

Sunday Morning Worship

January 7, 2024



**FIRSTBAPTIST
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UPPERMARLBORO**

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Order of Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — Exodus 15:1-2, 11

Song — Be Thou My Vision
Song — Name Above All Names

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 44:6-8

Pastoral Prayer

Song — Blessed Assurance

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Message — Zach Schlegel
“The Revelation of Jesus Christ”
Revelation 1:1-8

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Song — Is He Worthy?
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 — Exodus 15:1-2, 11 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup>Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the Lord, saying,

“I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

<sup>2</sup>The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

<sup>11</sup>Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

## Be Thou My Vision

Traditional Irish lyric and melody | R. Mary E. Byrne

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Verse 1

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art -
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Verse 2

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Verse 3

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Verse 4

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's
Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Name Above All Names

Pat and Joe Sczebel

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## **Verse 1**

From the brightness of His glory  
Jesus, the Son of God descends  
Takes on the nature of a servant  
Jesus, obedient to death  
The Father willed to crush Him  
As a sacrifice for sin  
He satisfied God's justice  
And in vict'ry rose again

## **Chorus**

You are highly exalted  
Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
You are reigning in glory  
Jesus You're the King  
Over everything  
Exalted to the highest place  
Given the name above all other names

## **Verse 2**

The tomb is empty Christ has risen  
Jesus the Lamb once crucified  
The angels never cease to worship  
Jesus in heaven glorified  
To Him belongs the power  
The wisdom might and strength  
All glory and dominion  
To the Lord of every age

## **Bridge**

Our knees will bow  
Our tongues proclaim  
That You are Lord of all

## Scripture Reading — Isaiah 44:6-8 (ESV)

6 Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel

and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;

besides me there is no god.

<sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,

since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

<sup>8</sup> Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

## Blessed Assurance

David LaChance, Jr. | Fanny Crosby

### 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**

### **“The Revelation of Jesus Christ” :: Revelation 1:1-8**

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Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson | Ben Shive

Verse 1

Do you feel the world is broken? We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light
from getting through? We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?
We do

Verse 2

Is all creation groaning? It is
Is a new creation coming? It is
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst? It is
Is it good that we
remind ourselves of this? It is

Chorus 1

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the
scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy,
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is!

Verse 3

Does the Father truly love us? He does
Does the Spirit move among us? He does
And does Jesus, our Messiah,
Hold forever those He loves? He does
Does our God intend
to dwell again with us? He does

Chorus 2

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the
scroll?
The Lion of Judah
who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died
to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe
every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom
and priests to God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy,
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this? He is

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!

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, January 7

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper

Monday, January 8

Tuesday, January 9

7:00 PM Elder Meeting

Wednesday, January 10

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir

6:30 PM AWANA

Elder-led Bible Study

Band/Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11

Friday, January 12

Saturday, January 13

Sunday, January 14

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Sunday, January 21

12:00noon - Church Pot Luck

(Please see the bulletin insert for details.)

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.)*

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of January 7

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,¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ 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:

Margaret Austin and family (death of Ralph), Joe Battice, 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. Audio/Visual Team Informational Meeting TODAY. 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 following the worship service today. Contact our Deacon of Audio/Visual, Mosi Winder, with questions (mosi.winder@gmail.com).

2. Funeral of Ralph Austin: It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our brother, Ralph Austin. He funeral will take place Saturday, January 13 at 11 am at the church. There will be a repast immediately following the service.

3. 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. Register by contacting the church office.



4. 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 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 or 301-952-0117).



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.



Church Covenant

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.

Three WAYS to GIVE at

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Visit fbcum.org
for more information.



Online Giving

Visit www.fbcum.org and click the “giving” tab or scan the QR code with your mobile device to give online.



In-Person

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

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

First Baptist Church Upper Marlboro
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FBC Potluck

**Join our church potluck on Sunday, January 21st immediately following the service! Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy great food and fellowship.
Details on back.**



**Sunday
Jan 21, 2024**



**Fellowship
Hall**

More Info : Contact Camille Hawit

Potluck

Details

Potluck Do's

- Do bring your meal in a crockpot!
- Do bring a dish ready to eat, requiring only reheating in the oven for a brief period of time.
- Store bought is fine! A fruit tray, a platter of sandwiches or a bucket of chicken is OK!

Potluck Don'ts

- Don't bring anything frozen! We are unable to handle frozen food items.
- Don't miss church to cook!

Logistics

- FBCUM will provide all paper products, serving utensils and water.
- Dropping off your dish:
 1. Before Disciple Life (8:45am-9am)
 2. Before Worship Service (9:45am-10am)

How to Help

(Contact Camille Hawit)

- **Join the Drop Off/Receiving Team**
- Accept food items and assist in setting out items on tables immediately after service.
- **Join the Clean Up Crew**
- Help break down tables, stack chairs, dispose of food items etc.
- Many hands make light work!