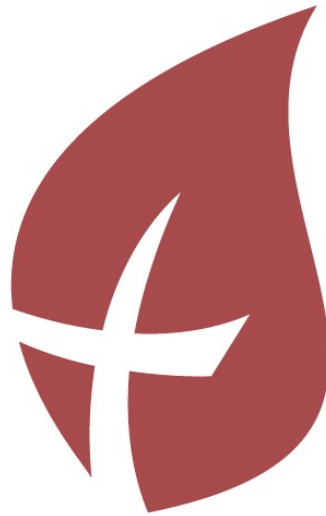


Sunday Morning Worship

November 17, 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 — Psalm 8:1-4 (ESV)

¹ O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your
foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of
your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set
in place,

⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

King Forevermore

Aaron Keyes | Pete James

Verse 1:

God the uncreated One,
the Author of salvation
Who wrote the laws of space and time
Who fashioned worlds to His design
The One whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers
Numbered every grain of sand
Knows the heart of every man
He is King forever, He is King forever
He is King forevermore

Verse 2:

God our fortress and our strength
The Rock on which we can depend
Matchless in His majesty
His power and authority
Unshaken by the schemes of man
Never changing Great I am
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall
He is faithful through it all
Crown Him King forever,
Crown Him King forever
Crown Him King forevermore

Verse 3:

Mighty God in mortal flesh
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace
Lifted high the sinless man
Crucified the spotless Lamb
Buried by the sons of man
Rescued by the Father's hand
Reign as King forever, Reign as King forever
Reign as King forevermore

Verse 4:

King eternal God of grace
We crown You with the highest praise
Heaven shouts and saints adore
You're holy, holy, holy Lord
What joy in everlasting life
All is love and faith is sight
Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ
King of kings forever, King of kings forever
King of kings forevermore

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 — Mark 13:24-37 (ESV)

²⁴ “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷ And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵ Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— ³⁶ lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson | Ben Shive

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## **Verse 1:**

Do you feel the world is broken? We do  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do  
But do you know that all the dark  
Won't stop the light  
from getting through? We do  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?  
We do

## **Verse 2:**

Is all creation groaning? It is  
Is a new creation coming? It is  
Is the glory of the Lord  
To be the light within our midst? It is  
Is it good that we  
remind ourselves of this? It is

## **Chorus 1:**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal  
and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah  
who conquered the grave  
He is David's Root  
And the Lamb who died  
to ransom the slave  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy,  
Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is!

## **Verse 3:**

Does the Father truly love us? He does  
Does the Spirit move among us? He does  
And does Jesus, our Messiah,  
Hold forever those He loves? He does  
Does our God intend  
to dwell again with us? He does

## **Chorus 2:**

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal  
and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah  
who conquered the grave  
He is David's Root  
And the Lamb who died  
to ransom the slave  
From ev'ry people and tribe  
every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom  
and priests to God to reign with the Son  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy,  
Of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this? He is

# 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

Chorus 2:

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

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# Joy to the World

George Frederic Handel

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## Verse 1:

Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing

## Verse 2:

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

## Verse 3:

No more let sins and sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as far as the curse is found

## Verse 4:

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love

# The Gospel

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The Gospel is the good news that God is redeeming the world through Christ, and that He calls everyone everywhere to repent from sin and trust Jesus Christ for salvation.

Each of us has sinned against God,  
breaking His law and rebelling against His rule,  
and the penalty for our sin is death and hell.

But because of His love, God sent His Son, Jesus,  
to live for His people's sake the perfect, obedient life God requires  
and to die on the cross in our place for our sin.

On the third day, Christ arose bodily from the grave  
and now reigns in heaven, offering forgiveness, righteousness,  
resurrection, and eternal blessedness in God's presence  
to everyone who repents of sin and trusts solely in Him for salvation.

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

### **Sunday, November 17**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship  
6:00 PM Youth Night

### **Monday, November 18**

### **Tuesday, November 19**

10:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study  
6:30 PM Elders' Meeting

### **Wednesday, November 20**

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

### **Thursday, November 21**

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study — Ephesians

### **Friday, November 22**

### **Saturday, November 23**

### **Sunday, November 24**

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

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

### **Sunday, December 8**

Budget Review Meeting — immediately following worship service

### **Sunday, December 15**

Members' Meeting — immediately following worship service

### **Tuesday, December 24**

6:30pm — Christmas Eve Worship

### **Sunday, January 26**

Starting Point Seminar — immediately following worship service  
(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 November 17

### Prayer of the week:

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as an inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer of the Apostle Paul from the book of Colossians 1:9a-10:

*“ 9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you...  
10 to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him:  
bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;”*

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 two very fruitful mission trips by teams from our church over the past few months (South Africa & Bangkok, Thailand). Both teams were able to care for and serve the local churches and pastors they were working with as well as identify potential ways we can continue to meet needs there in the future. Continue to pray that God would strengthen the leaders and members of these churches and that the Gospel would flourish through their ministry. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)
- Pray for our ministry leaders, deacons, and elders during this budget season as they pray and prepare a budget to present to the church next month. Pray for wisdom and a God-centered vision for how to use the resources that God has given our church. (James 1:5)
- Pray for our church family as we consider amendments to our church constitution. Pray that we would work together to comprehend and establish God's 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. Upcoming Church Events:

- Wednesday, December 4 :: 6:30 PM — Church Prayer Meeting
- Sunday, December 8 :: 12:00 PM — Church Budget Review Meeting
- Sunday, December 15 :: 12:00 PM — Church Members' Meeting
- Tuesday, December 24 :: 6:30 PM — Christmas Eve Worship

**2. Advent Celebration 2024.** As we prepare our hearts for the Christmas season, we are suggesting the use of the Advent devotional, "The Light Before Christmas," by Marty Machowski. This four-week Advent devotional centers on the theme of light and darkness and how we can and should shine the light of Jesus to a lost world. There are three devotionals each week and can be adapted for families of all ages and sizes. Books are available at the bookstall today for \$10.00.

**3. Giving.** We have recently reintroduced a time to worship through giving as we did before COVID. The faithful men and women serving on our Hospitality Team are collecting the offering. All previous ways to give continue to be available:

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: in designated boxes in the foyer or during worship service
- 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 1 – 22

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ” – November 17, 2024



## Introduction

As we have walked through the book of Revelation, we have encountered angels, demons, a great red dragon, a beast, scorpion tailed locust and a man whose eyes blazed like fire. When you see these details, you may want to look at it as a prophetic crystal ball. Yet John makes it clear that the purpose of the book is a call to endurance. Keep going! Don't give up! Don't cave to the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil that come at us daily.

Satan couldn't defeat Jesus at the cross, so he set his sights on the church. Satan hates the church. He uses the beast to corrupt the government. He uses the false prophet to corrupt religion by false teaching. He uses Babylon, the world system opposed to God, with wealth, luxury and pleasure to seduce people into unbelief. We are not on neutral ground. We have an enemy who wants us to give up and stop following Jesus. This book is a call to endure. But how will it strengthen us? It is THE revelation of **Jesus Christ**. It is a book inspired by God to show us Jesus Christ, so that we don't get weary and lose heart.

It is possible to get to the end of this sermon series and be overwhelmed with all we have heard. Today, we are going to zoom out to see three pictures of Jesus that will pull everything together and help us endure.

## Sermon Outline

1. Jesus, the all-sufficient Son of Man - Chapters 1-3
2. Jesus, the sin-cleansing Lion and Lamb - Chapters 4-20
3. Jesus, the Faithful Groom Who brings hope and a home - Chapters 21 & 22

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Chapters 1 – 3

In Chapter one, John sees Jesus in the middle of the lampstands as one like the Son of Man. ([1:12](#)) This is an important image. We see it in [Daniel 7](#). The Son of Man received glory, authority, and sovereign power along with a reign that will not end. Jesus has all power, resources and wisdom to rule the universe. ([1:9-16](#)) He is not weak and fragile. He is the all-powerful, all-knowing, all-sufficient Son of God.

In [verse 13](#), we see this picture of Jesus amid the seven lampstands. Why? So that we may know that He is not some far, distant ruler. He knows what is going on in your life and in our church. He is not indifferent. He cares. He encourages, corrects and strengthens the church. (Revelation 2-3)

Each letter to the churches begins with a specific attribute of Jesus from the previous verses that they need to see and believe. How does this apply to us? At different points, we may see different aspects of ourselves in each of the seven churches. He tells ALL the churches to conquer. How? Every church that has ever existed needs help, just as these churches did.

How does seeing Jesus help us and strengthen us? “He who has an ear, let him hear.” He is talking about hearing God's voice in God's word and then responding with obedience and trust. The Spirit opens the eyes of our hearts, and we see Jesus. When we do this, our fear disappears, and we are transformed. Bible reading and prayer are part of a living relationship with a living God. As we read God's word, pray that God will open your eyes to see the wonderful things about God. Do you have a regular Bible reading plan? Do you have a regular time of prayer?

### 2. Read Chapters 4 – 20

Do you ever want to give up because of our sin? Does living in a fallen world with pain, sorrow, sickness, and death lead you to wonder where God is? In chapter 4, God pulls back the curtain, and we see Him on the throne. We need to look at all the circumstances in our life through this lens and remember that God is in control.

In the next seventeen chapters, we see three sets of judgments. In chapter 5, John sees a scroll that contains all of God's plans for the salvation of His people and judgment. To open the scroll means to put these plans into action. If no one can open it, all of creation is stuck in the curse of sin. John is told to “Behold - the Lion of the Tribe of Judah has conquered” and He can open the scroll. ([5:5](#)) When John turns to look at the Lion, he sees a

Lamb looking as though He had been slain. Jesus **IS** the Lion **and** the Lamb, uniquely qualified to open the scroll.

As He opens them, we see war, conquest, famine, and death. We see these now and will continue to see them until Jesus returns. Knowing that He has opened the seals guarantees that He is in control over every good thing and every bad thing that happens in life. He is sovereign over the small things and every big thing. He can repurpose our suffering for good. He is testing the genuineness of our faith, leaving behind a pure and living faith. Our anguish will end in life and in joy that no one can touch.

What if our suffering ends in physical death? (Chapter 5) How can we be confident in God's protection if our suffering ends in death? Our biggest problem isn't physical death; it is a spiritual one. No one can stand before a holy God on the day of judgment. ([6:16-17](#)) He knows our sin - everything good we haven't done and all the bad we have done. Only those who have dipped their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We cannot get the stain of sin out by ourselves. It is only through Jesus Who gave His life for ours. If you confess your sin and come to Christ in repentance and faith, He will protect and shield you by His presence. ([7:15-17](#))

The trumpet judgements are God's gracious warnings. (Chapters 8-9; 12) The two chapter pause in the judgments (Chapter 10-11) shows us God's patience, calling people to repent. We are called to shine the light of the good news of the gospel to all nations. This message was received with a mixed response. Some will die for their faith, but persecution cannot destroy the church - it strengthens the church, and it grows. ([Revelation 12:11](#)) With whom do you need to share this good news?

What if the wicked don't repent? What if God's people are still persecuted? The bowl judgments show us that all wrongs will be made right. (Chapter 16-19) All of God's enemies will be defeated and cast into the lake of fire. Jesus is a Lion who conquers His enemies, but He is also the Lamb who was slain. What is amazing and surprising is how He conquers sin, Satan and Death - The Lion conquers by dying as a Lamb, purifying and protecting a people for Himself. He will bring perfect justice. ([5:11-13](#))

### 3. Read Chapters 21 – 22

Are you discouraged? Often, the trials of life chip away at our spirit. Throughout scripture, Jesus is pictured as a groom. Right now, we are betrothed, and we are waiting. John sees the day when we will be joined to the Groom. ([21:1-4](#))

We can become so accustomed to being let down that we become cynical. We expect people to be untrustworthy. As we wait, we may assume this of God as well. Even after a couple of good days, we wonder what bad things are coming. We may feel that way now, but it will not be that way in Heaven. The more you get to know God, the more you will see His goodness. The thing that makes Heaven heavenly **is God**, and He will satisfy! Do you have this hope? Does this hope for tomorrow fuel your living for today?

We all have days when we want to call it quits. Jesus sends the angel to testify of these things to the church. ([Revelation 22:16](#)) We gather in obedience to stir each other up to love and good deeds until we see the day approaching. ([Hebrews 10:24-25](#)) We must intentionally encourage each other through His word so we might not lose hope.

In a marriage relationship, what's mine is yours. The same is true when you trust in Christ. It's not a fair deal - it's grace. Jesus took our penalty. He paid it in full, so we don't have to. Jesus wins in the end and what is His is ours. He is Lord of lords and King of kings. ([Revelation 17:14](#)) We will conquer! Because of Jesus! We can say with John, "AMEN - Come Lord Jesus!!"

### 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="#">Ruth 1</a> " <b>Wrestling with Bitterness</b> " |
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## Family Guide for week of November 17<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 – Colossians 1:24 – 2:5

Day 2 – Colossians 2:6-15

Day 3 – Colossians 2:16-23

Day 4 – Colossians 3:1-17

Day 5 – Colossians 3:18 - 4:13

*\*Read Ruth 1 in preparation for church on Sunday, November 24, 2024*

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 26 of our church directory.

Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

*Ask God to help you trust Him in every situation.*

*Ask God to use your life to glorify Himself and to help others know Jesus.*

## **Sing together**

"Joy to the World" – use the bulletin from Sunday

## **Memory verses for the month**

**Genesis 50:19-20** *"Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.'"*

**Jeremiah 29:11** *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

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

Question 19: *Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God's favor?*

Answer: *Yes, God reconciles us to himself by a Redeemer.*

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