

Resurrection Sunday Worship

March 31, 2024



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Order of Worship

March 31, 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship — 1 Peter 1:3-5

Song — Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

Song — The Storm Is Passing Over

Scripture Reading — Psalm 16:1-11

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Song — In Christ Alone

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Message — Zach Schlegel

“He Has Risen Indeed!”

Luke 24:1-12

Song — O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

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 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

Jordan Kauflin | Keith Getty | Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Matthew Merker

Verse 1:

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone!
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand.

Chorus:

O sing, hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing, hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2:

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good!
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

Verse 3:

Unto the grave what will we sing?
Christ He lives, Christ He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord.
Then sin and death will be destroyed.
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore.

The Storm Is Passing Over

Charles A. Tindley | Donald Vails

Verse 1:

Take courage my soul and let us journey on
Tho' the night is dark and I am far from home
Thanks be to God the morning light appears

Chorus:

The storm is passing over
The storm is passing over
The storm is passing over, Hallelu

Verse 2:

The billows roll and thunder shakes the ground
Tho' the lightnings flash
and tempest all around
Jesus walks the sea and calms the angry waves

Bridge:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
The storm is passing over
The storm is passing over
The storm is passing over, Hallelu

Verse 3:

The stars are gone and distant lights are dim
I am so afraid the seas are breaking in
I hear God say, "Be ye, not afraid"

Verse 4:

Now soon we shall reach
the distant shining shore
Free from all the storms
we'll rest forevermore
Safe within the veil we'll furl the riven sail

Scripture Reading — Psalm 16:1-11 (ESV)

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

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## **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

## **Sermon Notes**

### **“He Has Risen Indeed!” :: Luke 24:1-12**

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O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Nathan Stiff

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## **Verse 1:**

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone

Your grace a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need

## **Verse 2:**

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts

My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

## **Verse 3:**

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

## **This Week at First Baptist Church**

### **Sunday, March 31 (Resurrection Sunday)**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

### **Monday, April 1**

### **Tuesday, April 2**

10:30 AM Women's Study—"Watch Your Mouth"

6:30 PM Elders' Meeting

### **Wednesday, April 3**

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

### **Thursday, April 4**

### **Friday, April 5**

### **Saturday, April 6**

### **Sunday, April 7**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes w/ Starting Point

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

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

### **Wednesday, April 3**

*6:30pm - Church Prayer Meeting*

### **Sundays, April 7, 14, 21**

9am - Starting Point Classes (room 112)

*See announcement page for more info*

### **Sunday, April 14**

12noon - Church Potluck Meal after worship

### **Sunday, May 19**

12noon - Church Members' Meeting

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of March 31

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

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using examples in Scripture to inspire our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer of the Apostle Paul from Ephesians 3:14-16:

*<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,  
<sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,  
<sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened  
with power through his Spirit in your inner being,*

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: Pelumi Bukoye, Keturah Fields, Treonte Fields, Charmanda Grant, Janel Kahrimani, Visar Kahrimani, Nya Payton, Matt Sloan, and Aaron Stolarik. Pray that God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray for good spiritual fruit to come from the Spring Women's Conference this past weekend. Pray that the ladies would be encouraged and strengthened in their faith. Pray that godly friendships would flourish. (Heb. 10:23-24)
- Pray that we know a profound contentment no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in – a contentment from knowing God is our help. (Heb. 13:5-6)
- 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:

**Margaret Austin, 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. Lord's Supper Celebration NEXT Sunday, April 7.** We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the Lord's Supper together as we remember the work of Christ on our behalf. Part of our celebration is reaffirming our unity as the body of Christ. Therefore, if you know of any reconciliation that needs to happen between you and another brother or sister in Christ in the church, we hope you'll take the time to prayerfully do that this week.

**2. Church Prayer Meeting on Wed., April 3rd at 6:30 PM.** We look forward to praying together, as well as hearing testimony and biblical encouragement as a church family.

**3. Starting Point Seminar during DiscipleLIFE—April 7, 14, and 21.** Are you interested in joining our church family? Or perhaps you'd like to simply learn more about who we are and what we believe? Make plans to attend our Starting Point Seminars during the DiscipleLIFE time on Sunday mornings at 9am, April 7, 14, and 21. We'll meet in room 112. All are welcome. There is no obligation to join. Contact the church office to register.

**4. Young Adult (18-30) Event - Dinner, Dessert, & Game Night—April 20 @ 6pm.** Young adults, join us at 6pm on April 20 at the Stolarik's House in Huntingtown. Friends are welcome, but please register by April 13 so we can make preparations for food. Scan the QR code for all the [details and registration](#) information. Questions? Contact Josh Strickland ([joshstrick@icloud.com](mailto:joshstrick@icloud.com))



**5. Disaster Relief Training :: April 6.** The Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware will have Disaster Relief Training at the Seaford Grace Church: 805 Atlanta Road, Seaford, DE., from 9-4pm. Members of FBCUM are welcome to register. Current DR volunteers who are in need of recertification are also welcome to register. The cost for new Disaster Relief Training certification is \$30. Those in need of recertification the cost is \$20. Scan the QR to [register and get more info](#). Contact Tanya Joy with questions at 301-335-2986.



**6. 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.



# God Our Great Deliverer

[Luke 24:1-12](#)

"He is Risen Indeed"— March 31, 2024



## Introduction

Can you remember a teacher who left an impact on your life? When you look back you may be thankful for their impact, but you also may not think of that teacher much any longer. Many people today relate to Jesus in the same way. You may think of Jesus as a historical figure, a good moral teacher, and even a prophet. The good news of Christianity is much more than that.

The good news is that Jesus is the Son of God. He was fully God and fully man. He died on a cross for our sin, rose from the dead and now sits at the right hand of the throne of God. Jesus will not settle for a simple head nod of acknowledgment or a thumbs up of approval. He will not be relegated to the margins of our life as if He is just a good example or moral teacher. Those who follow Jesus much "deny themselves, take up their cross daily and follow Him." ([Luke 9:23](#))

We must bow our knee to Him and trust Him with every area of our life. Giving total control of our life to Jesus can be terrifying. So before going "all in" with Jesus, we must be certain about Who Jesus is. Luke's gospel was written to give us certainty. ([Luke 1:1-4](#)) In Luke's gospel, Jesus is at the center of everything until chapter 24. Jesus has risen, but in today's text, you won't see Jesus. We are meant to ask, "why."

## Sermon Outline

1. Scene One: A Surprising Discovery Vs. 1-4
2. Scene Two: A Forgotten Promise Vs. 4-8
3. Scene Three: A Decision Point Vs. 8-12

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read vs. 1-4

Luke tells us that this is the first day of the week. Those traveling to the tomb are the women who, on Friday, witnessed the crucifixion and Jesus' burial. They went to the tomb early in the morning, eager to get there. What do you think that they were thinking about? They had followed Jesus for years. They saw His miracles and heard His teaching. Jesus had given them so much hope. Now, He was dead and so were their hopes. You don't bring burial spices to a tomb if you think the man is alive. They were sad. They went to grieve. They fully expected to find the corpse in the tomb.

Yet when they arrived, the stone had been rolled away. They were in the right place because they saw Joseph of Arimathea put His body there. But when the women arrived at the tomb, they were perplexed. The tomb was empty. They couldn't make sense of this. They may have wondered if someone had taken Jesus' body. We know what happened but take a moment to consider this passage of scripture as if you've never heard it before. Put yourself in the shoes of these women. They were tired, exhausted, discouraged, and confused. They were looking at the circumstances and were struggling.

Can you relate? When all that you can see in front of your face is a hopeless circumstance, how do you feel? It may have felt like death and darkness were in charge. Amid the confusion, sorrow, and pain, Luke provided a glimmer of hope. ([Vs. 3](#)) Luke refers to Jesus as "the Lord" - the One in charge, Who rules over all things, even hopeless circumstances and death itself. Still perplexed, they needed someone or something outside of their painful circumstances to explain what was going on.

### 2. Read vs. 4-8

The ladies encounter two angels. God had gone ahead of them to clear up their confusion. Has God done this with you? When has God pointed you back in the right direction?

The angels questioned the ladies about why they had come. Some people view miracles as silly, anti-science, and they look down on people who do believe in them. They might affirm a spiritual resurrection, but they are looking for Jesus among the dead. This is not what the Bible says. Jesus rose again bodily. He rose again in history. This is not an optional truth. This is essential. Jesus came to die and rise again, not only to save us from our sin, but to set creation free from its bondage to corruption. Jesus' resurrection is the first fruits of other resurrections that are

yet to come. In the new heaven and the new earth, those who have believed in Christ will have a new body. No more tears, no more sorrow, no more death. We know this because Jesus got up from the dead.

Jesus' resurrection is an essential truth. It is the linchpin of Christianity. How can these women believe what seemed to be impossible? How can WE believe it? Some look for evidence. There is an empty tomb, Jesus' appearance to over 500 witnesses, the changed lives of the disciples. The angels didn't use evidence to explain Jesus' resurrection. They turned to God's word. ([vs. 6](#)) They offered a gentle, loving correction. Jesus HAD told them everything that was going to happen well before it happened. ([Luke 18:31-33](#)) He told them to let the words sink in. ([Luke 9:44](#))

Many people want to actually see the resurrected Jesus as proof. If the resurrected Jesus showed up, they still wouldn't believe. ([Luke 16:31](#)) The women finally believed, not because they saw Jesus, but because they heard and remembered. God's word is true and faithful. Faith comes by hearing the word of Christ. ([Romans 10:17](#))

This scripture brings up a question - what happens to a person when they die? After you die, there is resurrection. At that time, our thoughts and deeds will be laid bare before a Holy God, and we will give an account. The standard of judgment will be the perfection of God Himself. If we got what we deserve, it would be death. ([Romans 6:23](#)) But the sinless Jesus was pierced for our transgressions, our sins. Have His words sunk into your heart and mind? If they have, and you believe, you will respond. Hear God's word that gives certainty about his resurrection. Stop trusting self. Turn from your sin, repent and trust in Jesus.

**Additional Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15

### 3. Read vs. 8-12

We see three groups in these verses - the women, the disciples, and Peter. Each displayed a different response.

**The women believed.** Their belief bore fruit. They remembered Jesus' words and responded by telling the disciples. If you believe that Jesus rose from the dead, like these women, you will tell the good news. We have hope in the face of death. The resurrection gives us confidence that all wrongs will be made right. The resurrection gives us purpose to our otherwise meaningless life. The resurrection changes everything.

The women told **the apostles, who thought that this was nonsense**. The first skeptics of the resurrection were the apostles. Eventually they will believe, but it took time. The fact that they struggled to believe can be encouraging to us. It may take time for people to believe. Is there someone with whom you have shared the good news who hasn't responded in faith? Keep loving and praying for those people. We can have hope in God who raises the dead.

**Peter investigated.** Just days before, Peter denied Jesus. If what the ladies were saying was true, could that mean that Peter could be forgiven by and reconciled to Jesus? He ran to the tomb, saw it empty, and left marveling. Do you feel the same way as Peter? You want to really look into the truth of Jesus, investigating it for yourself. Don't put it off though. Make this investigation a priority.

While Jesus may be absent from this part of Luke's narrative, His words are present. Consider those words. We have just as much reason to believe that those first century people did. We have heard His words. How do you respond?

### Prayer of Response

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand*, *believe*, *desire*, or *do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come. If you missed the sermon on Sunday or would like to listen again, visit our website at [fbcum.org](http://fbcum.org)

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| <b>Next week's sermon text:</b> we turn to <a href="#">Revelation 4:1-11</a> "The Heavenly Throne Room" |
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## Family Guide for week of March 31<sup>st</sup>

*Deuteronomy 6:6–7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 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.*



### Suggestions on getting started:

- Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc...)
- Start simple and short (ten minutes or less). Start with three things: 1) Read God's word, 2) Pray together and 3) Sing together. Scripture memory and catechism questions are *optional* if you have the time. Better to start small than bite off more than you can chew and give up.
- Be flexible. It doesn't need to look cookie-cutter similar for every family. Know yourself and know your kids: their personality, age, maturity, etc. [For younger kids consider starting with a good children's Bible like [The Big Picture Story Bible](#).]
- If you don't know the answer to a question someone has, don't act like you do! Say something like, "Great question, let me look into that." Study, ask a pastor or Christian friend and get back to them.
- Embrace the chaos. Kids are kids – don't expect it to be a perfect roundtable discussion with quiet, attentive children every time. Be patient and persistent. Patterns and habits help to set expectations over time.
- To learn more about family worship check out Donald Whitney's book (available at our church bookstall): [Family Worship: In the Bible, In History, and In Your Home](#).

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## **Bible Intake** (*Listening to God*)

Day 1 – Psalm 23  
Day 2 – Psalm 24  
Day 3 – Psalm 25  
Day 4 – Psalm 26  
Day 5 – Psalm 27

*\*Read Revelation 4 in preparation for church on Sunday, April 7, 2024*

## **Prayer** (*Talking to God*)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.  
Pray for a few church members on pg. 36 of our church directory.  
Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

## **Sing together**

"Christ our hope in life and death" – use the bulletin from Sunday

## **Memory verses for the month**

**Psalm 95:3** *"For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods."*

**James 1:17** *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."*

## **Catechism question for the week<sup>1</sup>**

Question 38  
What is prayer?

Answer: Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God.

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<sup>1</sup> *New City Catechism* (<http://newcitycatechism.com/>)