

# ***Sunday Morning Worship***

*January 1, 2023*



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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 — Psalm 119:25-26 (ESV)

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<sup>25</sup> My soul clings to the dust;  
give me life according to your word!  
<sup>26</sup> When I told of my ways, you answered me;  
teach me your statutes!

## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Harry Van Dyke | Ludwig Beethoven

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### **Verse 1:**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

### **Verse 2:**

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

### **Verse 3:**

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,  
All who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

### **Verse 4:**

Mortals, join the happy chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
Father love is reigning o'er us,  
Brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife,  
Joyful music leads us Sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

## Scripture Reading — Ezekiel 34:1-10

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<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep? <sup>3</sup> You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep.

<sup>4</sup> The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them. <sup>5</sup> So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered; <sup>6</sup> they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

<sup>7</sup> “Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>8</sup> As I live, declares the Lord GOD, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, <sup>9</sup> therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: <sup>10</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.

## The Storm Is Passing Over

Charles A Tindley | Donald Vails

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### Verse 1:

Take courage my soul and let us journey on  
Tho’ the night is dark and I am far from home  
Thanks be to God the morning light appears

### Chorus:

The storm is passing over  
The storm is passing over  
The storm is passing over, Hallelu

### Verse 2:

The billows roll  
and thunder shakes the ground  
Tho’ the lightnings flash  
and tempest all around  
Jesus walks the sea  
and calms the angry waves

### Bridge:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
The storm is passing over  
The storm is passing over  
The storm is passing over, Hallelu

### Verse 3:

The stars are gone and distant lights are dim  
I am so afraid the seas are breaking in  
I hear God say, “Be ye, not afraid”

### Verse 4:

Now soon we shall reach  
the distant shining shore  
Free from all the storms we’ll rest forevermore  
Safe within the veil  
we’ll furl the riven sail

# Happy in Jesus

Eric McAllister

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## **Verse 1:**

Are you happy in Jesus?  
Does the news leave you thrilled —  
That He carried the burden of sin  
That we rightly deserved to feel?

## **Verse 2:**

Would you rather have Jesus  
Than the praises of kings —  
for you rest in the sweet commendation  
of knowing you've been redeemed?

## **Chorus:**

Happy in Jesus!  
Forgiven and free —  
He means more than this  
Whole wide world to me;  
Wonderful Jesus  
The One that I call  
My life, my peace, my joy  
My all in all!

## **Verse 3:**

When temptation is calling  
Do you flee to His side —  
As the pleasure of sin is eclipsed  
By the beauty of Jesus Christ?

## **Verse 4:**

Have you made Him your treasure?  
Have you counted the cost —  
And consider the life that He offers  
Is worth any early loss?

## **Bridge:**

Grace to cover all my sin  
My life made new in Him  
I'm happy in the Lord  
Peace to ease my anxious mind  
Upheld by love divine  
I'm happy in the Lord

## **Verse 5:**

Do you long for His presence  
Just to be where He dwells  
For a day with the Savior is better  
Than thousands anywhere else

## **Bridge 2:**

Hope invincible and sure  
Is mine forevermore  
I'm happy in the Lord  
God and heaven are my own  
My Father and my home  
I'm happy in the Lord

## **Sermon Notes**

**“Why Did Jesus Come?... To Give Life.” :: John 10:1-10**

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## Church Covenant

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Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will engage in assembling ourselves together while praying for one another. We will strive for and promote the spiritual growth and advancement of the church by; sustaining worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; contributing cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

As a body of believers, we agree to maintain family and personal devotions, to educate our children in the Christian faith, and to seek the salvation of our family and acquaintances. We will seek to avoid all practices or speech which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We will walk together in Christian love by faithfully caring for, watching over, and admonishing one another as occasions may require. In conflict, we will seek to follow Christ's example of reconciliation without delay. We will always strive to be humble and courteous in our speech and slow to take offense. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with a like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

# Nothing but the Blood

Robert Lowry

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## Verse 1:

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

## Chorus:

O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

## Verse 2:

For my pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

## Verse 3:

Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

## Verse 4:

This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

# Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen!



# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of January 1

### **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 example of the Apostle Paul, holding one another consistently in prayer from the book of 2 Timothy 1:3

*<sup>3</sup> 'I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience,  
as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.'*

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

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

### **Monday, January 2**

(Church Office Closed)

### **Tuesday, January 3**

7:00 PM Elder Meeting

### **Wednesday, January 4**

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

### **Thursday, January 5**

### **Friday, January 6**

### **Saturday, January 7**

### **Sunday, January 8**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

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

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**1. Monthly Prayer Meeting — Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30pm.** All are welcome to join us for our monthly Prayer Meeting this week. We look forward to praying together and being encouraged by God's Word. We hope you'll make plans to join us.

**2. Missions Giving Opportunities.** Although year-end giving has concluded for 2022, you can still give toward our international missions emphasis and it will count toward your 2023 giving. We encourage you to prayerfully consider giving 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.

**3. 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 by placing your offering in the designated basket at the Welcome Desk. You can also [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).*

*Happy New Year!*

