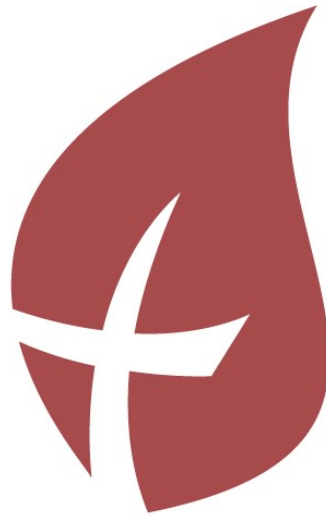


Sunday Morning Worship

December 29, 2024



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Order of Worship

December 29, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship — Psalm 66:1-5

Celebration of Baptism

Song — There Is a Fountain

Song — Holy, Holy, Holy

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Pastoral Prayer

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Song — God Over All

Prayer of Thanks

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

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“Standing on Holy Ground”

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Song — Genuine Love

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 — Psalm 66:1-5 (ESV)

- ¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
² sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!
³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
⁴ All the earth worships you
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."
⁵ Come and see what God has done:
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

There Is a Fountain

William Cowper

Verse 1:

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

Verse 2:

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I, though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

Verse 3:

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

Verse 4:

When this poor lisping, stammering tongue
Lies silent in the grave
Then in a nobler sweeter song
I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

Verse 5:

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber | John B. Dykes

Verse 1:

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning
Our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Verse 2:

Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Which was and is
And evermore shall be

Verse 3:

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power
Love and purity

Verse 4:

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy!
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons
Blessed Trinity

Congregational Scripture Reading — 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (ESV)

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Steadfast Love (Psalm 86)

Eric Dewar

Verse 1:

Lord, we come to you poor and needy.
Lord, we come to you poor and needy!
O incline your ear as we pray,
Showing steadfast love all our days.

Verse 2:

Hear our cry, O Lord, for forgiveness.
Hear our cry, O Lord, for forgiveness!
All our sins and failures erase,
Showing steadfast love all our days.

Chorus:

You are rich in mercy,
Full of lavish grace,
Always slow to anger,
Showing steadfast love
All our days.

Verse 3:

Give us joy and strength as your servants.
Give us joy and strength as your servants!
Turn our hearts and teach us your ways,
Showing steadfast love all our days.

Verse 4:

There is none like you in creation.
There is none like you in creation!
Let the nations join us in praise
Of your steadfast love all our days.

God Over All

Devin Kauflin

Verse 1:

God over all
Giver of life and health and breath
I want to sing of Your love
Came as a man
Humble, You died the sinner's death
I want to sing of Your love

Chorus:

Your love has saved me
By Your grace I now draw near, and
Your love has set me
Free to glorify Your name
And I, I want to sing of Your love

Verse 2:

I'll never forget
That You have bought me with Your blood
I want to sing of Your love
In all I do
May Your great love be shining through
I want to sing of Your love

Verse 3:

And on that day
When You come back to claim Your own
Yes, we will sing of Your love
Then we'll bow down
Praise You forever at Your throne
Yes, we will sing of Your love

Sermon Notes

“Standing on Holy Ground” :: Exodus 3:1-10

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# Genuine Love

Eric McAllister

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## **Chorus:**

You have welcomed us into your family  
Bought by blood into this new community  
Teach us love, teach us love,  
teach us genuine love  
So the world may see that you're alive in us  
So the world may see that you're alive in us

## **Verse 1:**

We are many, we are one  
Joined together in the Son  
You have poured your love on us  
Ever fervent in our prayers  
Ever generous to share  
You have poured your love on us

## **Verse 2:**

Songs of thanks and praise we sing  
To the God of grace and peace  
You have poured your love on us  
We're the church of Jesus Christ  
Through his precious sacrifice  
You have poured your love on us

## **Verse 3:**

Near the grieving we are found  
With them still when joy rebounds  
As you form your Son in us  
We will gather, pray, and eat  
Showing honor to the weak  
As you form your Son in us

## **Verse 4:**

Though this world may hate your name  
We will never be ashamed  
As you form your Son in us  
For the church that you have won  
Evil shall not overcome  
As you form your Son in us  
As you form your Son in us  
You will form your Son in us

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

### **Sunday, December 29**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ baptism

### **Monday, December 30**

### **Tuesday, December 31**

6:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship

### **Wednesday, January 1 (Happy New Year)**

Church Office Closed  
6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

### **Thursday, January 2**

### **Friday, January 3**

### **Saturday, January 4**

### **Sunday, January 5**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes  
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper

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

### **Wednesday, January 1**

6:30pm — Prayer Meeting

### **Saturday, January 25**

10am — "Service to Celebration" Event  
*(more info to come)*

### **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.)*

### **Friday, January 31—February 2**

Youth Winter Retreat

### **Sunday, February 2**

Church Constitution Review Meeting — following worship service

### **Sunday, February 23**

Church Potluck Lunch — following worship service

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of December 29

### **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, we encourage you to use the prayer of the Apostle Paul from the book of Ephesians 3:17b-19:

*“...that you, being rooted and grounded in love,<sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,<sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness 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 our ministry partners locally and around the world—Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). Pray especially for those we are directly involved with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Daniel and Brandy Spandler-Davison and Susanna Schriever (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray that God would supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

#### **Particular prayer items in the life of our church:**

- Praise God for the new members recently brought into our church family; Tyler Brown, Josh and Bree Davidson, Kai Dawson-Fischer, Nick and Nicole Tiller, Isaiah Whittaker, Michael and Angel Williams. Pray that God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray that God would provide opportunity for gospel conversations with family and friends during the holiday season (Matt. 28:19).
- Pray that we would rejoice in and declare the miracles of Christmas as we remember that “nothing is impossible with God” (Luke 1:37).
- Pray that God would help us look to the new year with the hope that the gospel provides and with an attitude that gives glory to God in all things. (Rom. 11:36)
- Pray for those in our church family who are grieving the loss of loved ones during this holiday season. Pray for God’s comfort in their time of bereavement. Pray that our church family would come around them to serve practical needs and give encouragement in their faith. (John 14:27; 2 Cor. 1:3-4).
- 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. 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. (Gal. 6:9; 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, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, 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

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1. Church Prayer Meeting :: January 1 at 6:30pm. Begin the new year by joining us for our monthly church prayer meeting. All are welcome for this time of praying together, hearing testimony, and encouragement from God's Word.

2. Lord's Supper Celebration Next Sunday, January 5. We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the supper together as we remember the work of Christ on our behalf. Part of our celebration is reaffirming our church covenant 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, we hope you'll take the time to prayerfully do that before we gather next Sunday.

3. Regular Wednesday Evening Activities Resume on January 8. Our regular Wednesday evening activities (King's Kids Choir, AWANA, Elder-led Bible Study, Adult Choir & Band Rehearsals) will resume on January 8. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

4. Year-End Giving. We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBCUM. As we near the end of 2024, please remember that any gifts to be counted toward your 2024 annual giving statement must be postmarked, in the church office, or submitted online by Dec. 31. You can give three ways:

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: designated boxes at the Welcome Desk or during the 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.



God's Word for God's People

[Exodus 3:1-10](#)

"Standing on Holy Ground"—December 29, 2024



Introduction

Have you ever name dropped? Knowing influential people gives us confidence and control. Their prominence gives us credibility. There is even more credibility if they know you! Interestingly, those celebrities live for the same acceptance.

How do you approach God? He is holy and the thought of a relationship is mind-blowing, but not impossible. He wasn't to know you and has initiated the means for you to have a relationship with him.

God hates sin. The least transgression makes us guilty of the whole law. Knowing this, it is incredible that God wants a relationship with mankind.

The text today includes two main characters - Moses and God. There is something fundamentally different between God and Moses. ([Exodus 2:11-15](#); [Exodus 2:23-25](#))

Sermon Outline

1. God is holy. Vs 1-6
2. God is relational. Vs 7-8
3. God commissions. Vs 9-10

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 1 – 6

God approached Moses in his ordinary life while he was carrying out ordinary tasks. Do you see God working in your life in the day-to-day? God knows, sees and addresses. Do you have a receptive heart? Do you approach God as holy? We must respond appropriately to Him.

God reminded Moses that He was a covenant keeping God. God showed Moses mercy and grace. He would redeem the Hebrew people.

God is present in your everyday circumstances. God is Holy. God wants you to know Him. Do you act as if you know God? Do you listen and obey God's word?

2. Read Vs. 7 – 8

Our experiences are known by God. ([Psalm 94:9](#)) God is patient. God keeps His promises. God declared to Moses that He would redeem His people.

God had a specific plan for Moses. Do you recognize that God had a plan for you? Can you see God's hand in your life? God sees your circumstances. He sees your pain and struggles. Can you see how these things are orchestrated so that you can know Him? He is always with you and wants to bless you. Circumstances may not change, but He is with you.

Additional Reading: *Genesis 15, Hebrews 11*

3. Read vs. 9 – 10

God had Moses' attention and spells out His plan. God sent Moses. Reading further in chapter 3, we see Moses' response. He gave many excuses to not go. Can you relate to Moses? What is the "burning bush" God has for you? Do you feel the task is too great? We have a commission. ([Matthew 28:18-20](#))

While God was working through Moses, He was pointing to the ultimate Redeemer - Christ.

Trust that God can still use you despite short comings. God wants to use you. Trust Him even when it's frightening. What is God calling you to do today?

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

Next week's sermon text: we turn to John 2:1-11 " Believing Jesus "

Family Guide for week of December 29th, 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 – Luke 2:22-28

Day 2 – Luke 2:29-52

Day 3 – Luke 3:1-22

Day 4 – Luke 3:23-38*

**You may wish to use a Bible app that will read this to your family.*

Day 5 – Luke 4:1-13

**Read John 2:1-22 preparation for church on Sunday, January 5, 2025*

Prayer (*Talking to God*)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 32 of our church directory.

Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Sing together

Use the bulletin from Sunday to sing "God Over All."

Memory verses for the month

Isaiah 9:2 *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone."*

Psalms 34:17 *"The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles."*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 25: Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Answer: Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God will remember our sins no more.

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