

# *Sunday Morning Worship*

*December 11, 2022*



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**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 — John 1:14-18 (ESV)

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<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

## The Word Made Flesh \*

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We confess the mystery and wonder  
of God made flesh  
and rejoice in our great salvation  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
the Son created all things,  
sustains all things,  
and makes all things new.  
Truly God,  
He became truly man,  
two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary  
and lived among us.  
Crucified, dead, and buried,  
He rose on the third day,  
ascended to heaven,  
and will come again  
in glory and judgment.

For us,  
He kept the Law,  
atoned for sin,  
and satisfied God's wrath.  
He took our filthy rags  
and gave us  
His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,  
building His church,  
interceding for us,  
and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord;  
we praise His holy Name forever.

Amen.

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\* The Ligonier Statement on Christology (“The Word Made Flesh”) — is a summary of biblical truth intended to serve the church by encapsulating the historic, orthodox, biblical Christology of the Christian church in a form that is simple to confess. Find out more at [www.christologystatement.com](http://www.christologystatement.com)

## 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  
Unto us a Son is given  
Unto us a Child is born

### 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

## Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Johnny Robinson | Rich Thompson | Michael Farren

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### Verse 1:

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love  
My deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine  
I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### Verse 2:

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won  
And I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### Verse 3:

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released  
I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### Verse 4:

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete  
Still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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

Traditional Carol | Meredith Andrews | Jason Ingram

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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

## Scripture Reading — Ezekiel 36:24-28 (ESV)

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<sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**Sermon Notes**

**“To Destroy the Devil’s Works” :: 1 John 3:4-10**

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# O Holy Night

Placide Cappeau | Kevin Hartnett

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## Verse 1:

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

## Chorus 1:

Fall on your knees  
O hear the angel voices  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night  
O holy night when Christ was born

## Verse 2:

Humbly He lay, Creator come as creature  
Born on the floor of a hay-scattered stall  
True Son of God yet bearing human feature  
He entered earth to reverse Adam's fall  
In towering grace He laid aside His glory  
And in our place was sacrificed for sin

## Chorus 2:

Fall on your knees  
O hear the gospel story  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night  
O holy night when Christ was born

## Verse 3:

Come then to Him,  
Who lies within the manger  
With joyful shepherds proclaim Him as Lord  
Let not the Promised Son remain a stranger  
In reverent worship make Christ your Adored  
Eternal life is theirs who would receive Him  
With grace and peace their lives He will adorn

## Chorus 3:

Fall on your knees  
Receive the Gift of heaven  
O night divine  
O night when Christ was born  
O night  
O holy night when Christ was born

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of December 11

### **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 Colossians 1:9a, 11:

*“<sup>9</sup>And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be ...  
<sup>11</sup>strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might,  
for all endurance and patience with joy; “*

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 loved ones (Matt. 28:19)
- Pray for conversions (John 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved. (Luke 8:8)
- 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 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 our elected officials would commend what is right and condemn what is evil, as defined by God’s idea of justice. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)
- Pray that God would bring a swift end to the war in Ukraine and establish peace. Pray for protection and care for the many refugees fleeing to safety. Pray the people would trust in God in the midst of suffering. (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 ministry partners locally and around the world—Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). Pray especially for those we are directly involved with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Joe and Andi Carroll (Central Asia), Daniel and Brandi Spandler-Davison, and Susanna Schriever (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray that God would 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 that God would provide opportunity for gospel conversations with family and friends during the holiday season (Matt. 28:19).
- 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 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 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)
- Pray for members of our church who are homebound due to illness—for physical healing and unfailing hope in God. Pray also for those in our church who are caretakers—for strength, patience, and love. (2 Cor 4:16; Gal 6:9-10)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Bob and Alice Copeland, Bernice McGuire (death of sister), Joshua and KayMarie Thomas, Bonnie Trott, Marty Trott, Ron Whitely**

(To submit a prayer request, please use the Prayer Request Card available in the sanctuary and drop them in the offering basket or contact the Prayer Room at 301-952-8877.)

## This Week at First Baptist Church

### Sunday, December 11 (Advent - Week 3)

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
12:00 PM Members Meeting  
6:00 PM Youth Group

### Monday, December 12

### Tuesday, December 13

### Wednesday, December 14

5:40 PM King's Kids Choir  
6:30 PM Elder-led Bible Study  
AWANA  
Choir / Band Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 15

### Friday, December 16

### Saturday, December 17

### Sunday, December 18 (Advent - Week 4)

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
6:00 PM Caroling Service and Cookie Fellowship

## Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

### Sunday, December 11

12:00pm - Members Meeting

### Sunday, December 18

6:00pm - Caroling Service and Cookie Fellowship

### Sunday, December 25

10:00am - Christmas Day Worship  
(No DiscipleLIFE classes)

# Announcements

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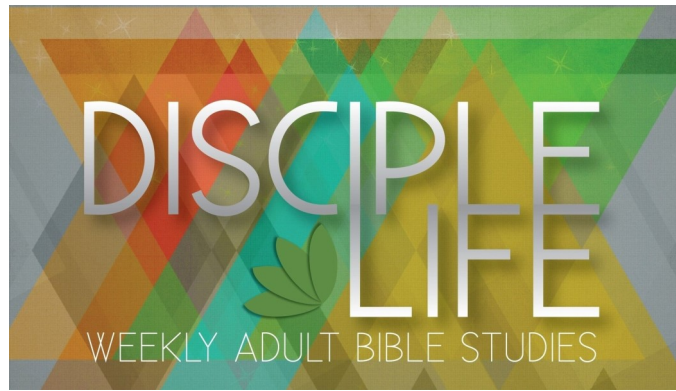
**1. Members Meeting — TODAY.** We plan to meet for a Members Meeting immediately following the worship service today. If you're a church member, please make plans to join us for this important meeting as we pray together, hear ministry reports, and vote on memberships and the 2023 church budget.

**2. Caroling Service and Cookie Fellowship — Next Sunday, Dec 18, at 6pm.** Join us for an evening of singing and hearing from the Scriptures about how God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Then, spend time enjoying one another's company over cookies and coffee. All we ask is that you bring some of your favorite Christmas cookies to share with the church family. Feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors.

**3. Year-End Giving and Special Missions Giving Opportunity.** As we near the end of 2022, remember that any gifts to be counted toward your 2022 annual giving statement must be post-marked 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 wanted to highlight an opportunity for our church family to support one of our Global Partners, **Bangkok City Baptist Church**, in Thailand. Many of you know Danny and Brandi Spandler-Davison, as well as Susanna Schriever, who serve on the missionary team there in Bangkok. Your gifts will give the team the ability to send their children to a Christian school nearby and help open doors for the gospel in the city. You can [give online](#) through our church website by designating the gift to **Bangkok City Baptist Church** or mark any envelope with the same designation if you're using a check or cash.





## **Winter 2022-23 DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults (Dec—Feb):**

- **Explore the Bible — The Gospel of John (Co-ed) Room 117/118**  
**Teachers: Bill Lowry, Vince Butler, Jay Strickland, Phil Jensen**
- **Explore the Bible — The Gospel of John (Women) Room 113**  
**Teacher: Tanya Joy**
- **Biblical Theology — Room 115**  
**Teachers: Tyrone Moorehead and Josh Strickland**

Sixty-six books written by forty people over nearly 2,000 years, in two languages and several different genres. A worldwide bestseller published in countless sizes and bindings, translations and languages. Sworn by in court, fought over by religious people, quoted in arguments. The Bible is clearly no ordinary book. How can you begin to read and understand it as a whole?

- **Unashamed: Healing our Brokenness and Finding Healing from Shame (Ladies Only) - Room 114**  
**Teachers: Monica Kergel and Kristine Louis**

Looking at beauty, aging, and identity from the biblical lens of shame. Offering hope to those struggling under the burden of shame, this book shines the life-giving light of the gospel on the things that leave us feeling worthless and rejected, directing our attention to the God who promises to forgive and restore us—no matter what. (We'll be using the book *Unashamed: Healing Our Brokenness and Finding Freedom from Shame*. It will be on sale at the FBCUM bookstall.)

*\*\* DiscipleLIFE classes for all ages meet every Sunday morning at 9am. \*\**

