

Sunday Morning Worship

January 21, 2024



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Order of Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship — 1 Chronicles 29:10b-13

Prayer of Confession

Song — The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)

Responsive Scripture Reading — Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Song — Genuine Love

Pastoral Prayer

Song — How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Prayer of Thanks

**Message — Zach Schlegel
“A Letter From Jesus on Love”**

Revelation 2:1-7

Song — In Christ Alone

Introduction of New Church Members

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 — 1 Chronicles 29:10b-13 (ESV)

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<sup>10</sup> “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. <sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. <sup>13</sup> And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.”

## The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)

Lillian Bouknight

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Verse 1:

The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus:

Whom shall I fear?
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life.
Whom shall I fear?

Verse 2:

In the time of trouble He shall hide me,
in the time of trouble He shall hide me,
in the time of trouble He shall hide me,
whom shall I fear?

Verse 3:

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
whom shall I fear?

Responsive Scripture Reading — Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (ESV)

Congregation read aloud the underlined font.

¹ “Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Genuine Love

Eric McAllister

Chorus:

You have welcomed us into your family
Bought by blood into this new community
Teach us love, teach us love,
teach us genuine love
So the world may see that you're alive in us
So the world may see that you're alive in us

Verse 1:

We are many, we are one
Joined together in the Son
You have poured your love on us
Ever fervent in our prayers
Ever generous to share
You have poured your love on us

Verse 2:

Songs of thanks and praise we sing
To the God of grace and peace
You have poured your love on us

We're the church of Jesus Christ
Through his precious sacrifice
You have poured your love on us

Verse 3:

Near the grieving we are found
With them still when joy rebounds
As you form your Son in us
We will gather, pray, and eat
Showing honor to the weak
As you form your Son in us

Verse 4:

Though this world may hate your name
We will never be ashamed
As you form your Son in us
For the church that you have won
Evil shall not overcome
As you form your Son in us
As you form your Son in us
You will form your Son in us

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

Verse 1:

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Verse 2:

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Verse 3:

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

Sermon Notes

“A Letter From Jesus on Love” :: Revelation 2:1-7

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, What depths of peace
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2:

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3:

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4:

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, January 21

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
12noon Church Potluck
6:00 PM Youth Night

Monday, January 22

Tuesday, January 23

Wednesday, January 24

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir
6:30 PM AWANA
Elder-led Bible Study
Band/Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 25

Friday, January 26

Saturday, January 27

Sunday, January 28

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ baptism
12:00 PM Starting Point Seminar
6:00 PM Youth Night

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

TODAY — Sunday, January 21

12:00noon - Church Pot Luck

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.)*

Wednesday, February 7

6:30pm - Church Prayer Meeting

March 1-3

Youth Retreat—Camp Wabana, Edgewater, MD

Wednesday, March 6

6:30pm - Church Prayer Meeting

March 22-23

Spring Women's Retreat — Hyatt Regency, Cambridge, MD
(see p.11 for details)

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of January 21

Prayer of the week:

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Hebrews 13:20-21 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. If you're a church member praying through the church directory, this is a great prayer to use as you pray for your church family this week.

²⁰ Now may the God of peace... ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in [you] that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 recent baptism of our brother, Marc DiPietro. May God continue his work of sanctification in his life and help us as a church family to walk along with him. (Rom 6:4)
- Pray that we would honor God in how we use technology (smartphone, computers, etc): to have self-control, to use it to grow in Christ and not sin, and prioritize its use according to godly wisdom for our relationships. (Prov. 25:28; Rom 13:14)
- Pray for those in our church family who are suffering through illness. Pray their faith would be strengthened and they would hope in Christ in the midst of suffering (Lk. 22:32; 3 Jn 2)
- Pray that God would help us look into 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 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:

Margaret Austin and family (death of Ralph), Bob and Alice Copeland, 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.)

Announcements

1. Church Potluck after worship TODAY. All are welcome to join us for a potluck lunch in the foyer following the worship service today. Give our volunteers a few minutes to setup at the conclusion of the service, and then we'll invite everyone to sit and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

2. Interested in Church Membership? Join us for Starting Point on January 28 after worship.

Starting Point is a seminar-style meeting following the worship service open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning more about who we are and what we believe. A light lunch will be served. Contact the church office to register.

3. Spring Women's Retreat :: March 22-23. Ladies, join us for the Spring Women's Retreat at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay in Cambridge, MD, March 22 - 23, where we will be considering the topic of "The Freedom and Power Found in Forgiveness". We're looking forward to a week-end filled with fun, enjoyment, and spiritual refreshment. In addition to formal times of teaching and fellowship, there will also be plenty of time to relax. The cost of this year's retreat is \$175 per person, which includes accommodations and two meals. Scholarships will also be available. Register today by scanning the QR code or visiting the church website. Contact Kristine Louis with questions: kristinelouis10@yahoo.com.



4. Lost and Found. Many lost and found items are out for display on the table in the Fellowship Hall to be reclaimed. Any items left unclaimed today will be donated.

5. Giving. We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As a reminder, there are three ways you can give:

- 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.

Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.

