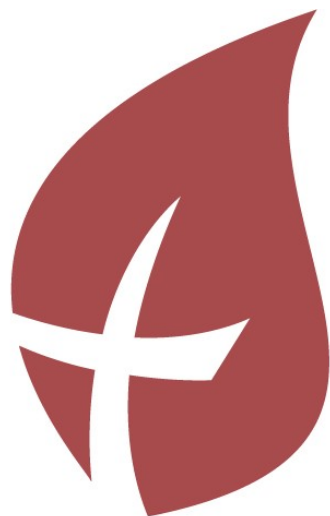


Christmas Morning Worship

December 25, 2022



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Order of Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

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Message — Zach Schlegel
“Why Did Jesus Come?... To Save Sinners.”
1 Timothy 1:15

Song — Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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 — Luke 2:8-11 (ESV)

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade

Verse 1:

O Come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!

Chorus:

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Verse 2:

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav’n above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest!

Verse 3:

Yea, Lord we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv’n;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

Edmund Sears | Richard Willis

Verse 1:

It came upon a 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.

Verse 2:

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

Verse 3:

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
and hear the angels sing!

Verse 4:

For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet bards foretold,
when with the ever-circling years
comes round the age of gold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song
which now the angels sing.

Who Would Have Dreamed

Jason Hanson | Bob Kauflin

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 — Isaiah 61:1-11 (ESV)

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- <sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
- <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;
- <sup>3</sup> to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.
- <sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins;  
they shall raise up the former devastations;  
they shall repair the ruined cities,  
the devastations of many generations.
- <sup>5</sup> Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks;  
foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers;
- <sup>6</sup> but you shall be called the priests of the LORD;  
they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God;  
you shall eat the wealth of the nations,  
and in their glory you shall boast.
- <sup>7</sup> Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion;  
instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot;  
therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion;  
they shall have everlasting joy.
- <sup>8</sup> For I the LORD love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong;  
I will faithfully give them their recompense,  
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
- <sup>9</sup> Their offspring shall be known among the nations,  
and their descendants in the midst of the peoples;  
all who see them shall acknowledge them,  
that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.
- <sup>10</sup> I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;  
my soul shall exult in my God,  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- <sup>11</sup> For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to sprout up before all the nations.

# Joy to the World

George Frederic 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

# Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley | George Whitfield | Felix Mendelssohn

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## Verse 1:

Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic hosts proclaim  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

## Verse 2:

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see

Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

## Verse 3:

Hail, the heav'n-born  
Prince of Peace  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

## Sermon Notes

**“Why Did Jesus Come?... To Save Sinners.” :: 1 Timothy 1:15**

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Go, Tell It on the Mountain

John W. Work Jr. | John W. Work III

Chorus:

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

Verse 1:

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

Verse 2:

The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.

Verse 3:

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of December 25

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,¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ 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 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:

- Praise God for the new members recently brought into our church family; Chris Guerra, Heather Guerra, Zeke Lyons, Abby Lyons, Bertrand Njoya, Rahila Salik, Chris Macola, Shaista Salik, Titus Till, Jade Till, Zane Tindell. 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 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)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

Bob and Alice Copeland, Marc DiPietro, Connie Gordon, Joshua and KayMarie Thomas, Bonnie Trott, Marty Trott, Glenn Walker, 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 25 (Christmas Day)

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Monday, December 26

(Church Office Closed)

Tuesday, December 27

Wednesday, December 28

Thursday, December 29

Friday, December 30

Saturday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

Sunday, January 1, 2023 (New Year's Day)

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes for all ages

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Wednesday, January 4

6:30pm - Church Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

Regular Wednesday Evening schedule resumes

Sundays, January 22, 29 & Feb 5

9:00am - Starting Point Seminar

(Seminars will meet during the DiscipleLIFE hour. Open to anyone interested in church membership or simply learning more about our church. Contact church office to register.)

Announcements

1. Lord's Supper Celebration Next Sunday. Lord willing, we will gather next Sunday, January 1, 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.

2. 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.

Merry Christmas!

