

Sunday Morning Worship

May 12, 2024



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Order of Worship

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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 — Proverbs 30:5 (ESV)

⁵ Every word of God proves true;
he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Nathan Stiff | Jason Brown

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

I Will Sing Your Praise Alone

Jon Althoff | Sheri Jones-Moffett | Joseph Pace II

Verse 1:

I am not ashamed
Of the gospel of Your grace that saved me
You called me from the grave
And the power of Your Spirit raised me
Lord, You gave your life for mine

Chorus:

I will sing Your praise alone
I will sing Your praise alone
You're worthy of my highest song
I will sing Your praise alone

I will sing Your praise alone
I will sing Your praise alone
You're seated on the highest throne
I will sing Your praise alone

Verse 2:

I have been redeemed
By the blood You shed to change my story
Your love has set me free
So that I can live to bring You glory
Lord, You gave your life for mine

Bridge:

Be glorified,
I will praise You, I will praise You
With all my life,
I will praise You, I will praise You

Scripture Reading — Psalm 121 (ESV)

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
- ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
- ⁷ The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
- ⁸ The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

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.

Sermon Notes

“Salvation Belongs to Our God” :: Revelation 7:1-17

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# Jesus, I Come to Thee

William T Sleeper | Jason Brown | Mike Rogers

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## **Verse 1:**

Out of my bondage sorrow and night  
Jesus I come  
Into Thy freedom gladness and light  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of my sickness and into Thy health  
Out of my want and into Thy wealth  
Out of my sin and into thyself  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Jesus I come to Thee

## **Verse 2:**

Out of my shameful failure and loss  
Jesus I come  
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm  
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm  
Out of distress to jubilant psalm  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Jesus I come to Thee

## **Verse 3:**

Out of unrest and arrogant pride  
Jesus I come  
Into Thy blessed will to abide  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love  
Out of despair to glories above  
Upward for e're on wings like a dove  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Jesus I come to Thee

## **Verse 4:**

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb  
Jesus I come  
Into the joy and light of Thy home  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Out of the depths of ruin untold  
Into Your peace, Your sheltering hold  
Ever Thy glorious face to behold  
Jesus I come to Thee  
Jesus I come to Thee

## This Week at First Baptist Church

### **Sunday, May 12 (Mother's Day)**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

### **Monday, May 13**

### **Tuesday, May 14**

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

### **Wednesday, May 15**

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir

6:30 PM AWANA

Elder-led Bible Study

Band/Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, May 16**

### **Friday, May 17**

### **Saturday, May 18**

### **Sunday, May 19**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

12:00 PM Members' Meeting

5:00 PM Youth Group

## Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, May 19**

Church Members Meeting following worship service

### **Wednesday, May 22**

Last Night of Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule  
(AWANA, Elder-led Bible Study, Choir/Band Rehearsals)

### **Sunday, June 9**

Church Picnic (more details to come)



# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of May 12

### **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, consider using the words of Ephesians 1:16-17 to pray for yourself and others:

*<sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,  
<sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,*

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 our upcoming Members Meeting on May 19 after worship. Pray that God would continually help us to grow in unity and service to one another as fellow believers here at FBCUM and help us work together for kingdom purposes. (Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for teachers and students in our church family who are completing their final weeks of classes for the school year. Pray that God would help them to finish well and give them physical and spiritual strength to endure. See a list of our out-of-town college students toward the back of the church directory.
- 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), 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 Members' Meeting — Next Sunday, May 19.** Lord willing, we will have our regularly scheduled Members' Meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, May 19. We will vote on memberships, pray for the ministry of the church, and hear ministry reports and a budget update. Minutes from our previous Members' Meeting are available today in the office.

**2. Last Night of Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule — May 22.** Regular Wednesday evening activities (Choirs, AWANA, Elder-led Bible Study) will break for the Summer after meeting May 22.

**3. Vacation Bible School — July 8-12 — Don't Delay, Volunteer Today.** VBS is less than two months away! We still have a few important spots to fill, and we need your help. VBS will take place July 8 - 12 from 9:00-12:30. If you are available to serve, please see Charles Kirkland or Pam Jensen. We will need a full complement of leaders signed up by Sunday, June 2, in order to open registration. So don't delay... volunteer today!

**4. Audio/Visual Team Volunteers Needed.** 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 or have questions, please contact our Deacon of Audio/Visual, Mosi Winder (mosi.winder@gmail.com).

**5. Save the Date — Church Picnic on the Front Lawn—Sunday, June 9 (details coming soon).**

**6. Glover Scholarship.** If you are a church member and a 2024 high school graduate who is attending college in the fall, you are eligible to apply for the John and Ethel Glover Scholarship. Contact Mike Rogers in the church office for an application or for more information (mrogers@firstbaptistum.com). The deadline for submissions is June 23rd.

**7. 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.

## Digital Communication Card



Are you interested in receiving more information about the church, meeting with a pastor, or sharing a prayer need? Scan the QR code to fill in our digital communication card and someone will follow up with you. You're always welcome to contact the church office: 301-952-0117.



# Revelation: Following Our Victorious King

[Revelation 7:1-17](#)

“Salvation Belongs to Our God” – May 12, 2024



## Introduction

The Christian life is a marathon. It calls for endurance and perseverance. Trials, tragedies, temptations, as well as the enemy cause Christians to be weary, wondering if they will ever make it. Revelation 7 equips and encourages us for the race.

In chapter six, we see the first six seals opened - the sixth seal tells us about the end of history and the final judgment. Before the seventh seal is open in chapter eight, chapter seven answers the question at the end of chapter six – “Who can stand?”

## Sermon Outline

1. Rest assured; God will rescue all His people. Vs. 1-12
2. Fuel your running with worship. Vs. 13-17

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read vs. 1-12

Chapter seven begins with the next vision that God showed John. The four winds are the winds of judgment. The angels hold back the winds of God's judgment, so they don't completely destroy the earth. There is a day of judgment coming. God is not slow to fulfill that promise of judgment. He is patient. In restraining His final judgment, God gives you and me time to come to Him in faith and repentance.

In verses four through eight, we are told the number of the sealed. In verses nine through twelve, we see a great multitude from every nation, tribe, and tongue. There are several views on the interpretation of these verses. As a church, we must agree that Jesus is coming back. We must agree that He will sit on the throne and judge the earth. We can disagree on some of the peripheral issues.

Remember this is apocalyptic literature. The number of the sealed is meant to be read symbolically. We are meant to read this as a complete number of Christians from the Old Testament and the New Testament - a battalion of the redeemed. When God called Abraham in [Genesis 12](#), He said that through him, all the nations of the earth will be blessed. ([Genesis 22:18](#); [Galatians 3:7](#); [Romans 2:28-29](#)) The church of Jesus Christ is made up of all those who repent and trust in Jesus as Messiah. We can't see who is “sealed.” We don't know who will trust in Jesus. We can't see what God sees. God knows the number - we don't. So, we share the gospel with confidence. With whom do you need to share the good news of the gospel with today?

What is the seal? It is God's name, and God's name represents God's character. When one hears the gospel and comes to faith in Christ, they are sealed with the Holy Spirit. ([Ephesians 1:13](#)) When God puts His name on you, He is saying, “They belong to me.” He will protect you till the end. Jesus bought us with the price of His life. He put His name on us. We belong to Him, and He will protect His own.

So, who can stand on the great and terrible day of judgment? Those who are sealed by God and clothed in white robes! Salvation belongs to God. ([Jonah 2:9](#)) It is given to us by grace! God knows, numbers, and cares for His people. He knows your name. He knows everything that is happening in your life, and He cares. Because of this, we can know that not one of His sheep will be snatched from His strong hand. ([John 10:1-30](#)) God will rescue all His people. If you belong to Jesus, you are going to make it!! Are there circumstances in your life that tempt you to doubt whether you will make it? What are they? Do you see the finish line? You will make it one day, but what about now?

### 2. Read vs. 13-17

After the vision of a redeemed people, the elder questions John about who these people are. They have come out of the great tribulation - the period of time that happens between Jesus first coming and His second coming. Remember, this has been written to the seven churches in Asia who represent all churches. He is telling those churches to get ready for tribulation. ([Revelation 2:9-10](#)) In this world, you will have tribulation. ([John 16:33](#), [Acts 14:22](#), [Matthew 24:21](#)) When the kingdom of God clashes with the kingdom of this world, there will be tribulation.

When we see the value of our future reward, we can make it through tribulation. Knowing what is to come makes the journey worth it. Don't forget where we are going and the value of the reward. We are comforted by worship. What does it mean to worship? Verses 10-12 give us a glimpse.

Blessing is what you get excited about. It naturally invokes praise. Glory is what you deem beautiful. Wisdom is the path that you see is good and life-giving. Honor is what you value, prize, and treasure. Thanksgiving is an overflow of gratitude. Power and strength (might) are where you look for protection. In this scripture, all seven of these terms have the same object - God.

We worship 24/7. We always value, praise, bless or honor something. The question is not, "will you worship?" It is, "what are you worshiping?" In what do you find worth? What is valuable to you? What gets you out of bed in the morning? What is life-giving to you? What are the things you are thankful for? If you worship anything but God, you will run out of gas. We must fix our eyes on Jesus. ([Hebrews. 12:1-2](#))

### **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 8:1-9:21</a> <b>"The Seven Trumpets"</b> |
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## Family Guide for week of May 12<sup>th</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 53  
Day 2 – Psalm 54  
Day 3 – Psalm 55  
Day 4 – Psalm 56  
Day 5 – Psalm 57

*\*Read Revelation 8:1-9:21 in preparation for church on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.  
Pray for a few church members on pg. 42 of our church directory.  
Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

## **Sing together**

“O Lord my rock and my redeemer” – use the bulletin from Sunday

## **Memory verses for the month**

**Exodus 20:7a** “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain...”

**Exodus 20:8** “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

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

Question 44  
What is baptism?

Answer: Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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