

Sunday Morning Worship

April 2, 2023



**FIRSTBAPTIST
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Order of Worship

April 2, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship — Psalm 25:1-5

Song — Holy, Holy, Holy!

Song — Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Congregational Scripture Reading — Ephesians 1:11-14

Song — King Forevermore

Pastoral Prayer

Message — Zach Schlegel

“An Old Testament Love Story”

Genesis 24:1-67

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Song — Doxology

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 25:1-5 (ESV)

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies exult over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

they shall be ashamed who
are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Reginald Heber | John B. Dykes

Verse 1:

Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning

Our song shall rise to Thee

Holy holy holy

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons

Blessed Trinity

Verse 2:

Holy, holy, holy!

All the saints adore Thee

Casting down their golden crowns

Around the glassy sea

Cherubim and seraphim

Falling down before Thee

Which was and is

And evermore shall be

Verse 3:

Holy, holy, holy!

Though the darkness hide Thee

Though the eye of sinful man

Thy glory may not see

Only Thou art holy

There is none beside Thee

Perfect in power

Love and purity

Verse 4:

Holy, holy, holy!

Lord God Almighty

All Thy works shall praise Thy name

In earth and sky and sea

Holy holy holy

Merciful and mighty

God in three persons

Blessed Trinity

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

Johnny Robinson | Rich Thompson | Michael Farren

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### Verse 1:

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love  
My deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine  
I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### Verse 2:

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Savior he will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won  
And I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### Verse 3:

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released  
I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

### Verse 4:

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete  
Still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

## Congregational Scripture Reading — Ephesians 1:11-14 (ESV)

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¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

King Forevermore

Aaron Keyes | Pete James

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## **Verse 1:**

God the uncreated One,  
the Author of salvation  
Who wrote the laws of space and time  
Who fashioned worlds to His design  
The One whom angel hosts revere  
Hung the stars like chandeliers  
Numbered every grain of sand  
Knows the heart of every man  
He is King forever, He is King forever  
He is King forevermore

## **Verse 2:**

God our fortress and our strength  
The Rock on which we can depend  
Matchless in His majesty  
His power and authority  
Unshaken by the schemes of man  
Never changing Great I am  
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall  
He is faithful through it all  
Crown Him King forever,  
Crown Him King forever  
Crown Him King forevermore

## **Verse 3:**

Mighty God in mortal flesh  
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss  
The curse of sin and centuries  
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace  
Lifted high the sinless man  
Crucified the spotless Lamb  
Buried by the sons of man  
Rescued by the Father's hand  
Reign as King forever, Reign as King forever  
Reign as King forevermore

## **Verse 4:**

King eternal God of grace  
We crown You with the highest praise  
Heaven shouts and saints adore  
You're holy, holy, holy Lord  
What joy in everlasting life  
All is love and faith is sight  
Justice rolls and praises rise  
At the name of Jesus Christ  
King of kings forever,  
King of kings forever  
King of kings forevermore

## **Sermon Notes**

### **“An Old Testament Love Story” :: Genesis 24:1-67**

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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.

## 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 April 2

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

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using examples in Scripture to inspire our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer of the Apostle Paul from Ephesians 3:14-16:

<sup>14</sup> *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,*  
<sup>15</sup> *from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,*  
<sup>16</sup> *that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened*  
*with power through his Spirit in your inner being,*

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, 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 2 (Palm Sunday)**

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

### **Monday, April 3**

### **Tuesday, April 4**

7:00 PM Elders Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 5**

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

### **Thursday, April 6**

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

### **Friday, April 7 (Good Friday)**

7:00 PM Good Friday Worship

### **Saturday, April 8**

### **Sunday, April 9 (Resurrection Sunday)**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship

## **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

### **June 26 - 30**

Vacation Bible School

# Announcements

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1. 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.

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. 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. A light lunch will be served. Register by contacting the church office.

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. 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.

6. 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.

