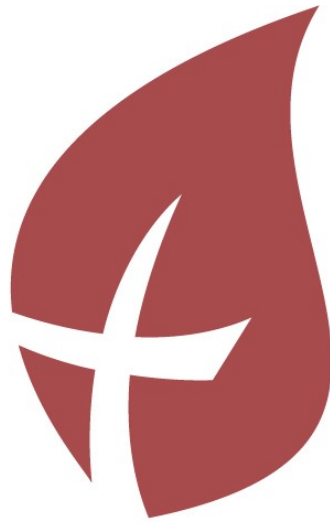


# ***Sunday Morning Worship***

*December 26, 2021*



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# ***Order of Worship***

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**Message — Zach Schlegel  
“God Regards the Lowly”  
Psalm 138**

***Song — Where Shall I Be?***

**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 — Philippians 2:1-11 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## Joy to the World

George Frederc Handel

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### Verse 1:

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

### Verse 2:

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods,  
rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

### Verse 3:

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as far as the curse is found

### Verse 4:

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love

# Who Would Have Dreamed

Jason Hanson | Bob Kauflin

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## **Verse 1:**

On a starlit hillside  
shepherds watched their sheep  
Slowly David's city drifted off to sleep  
But to this little town of no great renown  
The Lord had a promise to keep

## **Verse 2:**

Prophets had foretold it  
a mighty King would come  
Long awaited Ruler, God's Anointed One  
But the Sovereign of all  
looked helpless and small  
As God gave the world His own Son

## **Chorus:**

And who would have dreamed  
or ever foreseen  
that we could hold God in our hands  
The Giver of Life is born in the night  
Revealing God's glorious plan

To save the world!

## **Verse 3:**

Wondrous gift of heaven,  
the Father sends the Son  
Planned from time eternal  
moved by holy love  
He will carry our curse  
and death He'll reverse  
So we can be daughters and sons

## Scripture Reading — Luke 1:46-56

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<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup> for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

<sup>52</sup> he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

# He Who Is Mighty

Rebecca Elliott | Kate DeGraide

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## Verse 1:

Oh the mercy our God has shown  
To those who sit in death's shadow  
The sun on high pierced the night  
Born was the Cornerstone  
Unto us a Son is given  
Unto us a Child is born

## Chorus:

He Who is mighty  
Has done a great thing  
Taken on flesh  
Conquered death's sting  
Shattered the darkness  
and lifted our shame  
Holy is His name

## Verse 2:

Oh the freedom our Savior won  
The yoke of sin has been broken  
Once a slave  
Now by grace  
No more condemnation

## Bridge:

Now my soul magnifies the Lord  
I rejoice in the God Who saves  
I will trust His unfailing love  
I will sing His praises all my days

**Sermon Notes**

**“God Regards the Lowly” :: Psalm 138**

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# Where Shall I Be?

Charles Jones

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## Chorus:

O where shall I be  
When the first trumpet sounds,  
O where shall I be  
When it sounds so loud?  
When it sounds so loud  
As to wake up the dead,  
O where shall I be  
When it sounds?

## Verse 1:

When judgement day is drawing nigh,  
Where shall I be?  
When God the works of men shall try,  
Where shall I be?  
When east and west the fire shall roll,  
Where shall I be?  
How will it be with my poor soul;  
Where shall i be?

## Verse 2:

When wicked men His wrath shall see,  
Where shall I be?  
And to the rocks and mountains flee,  
Where shall I be?  
When hills and mountains flee away,  
Where shall I be?  
When all the works of man decay,  
Where shall I be?

## Verse 3:

When heaven and earth  
As some great scroll,  
Where shall I be?  
Shall from God's holy presence roll,  
Where shall I be?  
When all the saints  
Redeemed shall stand,  
Where shall I be?  
Forever blest at God's right hand  
Where shall I be?

## Verse 4:

All trouble done, all conflict past,  
Where shall I be?  
Our enemy o'ercome at last,  
Where shall I be?  
When Christ shall reign  
From shore to shore,  
Where shall I be?  
And peace abide forever more,  
Where shall I be?



# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of December 26

### **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 3:17b-19:

*“...that you, being rooted and grounded in love,<sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,<sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness 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:**

- 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 Yurjar. 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 God would help us look to the new year with the hope that the gospel provides and with an attitude that gives glory to God in all things. (Rom. 11:36)
- 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, Roseline Dare (death of husband, Amos), Kesha Davis, John and Caroline Harwell, Lucie Lowe, 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. **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. As you prayerfully consider any year-end giving, we want 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 envelope designating "Lottie Moon" or "Mercy of Christ." Contact the church office for questions.

2. **Lord's Supper Celebration Next Sunday.** Lord willing, we will gather next Sunday, January 3, 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. Part of our celebration is reaffirming our unity as the body of Christ. Therefore, if you know of any reconciliation that needs to happen between you and another brother or sister in Christ, we hope you'll take the time to prayerfully do that before we gather next Sunday.

3. **AWANA and Children's Ministry Update.** After surveying our parents and arranging for the necessary safety precautions, we are working toward starting AWANA and Children's DiscipleLIFE in late January. Parents should be looking for an email from the church with more detailed information about dates and logistics, as well as an upcoming parent meeting. Stay tuned!

4. **Parenting Conference — Jan 22, 9am — 12noon.** We are delighted to host Pastor Ed Moore and his wife, Anna, of North Shore Baptist Church in Queens, NY, for a seminar on Biblical Parenting. Hear about balancing parenting with the busy and complex responsibilities of life; teaching, disciplining, and enjoying our kids at the same time; and recovering from parenting mistakes/sins along the way. Find all the info on the enclosed flyer. Mark your calendar and register soon!

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).*

