a helpless child  
Set aside Heaven's throne  
Veiled in weakness came unto His own

### Chorus

What a myst'ry, oh what love  
Oh how can it be that Heaven  
has come to us

### Verse 3

Unto us grace has come,  
Here to seek and bring the sinner home  
Lived to die, rose to reign  
Son of Man the Lamb for sinners slain

## Scripture Reading — Hebrews 13:1-16

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<sup>1</sup>Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. <sup>5</sup>Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” <sup>6</sup>So we can confidently say,

“The Lord is my helper;  
I will not fear;  
what can man do to me?”

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>9</sup>Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup>We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup>For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup>So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup>Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup>For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup>Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

**Sermon Notes**

**“Behold I Have Come” :: Psalm 40**

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# God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen (He Has Come for Us)

Meredith Andrews | Jason Ingram | Jason Brown

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## Verse 1

God rest ye merry gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Savior  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray

O tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

## Chorus

He has come for us King Jesus  
He's the hope for all mankind  
He has come for us the Messiah  
Born to give us life

## Verse 2

From God our heav'nly Father  
A blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by name

O tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

## Bridge

All the angels sing hallelujah  
Jesus Christ is born  
All God's children sing hallelujah  
He is Christ the Lord

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of December 19

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

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer of the Apostle Paul from the book of Ephesians 3:14-17a:

*“<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...”*

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:**

- Praise God for the new members recently brought into our church family; Cathy Baskin, Lisa Neal, Melissa Pryce, Don Sherman, Serenella Sherman, Emily Tait, Amanda Tindell, Kyle Tindell, Chloe Waltman, Will Yuriar. Pray that God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray that God would provide opportunity for gospel conversations with family and friends during the holiday season (Matt. 28:19).
- Pray that we would rejoice in and declare the miracles of Christmas as we remember that “nothing is impossible with God” (Luke 1:37).
- Pray for those in our church family who are grieving the loss of loved ones during this holiday season. 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 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, John and Caroline Harwell, Lucie Lowe, Susanna Schriever (death of grandfather), 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. Christmas Caroling Resources.** The church staff have compiled some simple songbooks, gospel tracts, and Christmas Eve Worship invitations at the Welcome Desk for anyone who would like to pick them up. We would encourage you to consider joining together with others from the church to visit outside neighbors' homes to sing Christmas carols, offer gospel tracts, and invite them to our Christmas Eve worship service.

**2. Christmas Eve Worship —6pm.** Mark your calendars and plan to join us at the church building on December 24th. We'll gather to praise God in song and Scripture for the Christ who came to save us. Use it as an opportunity to invite friends, neighbors, and family. Invitations are available at the Welcome Desk to take to friends and neighbors.

**3. Year-End Giving.** As we near the end of 2021, remember that any gifts to be counted toward your 2021 annual giving statement must be postmarked or in the church office by December 31. [Online gifts](#) or electronic checks must be submitted by Dec. 31 as well. Thank you!!!

**4. Two Opportunities for Year-End Giving:** As you prayerfully consider any year-end giving, we wanted to highlight two additional opportunities for our church family to support gospel work locally and internationally. The first is local: **Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church** - This will assist their efforts in bringing the gospel to Lincoln Heights in Washington, DC. Our goal for this offering is \$5,000 The second is international: **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** – 100% of this offering goes directly to Southern Baptist Missionaries serving overseas. Our goal for this offering is \$10,000. You can give online through our church website (designating which fund you're giving to). If using checks or cash, use a giving envelop designating "Lottie moon" or "Mercy of Christ." Contact the church office for questions.

**5. Giving.** 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** [online](#) 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** [here](#). *Church members who have a benevolence request, please contact the church office at [fbcum@firstbaptistum.com](mailto:fbcum@firstbaptistum.com).*

