

Sunday Morning Worship

February 18, 2024



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UPPERMARLBORO**

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Order of Worship

February 18, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship — Psalm 105:1-4

Prayer of Thanks

Song — Oh Give Thanks

Song — All My Help Comes From the Lord (Psalm 121)

Scripture Reading — Psalm 2:1-12

Song — The Solid Rock

The Apostles' Creed

Pastoral Prayer

Message — Zach Schlegel

“A Letter From Jesus on Tolerance”

Revelation 2:18-29

Song — Speak, O Lord

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 — Psalm 105:1-4 (ESV)

- ¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!
- ² Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!
- ³ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!
- ⁴ Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

Oh Give Thanks

Judith McAllister

Oh give thanks unto the Lord
For He is good!
Yes, He is good!

For He is worthy, worthy!
For He is good!
Yes, He is good!

All My Help Comes From the Lord (Psalm 121)

Cleophus Robinson

Chorus:

All my help, (all my help) comes from the Lord.
All my help, (all my help) comes from the Lord,
(the Lord).
All my needs that I'm possessing.
All my help, all my help, all my help comes
from the Lord, (the Lord).

Verse1:

Father I stretch, (I stretch) my hands to Thee.
I know that You, (only you,) remember me.
When others forget, when others forget
and leave me alone,
I know that Jesus, Jesus, Jesus
will hear my groan.

Verse 2:

When I am weak, (when I'm weak)
He gives me strength.
When I am lonely, He comforts me.
When I am tired of the load that I am bearing,
He gives me courage, courage, courage
to bear my share.

Scripture Reading — Psalm 2 (ESV)

¹ Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed,
saying,
³ “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”
⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.
⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,
⁶ “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”
⁷ I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your
heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter's ves-
sel.”
¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.
¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

The Solid Rock

Edward Mote | William Bradbury

Verse 1:

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 2:

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3:

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Verse 4:

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried.
On the third day, He rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven,
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy universal church
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

An Explanation of the Apostles' Creed:

From as early as the 2nd century, Christians used statements of faith, like the Apostles' Creed, to confess publicly their faith in Christ. Usually they made these statements prior to their public declaration of the faith at baptism. The Apostles' Creed has become a useful tool to teach believers throughout the world and throughout the centuries.

At First Baptist Church, we use this brief statement in our public services to declare before God, before each other, and before the world that these are truths Scripture has revealed. In other words, we are united by our faith in God,

Sermon Notes

“A Letter From Jesus on Tolerance” :: Revelation 2:18-29

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# Speak, O Lord

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

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Verse 1

Speak O Lord as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness

That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory

Verse 2:

Teach us Lord full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity

Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief

Verse 3:

Speak O Lord and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, February 18

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

Monday, February 19 (President's Day)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 20

6:30 PM Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, February 21

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir
6:30 PM AWANA
Adult Bible Study
Choir & Band Rehearsal

Thursday, February 22

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study—Ephesians

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

Sunday, February 25

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

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

March 1-3

Youth Retreat—Camp Wabana, Edgewater, MD

Wednesday, March 6

6:30pm - Church Prayer Meeting

Sunday, March 10

12noon - Church Members' Meeting

March 22-23

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

Friday, March 29

7:00pm - Good Friday Worship Service

March 31 — Resurrection Sunday

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of February 18

Prayer of the week:

It's often helpful to pray Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. As you pray for yourself and others this week, we encourage you to pray the Lord's Prayer (Mt. 6:9-13):

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.*

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever 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:

- Pray for good spiritual fruit to come from the Youth Winter Retreat coming up in early March. Continually pray that the students of our church would hear and understand the gospel and be saved. Pray especially for their families and other faithful Christian adults in the church to faithfully teach and show them how to live out God's commands. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray that God would renew our strength when we're weary and use our weakness to display His power. (2 Cor. 12:9)
- Pray that a culture of discipleship, joyful hospitality, and care grows in us as a church family (1 Pt 4:9; Col. 3:16)
- Pray for those in our church family who are going through a significant time of suffering—physically or mentally. Pray for peace. Pray for a keen awareness of God's presence and a desire to draw near to him. Pray for experiences of joy in Christ and in fellowship with church family. (Is. 26:3-4, Ps. 34:18, Ps. 30:1-5)
- 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:

Joyce Amaker, Bob and Alice Copeland, Family of Mary Lou Flynn (died Feb. 9), Chris Guerra (military deployment), Jackie Jones, Lucie Lowe, Family of Joseph Thomas (died Feb. 14), 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. Spring Women's Retreat :: March 22-23 :: (LAST DAY TO REGISTER). Ladies, it's the last day to register 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 weekend 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.



2. Nursery Volunteers Needed. In the last few weeks, it has been such a blessing to greet new families with young children, giving us a lot more children to care for in our nursery. In our Child Protection Policies, we have child-to-volunteer ratios that are based on age level as well as room size. This ensures that we can properly care for and protect the children in our care. Once the ratio is met, we, sadly, must turn people away and suggest going to a comfort room. In order to avoid turning people away, we are asking for additional volunteers to serve our 2—4 year olds. once every 5 weeks. No preparation or experienced needed. A basic background check is required. If you wish to be considered for this important position, please see Pam Jensen today or call her at the church office and she will get you set up with what you need to serve.

3. Upcoming Events. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

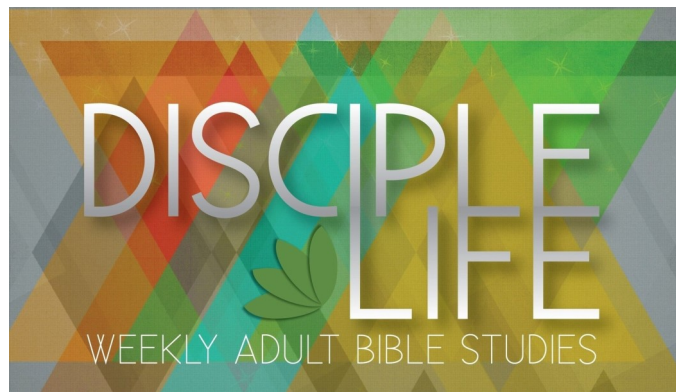
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4. Giving. We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As a reminder, there are three ways you can give:

- 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.





Spring 2024 (March - May) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:

SPRING SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Explore the Bible – Genesis 20-50

This spring, we'll continue our study of Genesis. In Genesis 20–50, readers get a deep dive into the stories of the descendants of Abraham. Through these patriarchs, God built the nation of Israel and established a line to the Savior. Their examples of faith continue to resonate with Christ followers today. And these studies bring their stories to life. (Books are available in the classroom starting 2/25).

- **Explore the Bible (Coed) — Room 117/118 :: Teachers: Bill Lowry & TBD**
- **Explore the Bible (Women) — Room 113 :: Teacher: Tanya Joy**

How to Study the Bible

Understanding the Bible isn't just for the gifted or scholar. God made His word clear and accessible. As miners dig for gold, we by the Holy Spirit, can enjoy the riches of God's word (Proverbs 2:1-6). Join us as we learn to be workman of God's word to rightly grasp the meaning of God's word and fall in love with the divine Author."

- **Room 115 :: Teachers - Zach Schlegel and Darryl Arrington**

Forgiveness

Are you struggling to forgive someone—or multiple people—who have deeply hurt you? Do you frequently feel bitter or offended? When the sin of the people around us looms large in our minds, we need to look to God. His great love is not only an encouragement amidst our pain but also the foundation on which we build true forgiveness for others. In this class, we'll walk along with biblical counselor and author Hayley Satrom as she turns us to Scripture to see the grace and mercy that God daily pours out on us despite our sins against him—then shows us how to forgive others in practical terms. Pick up Satrom's devotional book titled, "Forgiveness: Reflecting God's Mercy" from the church bookstall or order online and join us this quarter.

- **Room 114 :: Teachers - Jay Crandell and Mike Rogers**

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



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