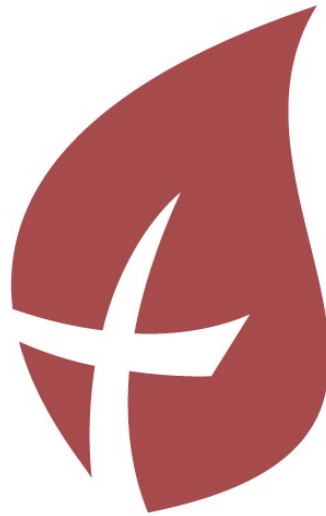


Sunday Morning Worship

October 13, 2024



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Order of Worship

October 13, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship — John 6:35-40

Song — On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 65:17-25

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Song — Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Prayer of Thanks

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“God Wipes Away Every Tear”

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Song — Completely Done

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 — John 6:35-40 (ESV)

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³⁹ And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Samuel Stennett | Christopher Miner

Verse 1:

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

Chorus:

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for the promised land,

Verse 2:

All o'er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Verse 3:

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

Verse 4:

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Father's face,
And in His bosom rest?

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 65:17-25 (ESV)

¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD,
and their descendants with them.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

Be Still My Soul

Jane Borthwick | Jason Ingram | Jean Sibelius | Kari Jobe | Kathrina Amalia von Schlegel
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### Verse 1:

Be still my soul the Lord is on thy side  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain  
Leave to thy God to order and provide  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain  
Be still my soul, thy best thy heav'nly friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

### Verse 2:

Be still my soul thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past  
Thy hope thy confidence let nothing shake  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last  
Be still my soul the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below

### Chorus:

In You I rest in You I find my hope  
In You I trust  
You never let me go  
I place my life within Your hands alone  
Be still my soul

### Verse 3:

Be still my soul the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord  
When disappointment grief and fear are gone  
Sorrow forgot, Love's purest joys restored  
Be still my soul when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last

## Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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

Sermon Notes

“God Wipes Away Every Tear” :: Revelation 21:1-8

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# Completely Done

Jonathan and Ryan Baird

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## **Verse 1:**

What reason have I to doubt  
Why would I dwell in fear  
When all I have known is grace  
My future in Christ is clear

## **Verse 2:**

My sins have been paid in full  
There's no condemnation here  
I live in the good of this  
My Father has brought me near  
I'm leaving my fears behind me now

## **Chorus:**

The old is gone the new has come  
What You complete is completely done  
We're heirs with Christ the vict'ry won  
What You complete is completely done

## **Verse 3:**

I don't know what lies ahead  
What if I fail again  
You are my confidence  
You'll keep me to the end  
I'm leaving my fears behind me now

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

### **Sunday, October 13**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
12:00 PM Pot Luck

### **Monday, October 14 (Columbus Day)**

Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, October 15**

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study

### **Wednesday, October 16**

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir  
6:30 PM AWANA  
Elder-led Bible Study  
Choir / Band Rehearsal

### **Thursday, October 17**

### **Friday, October 18**

### **Saturday, October 19**

### **Sunday, October 20**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
12:00 PM Starting Point Seminar  
3:00 PM Children's Harvest Party

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

### **(TODAY) Sunday, October 13**

12noon—Pot Luck

### **Sunday, October 20**

3-5pm — Children's Division Harvest Party (*K-6th grade*)

### **Sunday, October 20**

Starting Point Seminar — immediately following worship service  
(*see p11 for details*)

### **Sunday, November 3**

Church Constitution Revision Meeting — immediately following worship service

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of October 13

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

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Philippians 1:3-6 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. This is a great prayer to use as you pray through the church directory for your church family this week.

*<sup>3</sup> I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

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 those effected by natural disasters around the world, especially recent hurricanes through the Southeast U.S. Pray God would provide for immediate needs and preserve life. Pray God would comfort those grieving the death of loved ones. Pray for relief workers to work safely and quickly to bring stability (Psalm 119:88; 34:18)
- 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 making us members of one body, fellow heirs, fellow citizens, and partakers of God's great promises. (Eph 2:19; 3:6)
- Pray for the Mission Team going out from our church Oct. 20-28 to Bangkok City Baptist Church in Thailand: Pastor Tyrone Moorehead, Sharon Moorehead, Sharon Foster, Jacob Foster, Suzanne McDonald, Gay Laxton, & Taryn Jones. Pray that the team would be helpful to the local churches and pastors they are serving and that the Gospel would flourish through their ministry.
- Pray for members of our church who are homebound due to illness—for physical healing and unfailing hope in God. Pray also for those in our church who are caretakers—for strength, patience, and love. (2 Cor 4:16; Gal 6:9-10)
- 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)
- 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 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)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Margaret Austin, Alice Copeland, Mary Dina, 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 Potluck Lunch — TODAY.** All are invited to join us for a potluck lunch in the foyer following the worship service today. Give our volunteers a few minutes to setup at the conclusion of the service. Then, we'll invite everyone to sit and enjoy a time of fellowship together.

2. **Children's Division Harvest Party (K-6th grade) — October 20, 3-5pm.** Flyers are available at the Welcome Desk with more information.

3. **Interested in Church Membership? Attend Starting Point :: October 20 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. Approximately 12-2:30pm. A light lunch will be served. Register by contacting the church office or using the digital communication card below.

4. **Church Constitution Review.** Draft copies of the Church Constitution are available for church members to pick up at the Welcome Desk. Also, as many have requested, **copies of the current constitution are also available at the Welcome Desk and will be emailed to church members later this week.** Please read through the revised draft and email any questions or other feedback to the elders [constitution@firstbaptistum.com] by Sunday, October 27. The elders will look over your emails and prepare responses for the first Constitution Review Meeting on November 3 following the worship service.

5. **Giving.** Next Sunday (October 20) we will reintroduce a time during the worship service to worship through giving as we did before COVID. The faithful men and women serving on our Hospitality Team will be collecting the offering. All previous ways to give will continue to be available:

- 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 21:1-8](#)

“God Will Wipe Away All Tears” – October 13, 2024



## Introduction

Waiting is hard. Waiting in vain is unbearable, and suffering adds unbelievable pressure. We can be tempted to think we are waiting in vain and can be tempted to take the sinful short cuts. We need to have the right perspective as we wait for the end. ([Romans 8:19](#))

Imagine the joys of heaven. Put them on a scale and compare it to the suffering you experience today. Suffering isn't small, but the eternal glory is huge!! Satan wants to deceive us about heaven. He wants us to believe that this life is our only chance for happiness. Here, God pulls back the curtains to see a new Heaven and a new earth to give us hope in our suffering.

In a world that is groaning under the burden of sin, how can we hold fast to hope?

## Sermon Outline

1. See the new Heaven and the new Earth. Vs. 1-4
2. Believe what God's Word says about His glorious plan. Vs. 5-8

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read vs. 1 – 4

The world we live in now is groaning under the curse of sin. When Jesus comes again, the old order will have passed away making room for the new. The earth doesn't transform into a mere spiritual existence - the physical world will be made new. Jesus' resurrected body is an example. ([Luke 24:39](#)) He was still Jesus, but He was in a new, glorified body. Your eternal state will be the same - a resurrected, glorified, physical body. Creation will be set free. ([Romans 8:21](#))

Is it hard to wrap your mind around what this will be like? It is so good and so glorious that it will make us forget the sorrows of this life. Chaos and conflicts will be gone. Threats to the people of God will be no more.

In chapters 17 and 18, we saw a different city - Babylon with its sin and ruin and darkness. It is hard to fight against the seduction of that city. The new city is a holy city. What Abraham longed for is revealed here. ([Hebrews 11:10](#)) A place is prepared for God's people. ([John 14:1-3](#))

When you think about heaven, do you look forward to it? What gets you excited about Heaven? We can't limit our view of Heaven to our imagination, desires or demands. God will dwell His people! ([vs. 3](#)) This summarizes the entire message of the Bible. In Genesis 1 and 2, Heaven and earth were together. In Genesis 3, sin entered the picture, and there was separation causing creation to groan under the curse of sin. God never abandoned "plan A." His plan was to send a Redeemer to bring people back into relationship with Him. The Exodus, the tabernacle and the temple were all shadows of what God would do to restore a relationship and dwell with mankind.

Then Jesus came to dwell among us. ([John 1:14](#)) He came to reconcile us to God. All of scripture and thousands of years of history have longed for and waited for what we see in verse three - God Himself will be with them! That is what makes Heaven heavenly.

Are you challenged by this text? We are tempted every day to love and be comfortable with the things of the world. We must see Heaven as God wants us to see it. The pleasures of this world get old, decay and die. We were made for more than these things. God's new world will never get old. Knowing the infinite God never gets old. There will always be new, exciting and thrilling things because God is infinitely glorious.

Is God what gets you excited about Heaven? This side of heaven, our experience of this hope goes up and

down; we must fight for it. This text reminds us that one day your faith will be sight, and your heart will only love and enjoy God as He is deserving of.

Being with God is an experience like you've never known. God will be so close to you, so attentive, that He Himself will wipe away every tear!! He will banish all mourning and all crying. You will no longer shed tears of pain, loss, or sin. Sorrow and sighing will flee. ([Isaiah 35:10](#)) Why? Because God will dwell with man and remove everything that keeps you from Him. God will rejoice over you. ([Isaiah 62:5](#))

## 2. Read vs. 5 – 8

God promises that He is making ALL things new. You will be made new spiritually and morally. There will be no more fighting sin. Your cold heart will be transformed into a heart who absolutely and perfectly knows and loves God.

You will also be made new physically and bodily. The blind will see. The deaf will hear. Work will be fruitful. God will remove everything that has separated us from Him and make all things new. How can we know that this is true and not a “pipe dream”?

Because God promises it in [verse five](#). He tells John, “Write this down...These words are trustworthy and true.” He stakes his reputation on it in [verse six](#). He is the Beginning and the End. God always was. Everything that exists owes its existence to God. One day, everything will answer to Him. He is the end - the goal of all things. God is the Author of all history, and He will bring it to its desired end. ([Romans 11:36](#))

Everyone wants to be satisfied and know contentment, but we cannot rely on earthly pleasures. It is only God Who can satisfy. When Adam fell, all humanity fell with him. All humanity looks for a way to quench their thirst apart from God, but only God can quench that thirst. Does your heart long for God to center? ([Psalm 73:25-26](#)) Is God your portion? Your choice? Your treasure?

[Verse eight](#) has a sober warning for those who aren't trusting in Jesus but trusting in idolatrous short cuts. If you look in the mirror of God's word in verse eight, please take God's warning seriously. Are you at war with sin? Or are you in a pursuit to quench your thirst with the things of this world?

Turn to Jesus. He took our sin that separates us from God. It's not enough to just know this. You cannot pay for the water of life. You cannot earn it. The water of life is given freely to those who realize they are spiritually broken. Come to God - empty and needy - knowing that only God can satisfy. If you turn from your sin, God will embrace you as Father.

The absence of hope is despair. We need a biblical vision of Heaven. ([Psalm 27:13](#)) Do you believe God's promise? Do you believe that all those who trust in God will see Him? Yes? Then, wait on the Lord. ([Psalm 27:14](#)) If you have this hope, you need to share it. Does your heart break for those who have not come to Jesus? Who do you know that needs to hear the message of the Gospel? We must share this good news and pray for them to come and know the satisfaction of the waters of life.

### 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="#">Mark 9:14-29</a> “I Believe...Help My Unbelief” |
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## Family Guide for week of October 13<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 141  
Day 2 – Psalm 142  
Day 3 – Psalm 143  
Day 4 – Psalm 144:1-8  
Day 5 – Psalm 144:9-15

*\*Read Mark 9:14-29 in preparation for church on Sunday, October 20, 2024*

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.  
Pray for a few church members on pg. 21 of our church directory.  
Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.  
Give thanks to Jesus for the sacrifice He made to save us from our sins.  
Thank God for the pastors at your church and ask God to bless the work they do.

## **Sing together**

"Be Still My Soul" – use the bulletin from Sunday

## **Memory verses for the month**

**Psalm 104:24a** *O Lord, how manifold are your works!*

**Psalm 100:5** *"For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."*

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

*Question 14: Did God create us unable to keep his law?*

*Answer: No, but because of the disobedience Adam and Eve, we are all born in sin and guilt, unable to keep God's law.*

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