

# ***Sunday Morning Worship***

***April 16, 2023***



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**Comfort Rooms:** A live video feed of the worship service is *available* in several classrooms around the building (rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125) 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 147:1-7 (ESV)

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- <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!  
For it is good to sing praises to our God;  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- <sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup> He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.
- <sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.
- <sup>6</sup> The LORD lifts up the humble;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.
- <sup>7</sup> Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!

## I Am Persuaded

Robin Mark

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### **Verse 1:**

O God of Righteousness  
O God of Love  
Your Word is perfect and Your ways are just  
When darkness shades the path  
on which I walk  
In You, O Lord, I choose to place my trust

### **Verse 2:**

I am persuaded neither death nor life  
Nor pow'rs on earth or in the realms above  
Can ever take us from Your hand O God  
Can ever separate us from Your love

### **Chorus:**

I know that my Redeemer lives  
He is my life my hope  
my strength and pow'r  
I know His Word will be fulfilled  
His Kingdom rule and reign  
for evermore

## The Nicene Creed \*

We believe in one God, the Father, Ruler of All,  
Maker of all things visible and invisible;  
And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God,  
Begotten of the Father as only begotten,  
That is, from the essence of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
Begotten, not created, of the same essence as the Father,  
Through whom all things came into being, both in heaven and in earth;  
Who for us and for our salvation came down,  
And was incarnate, being made a man.  
He suffered and the third day he rose.  
And he ascended into the heavens.  
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### \*History of the Nicene Creed

*What do you say when someone asks, "Who is Jesus Christ?" Maybe you answer, "Jesus is the Word who became flesh and died for sins once for all before God raised him from the dead on the third day" (John 1, 1 Peter 3, Acts 10). If this is your response, you join Christians who, throughout the centuries, have summarized their faith to proclaim the Gospel and to ensure that teaching in the church is thoroughly biblical. These summaries are often called "creeds."*

*Knowing the historical context of the Nicene Creed of 325 A.D. can help us appreciate the truths it declares. In the early fourth century, a preacher named Arius began to teach false doctrine such as: 1) God the Father alone is God; 2) Jesus Christ is a created being; and 3) there was a time when Christ did not exist. About 220 elders gathered in the town of Nicaea (in modern-day Turkey) to address Arius' false teaching. They wrote a brief statement, using biblical wording, to clarify that Christians believe Jesus Christ is fully God, and that those who believe and teach anything less lack biblical faith. We have omitted one paragraph that condemns a particular false teaching of the time.*

*At First Baptist Church, we believe Scripture teaches that at the center of our faith is Christ himself. Therefore, we rejoice in joining with saints through the centuries who have confessed the same biblical truth.*

## He's Done So Much for Me

Lilian Bowles | Nolan Williams Jr. | Theodore Frye

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### Verse 1:

He's done so much for me,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all.  
He's done so much for me,  
I cannot tell it all.  
I cannot tell it all.

### Verse 2:

He washed my sins away,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all.  
He washed my sins away,  
I cannot tell it all.  
I cannot tell it all.

### Verse 3:

He walks and talks with me,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all.  
He walks and talks with me,  
I cannot tell it all.  
I cannot tell it all.

### Verse 4:

He gave me victory,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all.  
He gave me victory,  
I cannot tell it all.  
I cannot tell it all.

## Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

E.A. Hoffman

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### Verse 1:

What a fellowship,  
what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness,  
what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

### Chorus:

Leaning, leaning,  
safe and secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

### Verse 2:

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path  
grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

### Verse 3:

What have I to dread,  
what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace  
with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

## Scripture Reading — Exodus 3:1-14 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." <sup>4</sup> When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup> Then he said, "Do not come near, take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup> And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup> He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

<sup>13</sup> Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

## Sermon Notes

### **“The God of the Living” :: Matthew 22:23-33**

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Our guest preacher this morning is Jeremy McClain. He serves as a pastor at Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood of Washington, DC. He and his wife Tiffany have four wonderful children.

# Victory in Jesus

Eugene Bartlett

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## **Verse 1:**

I heard an old, old story,  
How a Savior came from glory,  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me;  
I heard about His groaning,  
Of His precious blood's atoning,  
Then I repented of my sins  
And won the victory.

## **Chorus:**

O victory in Jesus,  
My Savior, forever.  
He sought me and bought me  
With His redeeming blood;  
He loved me ere I knew Him  
And all my love is due Him,  
He plunged me to victory,  
Beneath the cleansing flood.

## **Verse 2:**

I heard about His healing,  
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing.  
How He made the lame to walk again  
And caused the blind to see;  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
Come and heal my broken spirit,"  
And somehow Jesus came and bro't  
To me the victory.

## **Verse 3:**

I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory.  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
Beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing,  
And the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there  
The song of victory.



# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of April 16

### **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 3:17-19:

*<sup>17</sup> ... [may] Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> 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 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:**

- Pray that God would deepen our desire for prayer as a church family. May we not grow weary or apathetic in bringing our concerns to Him. May God help us to sense His presence and power as we pray. (Rom 12:12, Col 4:2)
- 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, 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, April 16**

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

### **Monday, April 17**

### **Tuesday, April 18**

7:00 PM Elders Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 19**

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

### **Thursday, April 20**

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

### **Friday, April 21**

### **Saturday, April 22**

### **Sunday, April 23**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
 10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
 12:00 PM Starting Point Seminar (rooms 120-125)  
 6:00 PM Youth Group

## Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

### **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

### **June 26 - 30**

Vacation Bible School

# Announcements

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**1. Starting Point Seminar—April 23 after worship.** If you're interested in joining our church family or learning more about who we are and what we believe, join us for Starting Point immediately following the worship service on April 23. A light lunch will be served. Register by contacting the church office.

**2. 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.

**3. Vacation Bible School — June 26-30.** Mark your calendar for this year's Vacation Bible School here at FBCUM: June 26 - 30 from 9am-12:30pm. If you're a member of the church and are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Pam Jensen or Shelby Strickland.

**4. 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.

