

# ***Sunday Morning Worship***

*January 15, 2023*



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# ***Order of Worship***

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## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship — Colossians 2:11-12**

## **Celebration of Baptism**

## **Prayer of Praise**

*Song — Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
*Song — Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)*

**Scripture Reading — Luke 1:26-38**

*Song — Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

## **Pastoral Prayer**

**Message — Zach Schlegel**  
**“Is This Too Hard for God?”**  
**Genesis 18:1-15**

*Song — How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*

## **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 — Colossians 2:11-12 (ESV)

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<sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander | Catherine Winkworth

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### Verse 1:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him  
For He is our health and salvation  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

### Verse 2:

Praise to the Lord  
Who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigneth  
Shelters you under His wings  
He so gently sustaineth  
Have you not seen  
How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

### Verse 3:

Praise to the Lord  
Who does prosper your work  
And defend you  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
Here daily attend you  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend you

### Verse 4:

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that has life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen  
Sound from his people again  
Gladly forever adore him

# Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa

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## Verse 1:

You made the starry hosts  
You traced the mountain peaks  
You paint the evening skies with wonders  
The earth it is Your throne  
From desert to the sea  
All nature testifies Your splendor

## Chorus:

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness - All creation  
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice  
You heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

## Verse 2:

You reached into the dust  
In love Your Spirit breathed  
You formed us in Your very likeness  
To know Your wondrous works  
To tell Your mighty deeds  
To join the everlasting chorus

## Verse 3:

Let symphonies resound  
Let drums and choirs ring out  
All heaven hear the sound of worship  
Let every nation bring  
Its honors to the King  
A roar of harmonies eternal

## Ending:

You distant burning stars  
All creatures near and far  
From sky to sea to shore  
Sing out forevermore  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

## Scripture Reading — Luke 1:26-38

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

<sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm | William Runyan | John Piper

### Verse 1:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

### Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness  
Great is Thy faithfulness  
Morning by morning new mercies I see  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

### Verse 2:

I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling  
Covenant promises fell not to me.  
Then without warning, desire or deserving,  
I found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee.

### Verse 3:

I have no merit to woo or delight Thee,  
I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ;  
Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing thou find'st me,  
This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy.

### Verse 4:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

**Sermon Notes**

**“Is This Too Hard for God?” :: Genesis 18:1-15**

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# How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

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## Verse 1:

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

## Verse 2:

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

## Verse 3:

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of January 15

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

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Hebrews 13:20-21 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. If you're a church member praying through the church directory, this is a great prayer to use as you pray for your church family this week.

*<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace... <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in [you] that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

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 fear God, seek His wisdom, have integrity, humility, and work together for the good of society and not self. (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)
- Praise God for the recent baptism of our brother, Chris Guerra. May God continue his work of sanctification in Chris' life and help us as a church family to walk along with him. (Rom 6:4)
- Pray that we would honor God in how we use technology (smartphone, computers, etc): to have self-control, to use it to grow in Christ and not sin, and prioritize its use according to godly wisdom for our relationships. (Prov. 25:28; Rom 13:14)
- Pray for those in our church family who are suffering through illness. Pray their faith would be strengthened and they would hope in Christ in the midst of suffering (Lk. 22:32; 3 Jn 2)
- 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, Peter and Pansy Pierce (death of son), 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 15

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

### Monday, January 16

### Tuesday, January 17

### Wednesday, January 18

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

### Thursday, January 19

6:30 PM "The Men We Need" Group (room 117)

### Friday, January 20

### Saturday, January 21

### Sunday, January 22

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
9:00 AM Starting Point Seminar (room 112)  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
6:00 PM Youth Group

## Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

### Sundays, January 22, 29 & Feb 5

9:00am - Starting Point Seminar

*(Seminars will meet during the DiscipleLIFE hour in room 112.)*

*Open to anyone interested in membership or learning more about our church. Contact office to register.*

### Wednesday, February 1

6:30pm - Church Prayer Meeting

### February 3 - 5

Youth Group — Winter Retreat

### Wednesday, March 1

6:30pm - Church Prayer Meeting

### Sunday, March 12

12:00pm - Church Members Meetings

### March 24 - 25

Women's Retreat (details are forthcoming)

# Announcements

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**1. Starting Point Seminar during DiscipleLIFE—Jan 22, 29, and Feb 5.** Are you interested in joining our church family? Or perhaps you'd like to simply learn more about who we are and what we believe? Make plans to attend our Starting Point Seminars during the DiscipleLIFE time on Sunday mornings at 9am Jan. 22, 29, and Feb 5. We'll meet in room 112. All are welcome. There is no obligation to join. Contact the church office to register. We'll cover the following topics:

Class 1: "What We Believe"

Class 2: "Who We Are"

Class 3: "Where We're Headed"

**2. "The Men We Need" Group — Thursdays @ 6:30pm.** All FBCUM men are invited to come out for a men's support group called "The Men We Need" on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in January and February. It will be a time for men to gather together and learn biblically-guided and Christ-centered ways to navigate and support each other with the challenges of becoming responsible fathers, faithful husbands, and men of character — Christ-like men. Please register online to be part of the group, and contact Pastor Tyrone Moorehead (tmoorehead@firstbaptistum.com) with questions or for more information.

**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).*

