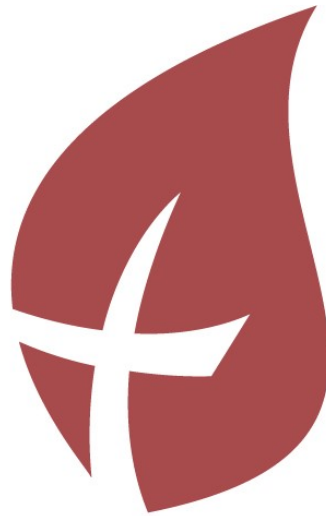


# ***Sunday Morning Worship***

***December 24, 2023***



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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 — John 1:1-4, 14 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## The First Noel

Traditional English Carol

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### Verse 1:

The first Noel the angel did say,  
was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

### Chorus:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

### Verse 2:

For all to see there was a star  
shining in the east, beyond them far,  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

### Verse 3:

And by the light of that same star  
the wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

### Verse 4:

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
who hath made heav'n and earth of naught,  
and with his blood mankind hath bought.

## Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French Carol

### Verse 1:

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

### Chorus:

Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

### Verse 2

Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?

### Verse 3

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

### Verse 4

See Him in a manger laid  
Whom the choirs of angels praise  
Mary Joseph lend your aid  
While our hearts in love we raise

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley | George Whitfield | Felix Mendelssohn

### 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!"

## Scripture Reading — Hebrews 2:6-18 (ESV)

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<sup>6</sup> It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the son of man, that you care for him?

<sup>7</sup> You made him for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned him with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup> putting everything in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup> But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup> For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup> saying,

“I will tell of your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

<sup>13</sup> And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

John Neale | Steve Cook | Bob Kauflin

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## **Verse 1:**

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel!

## **Verse 2:**

O come Thou Dayspring from on high  
And cause Thy light on us to rise.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel!

## **Verse 3:**

O come, O come, True prophet of the Lord  
And turn the key to heaven's door  
Be Thou our comforter and guide  
And lead us to the Father's side.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall by His Word  
our darkness dispel.

## **Verse 4:**

O come our great High Priest and intercede  
Thy sacrifice our only plea  
The judgment we no longer fear  
Thy precious blood has brought us near.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Has banished every fear of hell.

## **Verse 5:**

O Come Thou King of nations bring  
An end to all our suffering  
Bid every pain and sorrow cease  
And reign now as our Prince of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come again with us to dwell

## **Verse 6:**

O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
Who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in its ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come again with us to dwell

**Sermon Notes**  
**“God Is Immanent” :: Psalm 8**

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# Go, Tell It on the Mountain

John W. Work Jr. | John W. Work III

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## **Chorus:**

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills, and ev'rywhere;  
go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

## **Verse 1:**

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

## **Verse 2:**

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.

## **Verse 3:**

Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born,  
and God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.



# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of December 24

### **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 3:17b-19:

*“...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 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 the new members recently brought into our church family; Evelyn Addo-yobo, Mary Ayeni Dina, Marc DiPietro, Noah Foster, Whitney Moorehead, Tim and Ashley Smith, Riyan and Evony Smith, and Melissa Anne Thomaswicks. Pray that God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray that God would provide opportunity for gospel conversations with family and friends during the holiday season (Matt. 28:19).
- Pray that we would rejoice in and declare the miracles of Christmas as we remember that “nothing is impossible with God” (Luke 1:37).
- Pray that God would help us look to the new year with the hope that the gospel provides and with an attitude that gives glory to God in all things. (Rom. 11:36)
- Pray for those in our church family who are grieving the loss of loved ones during this holiday season. 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 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)
- 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)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Ralph and Margaret Austin, Joe Battice, Bob and Alice Copeland, Michael Davenport (death of Father), Chris Guerra (military deployment), Jackie Jones, 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 24 (Christmas Eve)**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
5:00 PM Christmas Caroling Service &  
Cookie Fellowship

### **Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day)**

Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, December 26**

### **Wednesday, December 27**

No Wednesday Evening Activities

### **Thursday, December 28**

### **Friday, December 29**

### **Saturday, December 30**

### **Sunday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)**

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

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

### **TODAY, December 24**

5:00 PM — Christmas Caroling Service & Cookie Fellowship

### **Wednesday, January 3**

6:30 PM — Church Prayer Meeting

### **Sunday, January 28**

12:00noon - Starting Point Seminar  
(Open to anyone interested in church membership  
or simply learning more about our church. Contact church office to register.)

# Announcements

**1. Christmas Caroling Service & Cookie Fellowship — TONIGHT at 5pm.** 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 is that you bring some of your favorite Christmas cookies to share with the church family. Feel free to invite family, friends, and neighbors.

**2. Audio/Visual Team Informational Meeting.** The Audio/Visual Team has the critical task of making sure we can hear the Gospel being proclaimed every week here at FBCUM. And the team is in need of additional volunteers to help serve the church family in this very important way. If you have any interest in serving with our Audio/Visual Team, make plans to attend an informational meeting at the church on Jan 7 following the worship service. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Deacon leading that team, Mosi Winder (mosi.winder@gmail.com)

**3. New Church Mobile App.** Download today and get simple and easy access to all the things that help keep us connected as a church body; church calendar, weekly sermons, directory information, online giving, etc. Visit the church website at [www.fbcum.org](http://www.fbcum.org) and click on the large icon on the homepage that says "download our new app". Follow the prompts and make sure you submit the email or phone number that we have linked to you in our church database. Questions? Need assistance? Contact Mike Whittaker at the church office ([mwhittaker@fbcum.org](mailto:mwhittaker@fbcum.org) or 301-952-0117).



**4. 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
- by mail: send to the church office.



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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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