

# ***Sunday Morning Worship***

*July 28, 2024*



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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 — Romans 6:1-4 (ESV)

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<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

## All I Have Is Christ

Jordan Kauflin

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### **Verse 1:**

I once was lost in darkest night  
Yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life  
Had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own  
A rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first  
I would refuse You still

### **Verse 2:**

But as I ran my hell-bound race  
Indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state  
And led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed  
You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me  
Now all I know is grace

### **Chorus:**

Hallelujah!  
All I have is Christ  
Hallelujah!  
Jesus is my life

### **Verse 3:**

Now Lord I would be Yours alone  
And live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands  
Could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life  
In any way You choose  
And let my song forever be  
My only boast is You

# Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Johnny Robinson | Rich Thompson

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## **Verse 1:**

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

## **Verse 2:**

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that  
flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

## **Verse 3:**

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name  
But mine is armor for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

## **Bridge 1:**

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has  
found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

## **Bridge 2:**

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore

# The Storm Is Passing Over

Charles A Tindley | Donald Vails

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## **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

## Responsive Scripture Reading — Psalm 37:1-11 (ESV)

*Service leader will read the regular font. Congregation read aloud the underlined font.*

- <sup>1</sup> Fret not yourself because of evildoers;  
be not envious of wrongdoers!
- <sup>2</sup> For they will soon fade like the grass  
and wither like the green herb.
- <sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
 dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- <sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the LORD,  
 and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.
- <sup>6</sup> He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,  
and your justice as the noonday.
- <sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;  
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way,  
over the man who carries out evil devices!
- <sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath!  
Fret not yourself; it tends only to evil.
- <sup>9</sup> For the evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.
- <sup>10</sup> In just a little while, the wicked will be no more;  
though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there.
- <sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the land  
and delight themselves in abundant peace.

## Sermon Notes

### **“Resisting the Seduction of Evil” :: Revelation 17:1-8**

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# Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal

F.R. Warren | Jason Brown

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## **Verse 1:**

Hark! I hear - the harps eternal  
Ringing on the - farther shore,  
As I near those - swollen waters,  
With their deep and - solemn roar.

## **Chorus:**

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah praise the Lamb  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Glory to the Great I Am.

## **Verse 2:**

And my soul though stained with sorrow,  
Fading as the - light of day,  
Passes swiftly - o'er those waters,  
To the city - far away.

## **Verse 3:**

Souls have crossed - before us safely  
To that land of - perfect rest;  
Can you hear them - singing faintly  
In the mansions - of the blest.

## **Verse 4:**

Mighty Jesus - bear us over  
There to kneel be-fore Your throne  
May we join the - saints forever  
Praising You and - You alone



## This Week at First Baptist Church

### Sunday, July 28

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

### Monday, July 29

### Tuesday, July 30

### Wednesday, July 31

### Thursday, August 1

### Friday, August 2

### Saturday, August 3

### Sunday, August 4

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship (Lord's Supper)

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, August 7

6:30pm — Church Prayer Meeting

### Sunday, September 8

12noon — Church Members' Meeting

### Sundays, Oct. 20, 27, and Nov. 3

Starting Point Seminar

*(Three session seminar for those interested in church membership.*

*Contact the church office to register*

*or use the Digital Communication Card on the back of this bulletin.)*

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of July 28

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

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Colossians 1:12 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. If you're praying through the church directory, this is a great prayer to give thanks to God for the work He has done in the brothers and sisters in Christ in our church family.

*"we have not ceased to pray for you... giving thanks to the Father,  
who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. "*

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 that God would help our church family use the summer season for unique opportunities of evangelism, to build each other up, and to love one another well (Rom. 12:9-21)
- Pray that God brings good spiritual fruit in the lives of our children and students as a result of recent Youth Summer Trip (June 24-28) and Vacation Bible School (July 8-12). (Gal 5:22-23)
- 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. (Gal 6:9)
- 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 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. (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, Family of Bob Copeland (died July 10), 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. Lord's Supper Celebration NEXT Sunday, August 4.** 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. "The Treasure Principle" Book Available on Bookstall for \$3.** We invite each household to purchase a copy of "The Treasure Principle" by Randy Alcorn (only \$3) at the Bookstall in preparation for our August sermon series. Here's an excerpt from the book: "Jesus spent more time talking about money and possessions than about heaven and hell combined. But too often we've overlooked or misunderstood his most profound teaching on this topic, from his words in Matthew 6. Jesus offers us life-changing investment advice. He actually wants us to store up treasures for ourselves—just not here on earth. Instead, he urges us to store our treasure in heaven, where they will await us, and last forever. We can't take it with us—but we can send it on ahead!"

**3. DayBreak "Back to School Carnival" Volunteers Needed.** Our friends at Mercy of Christ Fellowship and DayBreak Inc. are looking for volunteers to help serve at their annual Back to School Carnival in Lincoln Heights on August 3 from 11am—3pm. Games, food, and essential school supplies will be provided free of charge to the community with the aim of sharing the gospel, embracing under-resourced communities, and strengthening family bonds. Scan the QR code or click the link for more info and to [register](#) to volunteer.



**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.

## 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 17:1-18](#)

"The Seduction of Evil"— July 28, 2024



## Introduction

God's word uses language in different ways. For example, in [Proverbs 26:11](#) we see some very graphic language about the failure to learn a lesson and repeating folly. Reading this type of language can be shocking, but it wakes us up to sin in ourselves and in the world. The book of Revelation does the same thing - waking us up to make us alert.

Deception, threats, and seduction come to us in different ways. Here, the curtain is pulled back, and the true nature of the enemy is revealed. May God awaken our hearts, making us alert to the seduction of the world.

## Sermon Outline

1. Recognize the true nature of the world. Vs. 1-7
2. Discern the true end of the world. Vs. 8-14
3. Trust the superior promise of a superior Savior. Vs. 15-18

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read vs. 1 – 7

Theologically, every Christian is engaged to be married. It might feel like a long engagement, but in [Revelation 19](#), we will walk into a wedding feast. Yet here, we are introduced to another woman who is called the prostitute. She is bad news. Her goal is to get the church to be unfaithful.

This prostitute is Babylon the great. ([Daniel 4:30](#)). She has seduced rulers and unbelievers using the idol of money and wealth and everything that it can buy. She promises a certain lifestyle of pleasure, financial security and success, but she is looking to enslave people to herself. She has a global influence. Babylon is the world system that is opposed to God and that tries to seduce people away from trusting Jesus.

She looks desirable, representing everything that money can buy. She presents herself as good, moral, and religious. She appears to be harmless. Even John marvels at her. ([vs. 6](#)) On the surface, sin looks, tastes and feels good. That is why it is tempting, but it is only for a moment. John gets closer and sees her true nature. She is full of abominations and impurities. What happens to those who refuse to "get in bed with her?" ([vs. 6](#)) She is drunk with the blood of the saints.

What are some of the temptations and sins you struggle with? Have you considered that you struggle with the idol of money? Living in America, compared to the rest of the world, we have vast amounts of wealth and prosperity, so we might be blind to our own materialism. Knowing that the world seduces people into the idolatry of wealth, we need to talk about money and hear God's word about wealth. What does it look like for us to worship God with our time, talent and treasure? If we don't recognize the true nature of the world we will become "drunk" with the things of world, indifferent to sin and the coming judgment. How can we recognize if we have fallen in love with the world? Consider the following:

- When nothing else demands your attention, what do you daydream about?
- Where do you spend your money most effortlessly? ([Matthew 6:21](#))
- How do you respond to unanswered prayer or frustrated hope? Do you get angry? Despair?
- What are your most uncontrollable emotions? Anger? Fear? Depression? Feelings of significance?

To be a human is to be a worshiper. The question is not will you worship, but who or what will you worship? Take time this week to look into the mirror of God's word. Be honest, confess and flee from the temptation.

### 2. Read vs. 8-14

The beast we see here is the same beast we saw in chapter 13 - sent by the state to corrupt. He mimics Jesus. ([Vs. 8: 11](#)) Satan is active, spitting out lies seeking to steal, kill and destroy his prey. ([John 10:10a](#))

However, he is a defeated foe, given a mortal wound at the cross of Christ.

Many will not realize that the Beast is a counterfeit Christ. The Beast is any nation, in any generation, who is corrupting the state. Some will assume that John is talking about specific leaders or specific empires. There will be a surge of wickedness before Christ's return. This is a wakeup call, reminding people that the end is near. God is guiding history to His appointed end. Opposition against God will intensify.

There are so many details in Revelation that distract us from the clear point that John is making. The Beast is a sham! He and the prostitute will lose in the end. ([vs. 8](#)) The end of the Beast is destruction. ([Vs. 11](#)) The Lamb conquers! ([vs. 14](#)) He is King of kings and Lord of lords! The world's seduction can be powerful, but it will soon fade away. Look at their end. Knowing how things will end, should shape how we live today. God wins!! We don't need to fear. We should pity the world and share the gospel.

**Additional Reading:** Psalm 37

### 3. Read vs. 15-18

The alliance of Babylon, the Beast and the kings represent the corrupt state, ungodly rulers, and a false religion. Here we see their alliance fall apart as they turn on each other.

What should we do with the world's seductions that look normal? ([18:4](#)) Come out of the world! How? It isn't enough to just have willpower. We need the "explosive power of a new affection." We need somewhere better to go. We need the superior promise of a superior Savior!

Famous people are just people, but Jesus is THE King! He rules over history - every bit - including the evil choices of a wicked enemy. ([vs. 17](#)) Lesser kings may think they are in charge. They may talk a big game, but Jesus is the One in charge.

Those who killed Jesus assumed that they were steering the ship. They meant it for evil, but God meant it for good. ([John 3:16](#)) All have sinned and are guilty deserving of Hell. God had a plan to redeem mankind. The words of God will be fulfilled. The world promises love, but you end up with regret and death. God promises life. Jesus laid down His life that we might live. ([John 10:10b](#)) Who do you serve? ([Matthew 6:24](#)) You must choose. Humble yourself; turn from your sin and come to Jesus.

**Additional Reading:** Acts 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="#">James 4:13-17</a> "Giving Time in Humility" |
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## Family Guide for week of July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*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 108  
Day 2 – Psalm 109  
Day 3 – Psalm 110  
Day 4 – Psalm 111  
Day 5 – Psalm 112

*\*Read James 4:13-17 in preparation for church on Sunday, August 4<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. 10 of our church directory.  
Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

## **Sing together**

"The Lord is my Light" – use the bulletin from Sunday

## **Memory verses for the month**

**Exodus 20:16** *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."*

**Exodus 20:17a** *"You shall not covet..."*

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

*Question 3: How many persons are there in God?*

*Answer: There are three persons in one God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

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