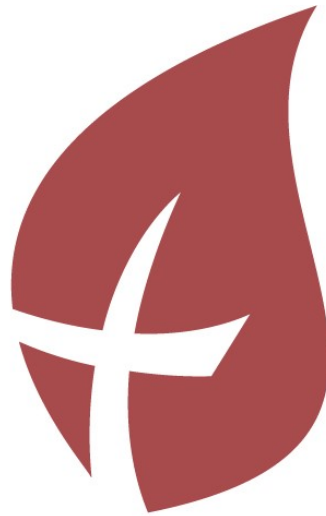


# *Sunday Morning Worship*

*December 10, 2023*



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***December 10, 2023***

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***Song — The Lord Is My Salvation (Psalm 27)***

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***Song — God Moves***

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**Comfort Rooms:** To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

**Visitors & Guests:** Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.

## Call to Worship — Psalm 100 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley | George Whitfield | Felix Mendelssohn

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### Verse 1:

Hark! The herald angels sing  
“Glory to the newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With angelic hosts proclaim  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem”  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

### Verse 2:

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail th'incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with men to dwell  
Jesus our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

### Verse 3:

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by  
Born that man no more may die  
Born to raise the sons of earth  
Born to give them second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

# The Lord Is My Salvation (Psalm 27)

Keith and Kristyn Getty

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## **Verse 1:**

The grace of God has reached for me  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground  
The Lord is my salvation

## **Verse 2:**

I will not fear when darkness falls  
His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun  
The Lord is my salvation

## **Chorus:**

Who is like the Lord our God  
Strong to save faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the victory won  
The Lord is my salvation

## **Verse 3:**

My hope is hidden in the Lord  
He flow'rs each promise of His Word  
When winter fades I know spring will come  
The Lord is my salvation

## **Verse 4:**

In times of waiting times of need  
When I know loss when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days  
The Lord is my salvation

## **Verse 5:**

And when I reach the final day  
He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise He will call me home  
The Lord is my salvation

## **Bridge:**

Glory be to God the Father  
Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit  
The Lord is my salvation

## Scripture Reading — Romans 8:18-30 (ESV)

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<sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. <sup>20</sup> For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. <sup>23</sup> And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because <sup>[g]</sup> the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

## Who Would Have Dreamed?

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Jason Hanson | Bob Kauflin

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### Verse 1:

On a starlit hillside  
shepherds watched their sheep  
Slowly David's city drifted off to sleep  
But to this little town of no great renown  
The Lord had a promise to keep

### Verse 2:

Prophets had foretold it  
a mighty King would come  
Long awaited Ruler, God's Anointed One  
But the Sovereign of all  
looked helpless and small  
As God gave the world His own Son

### Chorus:

And who would have dreamed  
or ever foreseen  
that we could hold God in our hands  
The Giver of Life is born in the night  
Revealing God's glorious plan  
To save the world!

### Verse 3:

Wondrous gift of heaven,  
the Father sends the Son  
Planned from time eternal moved by holy love  
He will carry our curse and death He'll reverse  
So we can be daughters and sons

**Sermon Notes**

**“God Meant It For Good” :: Genesis 49:29-50:26**

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# God Moves

William Cowper | Bob Kauflin

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## Verse 1:

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm  
Deep in His dark and hidden mines  
With never failing skill  
He fashions all His bright designs  
And works His sovereign will

## Chorus:

So God we trust in You  
O God we trust in You  
So God we trust in You  
O God we trust in You  
When tears are great  
And comforts few  
We hope in mercies ever new  
We trust in You

## Verse 2:

Oh fearful saints new courage take  
The clouds that you now dread  
Are big with mercy and will break  
In blessings on your head  
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense  
But trust Him for His grace  
Behind a frowning providence  
He hides a smiling face

## Verse 3:

God's purposes will ripen fast  
Unfolding every hour  
The bud may have a bitter taste  
But sweet will be the flower  
Blind unbelief is sure to err  
And scan His work in vain  
God is His own interpreter  
And He will make it plain

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of December 10

### **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 Colossians 1:9a, 11:

*“<sup>9</sup> And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be ...  
<sup>11</sup> strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might,  
for all endurance and patience with joy; “*

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 that God would bring a swift end to wars going on throughout the world and establish peace. Pray for protection and care for the many refugees fleeing to safety. Pray that those impacted would trust in God in the midst of their suffering. (Ps. 139:23-24)
- 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), 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 making us members of one body, fellow heirs, fellow citizens, and partakers of God's great promises. (Eph 2:19; 3:6)
- Pray that God would provide opportunity for gospel conversations with family and friends during the holiday season (Matt. 28:19).
- Pray for our ministry leaders and elders during this budget season as they pray and prepare a budget to present to the church. Pray for wisdom and a God-centered vision for how to use the resources that God has given our church. (James 1:5)
- Pray for those in our church family who are grieving the loss of loved ones. 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 for members of our church who are homebound due to illness—for physical healing and unflinching hope in God. Pray also for those in our church who are caretakers—for strength, patience, and love. (2 Cor 4:16; Gal 6:9-10)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- 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, Joe Battice, Bob and Alice Copeland, Chris Guerra (military deployment), Jackie Jones, Tyler Koch (military deployment), Lucie Lowe, 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, December 10**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
12:00 PM Members' Meeting  
6:00 PM Youth Group

### **Monday, December 11**

### **Tuesday, December 12**

### **Wednesday, December 13**

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

### **Thursday, December 14**

6:30 PM Elders Meeting

### **Friday, December 15**

### **Saturday, December 16**

### **Sunday, December 17**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
6:00 PM Christmas Caroling Service &  
Cookie Fellowship

## **Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church**

### **TODAY, December 10**

12:00 PM — Members' Meeting

### **Sunday, December 17**

6:00 PM — Christmas Caroling Service & Cookie Fellowship

# Announcements

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**1. Members Meeting — TODAY After Worship Service.** We plan to have a Members Meeting immediately following the worship service today. If you're a church member, please make plans to join us for this important meeting as we discuss ministry reports, membership, and the 2024 church budget.

**2. Christmas Caroling Service & Cookie Fellowship — Sunday, Dec 17, at 6pm.** Join us for an evening of singing and hearing from the Scriptures about how God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Then, spend time enjoying one another's company over cookies and coffee. All we ask it that you bring some of your favorite Christmas cookies to share with the church family. Feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors.

**3. Year-End Giving.** We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As we near the end of 2023, please remember that any gifts to be counted toward your 2023 annual giving statement must be postmarked, in the church office, or submitted online by Dec. 31.

You can give three ways:

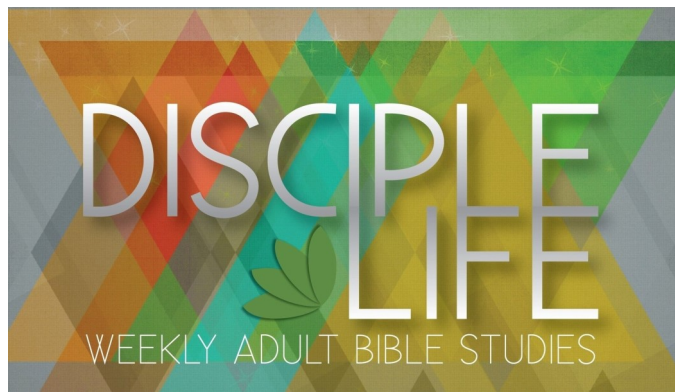
- [online](#): click the link or scan the QR code,
- [in-person](#): place your offering in the designated boxes in the church foyer
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## **Note of Thanks:**

Beloved Church Family — Thank you for your love poured out to me in my time of need. We have been overwhelmed with your prayers, kindnesses, cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, and delicious goodies. God has heard and answered all the prayers. All glory to His holy name. ~ Ms. Jackie Jones





## **Winter 2024 (Dec. - Feb.) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:**

**WINTER SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, DEC 3**

**(IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN A CLASS!)**

### **Explore the Bible – Genesis 1-19**

This winter, we'll study the first 19 chapters of Genesis. The old saying warns us that those who ignore the past are destined to repeat its mistakes. In Genesis 1-19, readers are given a front-row seat to where everything began—and how it all fell apart. Even more important, we see how a loving God moved to restore the shattered pieces by pointing His people toward a future hope. Our world is just as broken today as it was back then, which means the message of Genesis is just as vital today as it was back then.

There is a co-ed class and a women's class covering this material (books are available in the classroom starting 11/19):

- **Explore the Bible (Coed) — Room 117/118**  
**Teachers: Bill Lowry, Vince Butler, Tony Edwards**
- **Explore the Bible (Women) — Room 113**  
**Teacher: Tanya Joy**

### **Gentle and Lowly**

"Christians know that God loves them but can easily feel that he is perpetually disappointed and frustrated, maybe even close to giving up on them. As a result, they focus a lot—and rightly so—on what Jesus has done to appease God's wrath for sin. But how does Jesus actually feel about his people amid all their sin and failure? This book draws us to Matthew 11, where Jesus describes himself as "gentle and lowly in heart," longing for his people to find rest in him."

- **Room 114 :: Teachers - Josh Strickland and Tyrone Moorehead**

**\*\* DiscipleLIFE classes for all ages meet every Sunday morning at 9am. \*\***



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Place your offering in the designated basket(s) in the church foyer on Sunday morning or drop it off in the church office during office hours.



## Mail-In

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