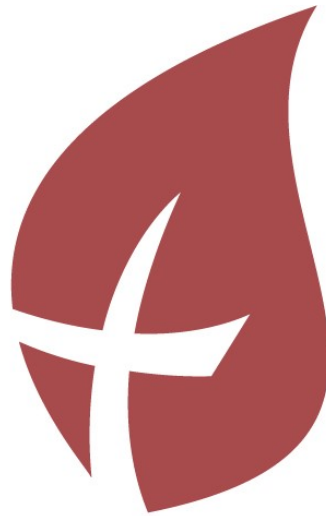


# ***Sunday Morning Worship***

***December 3, 2023***



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# ***Order of Worship***

***December 3, 2023***

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**Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

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***Song — Doxology***

**Benediction**

**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 — Luke 1:26-33 (ESV)

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<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth,  
<sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"  
<sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

### 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

## Congregational Scripture Reading — Psalm 1 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.

<sup>4</sup> The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

<sup>6</sup> for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

## Prepare Him Room

Rebecca Elliott | Dave Fournier

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### Verse 1:

O behold, the mystery now unfolds  
See the star shine on the virgin foretold  
Angels sing and light up the sky  
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry  
Swing wide, you ancient gates  
For Christ is born today!

### Chorus:

Prepare Him room  
Prepare Him room  
Let the King of glory enter in

### Verse 2:

God with us, the promise has come to be  
This, the one the prophets were longing to see  
In the darkness a blazing light  
To the hungry the words of life  
His kingdom now is near  
For those with ears to hear

### Verse 3:

Oh, our hearts, as busy as Bethlehem  
Hear Him knock,  
don't say there's no room in the inn  
Through the cradle, cross, and grave  
See the love of God displayed  
Now He's risen and He reigns  
Praise the Name above all names!

# Blessed Assurance

David LaChance Jr | Fanny Crosby

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## **Verse 1:**

Come Holy Spirit my soul assure  
Relieve my fears that I no more  
May doubt the love of Christ for me  
That my debt is paid that I've been made free  
O Comforter in me reside  
When the tempter speaks be my faithful Guide  
Show Your promise is for me secured  
For the battle be my heav'nly sword

## **Chorus:**

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

## **Verse 2:**

Illumine me with the Savior's light  
To dispel my thoughts in the blackest night  
In darkest hour to my soul reveal  
The wounds which all my sorrows heal  
Impress that seal His image leave  
And by Your pow'r to His grace I'll cleave  
Until faith be sight and prayer be praise  
When beholding Jesus face to face

## **Bridge:**

This my story this my song  
Born of Spirit washed in blood  
This my story this my song  
In my Savior I belong

## Sermon Notes

### **“God Bless You” :: Genesis 49:1-28**

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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.

# O Come, All You Unfaithful

Bob Kauflin | Lisa Clow

## Verse 1:

O come, all you unfaithful  
Come, weak and unstable  
Come, know you are not alone

## Verse 2:

O come, barren and waiting ones  
Weary of praying, come  
See what your God has done

## Chorus:

Christ is born, Christ is born  
Christ is born for you

## Verse 3:

O come, bitter and broken  
Come with fears unspoken  
Come, taste of His perfect love

## Verse 4:

O come, guilty and hiding ones  
There is no need to run  
See what your God has done

## Bridge:

He's the Lamb who was given  
Slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace  
For those who believe

## Verse 5:

So come, though you have nothing  
Come, He is the offering  
Come, see what your God has done

## Doxology

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 December 3

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

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as an 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-10:

*“ 9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you...*

*10 to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him:*

*bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge 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 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 unfailing 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, Family of Regina Flowers (died Nov 10), Chris Guerra (military deployment), Jackie Jones, Tyler Koch (military deployment), Lucie Lowe, Wagner Family (death of Joel's mother), 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 3**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper  
12:00 PM Members' Budget Meeting

### **Monday, December 4**

### **Tuesday, December 5**

### **Wednesday, December 6**

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

### **Thursday, December 7**

### **Friday, December 8**

### **Saturday, December 9**

### **Sunday, December 10**

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

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

### **TODAY, December 3**

12:00 PM — Members' Budget Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 6**

6:30 PM — Church Prayer Meeting

### **Sunday, December 10**

12:00 PM — Members' Meeting

### **Sunday, December 17**

6:00 PM — Christmas Caroling Service & Cookie Fellowship

# Announcements

1. **New DiscipleLIFE Classes for Adults Began TODAY.** It's never too late to participate in one of our DiscipleLIFE classes. See bulletin insert for full descriptions, locations, and teachers.

2. **2024 Budget Informational Meeting TODAY.** All interested church members are welcome to attend immediately following the worship service. The elders will be walking through the proposed 2024 church budget, giving opportunity to review and ask questions.

3. **Church Prayer Meeting - THIS Wednesday at 6:30 PM.** We hope you'll make plans to join the church family on Wednesday evening for our monthly prayer meeting.

4. **Members Meeting — Sunday, Dec. 10.** Lord willing, we plan to have a Members Meeting immediately following the worship service on Dec 10. If you're a church member, please mark your calendar and make plans to join us for this important meeting. Minutes from the previous meeting are available in the church office.

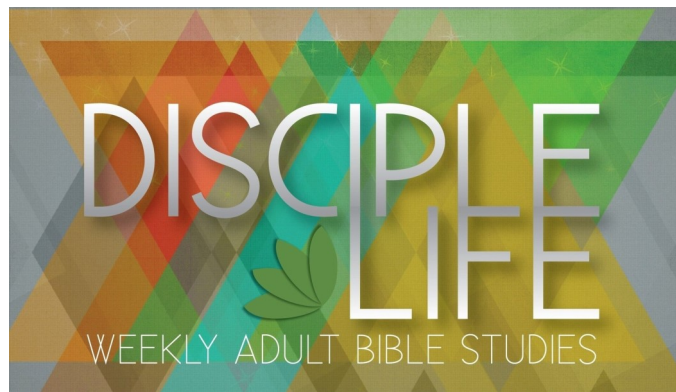
5. **Christmas Caroling Service & Cookie Fellowship — Sunday, Dec 17, at 6pm.** Join us for an evening of singing and hearing from the Scriptures about how God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Then, spend time enjoying one another's company over cookies and coffee. All we ask is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

6. **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.





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

**WINTER SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, DEC 3**

### **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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## Mail-In

Mail your offering directly to the church office at the address below:

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