

Sunday Morning Worship

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Order of Worship

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Welcome New Church Members

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 — Psalm 16:5-11 (ESV)

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not
be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole be-
ing rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal

F.R. Warren | Jason Brown

Verse 1:

Hark! I hear - the harps eternal
Ringing on the - farther shore,
As I near those - swollen waters,
With their deep and - solemn roar.

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah praise the Lamb
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Glory to the Great I Am.

Verse 2:

And my soul though stained with sorrow,
Fading as the - light of day,
Passes swiftly - o'er those waters,
To the city - far away.

Verse 3:

Souls have crossed - before us safely
To that land of - perfect rest;
Can you hear them - singing faintly
In the mansions - of the blest.

Verse 4:

Mighty Jesus - bear us over
There to kneel be-fore Your throne
May we join the - saints forever
Praising You and - You alone

Lord, Keep Me Day by Day

Eddie Williams

Verse 1:

Lord, keep me day by day
In a pure a perfect way
I want to live
I want to live on
In a building not made by hand

Verse 2:

Lord, keep my body strong
So that I can press on
Lord, give me grace
Just to run - this Christian race
To a building not made by hand

Verse 3:

I'm just a stranger here
Traveling through this barren land
Lord, I know
There's a building,
A building somewhere
A building not made by hand

Scripture Reading — Hebrews 11:8-16 (ESV)

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³ These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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

“Hope Beyond the Grave” :: Genesis 23:1-20

By Faith

Keith & Kristyn Getty | Stuart Townend

Verse 1:

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those
who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 2:

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign

Chorus:

We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight

Verse 3:

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break
the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave

Verse 4:

By faith the church was called to go
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
To deliver captives and to preach good news
In every corner of the earth

Verse 5:

By faith the mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of March 26

Prayer of the week:

It's often helpful to pray the Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. As you pray for yourself and others this week, consider our call to worship in Psalm 16:11:

*...make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

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 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 Brandy 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 new members recently brought into our church family; Jared Brown, Noelle Brown, Annie McPhatter, Jamal Neptune, Morgan Neptune, Ahkeem Smith, Ashley Smith, Jhun Sumaya, Sheila Sumaya, Mary Washington, and Skip Wells. 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 our recently installed Elders (Jay Crandell, Tony Edwards, Bill Lowry, Danny Ryan). Pray that God would give strength and wisdom to faithfully serve the church and honor Christ. Pray that our church family would faithfully encourage and cooperate with them in their responsibilities. (1 Tim 3:1-7; Heb 13:17)
- Pray God would bring good spiritual fruit from the recent women’s conference. (Gal 5:22-23)
- Pray that God would renew our strength when we’re weary and use our weakness to display His power. (2 Cor. 12:9)
- Pray that a culture of discipleship, joyful hospitality, and mutual care grows in us as a church family (1 Pt 4:9; Col. 3:16)
- 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. (John 13:34-35)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

Ralph and Margaret Austin, Bob and Alice Copeland, Sean Edmunds, Delmar Harman, Joshua and KayMarie Thomas, Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker

(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, March 26

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

Monday, March 27

Tuesday, March 28

Wednesday, March 29

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

Thursday, March 30

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

Friday, March 31

Saturday, April 1

Sunday, April 2 (Palm Sunday)

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper
6:00 PM Youth Group

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Wednesday, April 5

6:30pm - Church Prayer Meeting

Friday, April 7

7:00pm - Good Friday Worship

Sunday, April 9 — Resurrection Sunday

Saturday, April 22

9:00am—4pm - Disaster Relief Training

Sunday, April 23

12:00pm - Starting Point Seminar

Wednesday, May 4

6:30pm - Church Prayer Meeting

Sunday, May 21

12:00pm - Church Members Meeting

Announcements

1. **Lord's Supper Celebration — NEXT Sunday, April 2.** Lord willing, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together when we gather for worship next Sunday, April 2. We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the supper together as we remember the work of Christ on our behalf.

2. **Good Friday Worship — 7pm.** Mark your calendar and join us for worship on the evening of Good Friday as we remember the atoning work of Christ on the cross for us. Service begins at 7pm on Friday, April 7. There is no childcare for the service, but we encourage our families to bring their little ones along to worship with us.

3. **Disaster Relief Training — April 22.** Registration is now open for Disaster Relief (DR) Training. The training is being held here at First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro on April 22, 2023, from 9am – 4pm for new and returning volunteers. For additional information and to register, please visit the [BCM/D website](#) by clicking the link.

4. **The Garden Church Ministry Opportunity.** Our ministry partners at The Garden Church in Baltimore have recently been blessed to acquire a church property they can call their own. However, it will need significant repair and renovation before they can occupy the space. They've asked if FBC Upper Marlboro could help supply skilled workers and volunteers who can specifically help with plumbing, HVAC (industrial), and woodworking projects. If you have skills in these areas and are willing to offer some time for this kingdom work, please contact George Nixon (geonixon@comcast.net; 301-357-1540).

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 in-person, [give online](#) or mail in your offering to the church office.

