

Sunday Morning Worship

January 5, 2025



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Order of Worship

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Comfort Rooms: To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

Visitors & Guests: Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.

Call to Worship — John 6:35 (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.

All Glory Be to Christ

Dustin Kensrue

Verse 1:

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
all glory be to Christ

Chorus:

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

Verse 2:

His will be done, His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
all glory be to Christ

Verse 3:

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be
All glory be to Christ

The Word Made Flesh *

We confess the mystery and wonder
of God made flesh
and rejoice in our great salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

With the Father and the Holy Spirit,
the Son created all things,
sustains all things,
and makes all things new.
Truly God,
He became truly man,
two natures in one person.

He was born of the Virgin Mary
and lived among us.
Crucified, dead, and buried,
He rose on the third day,
ascended to heaven,
and will come again
in glory and judgment.

For us,
He kept the Law,
atoned for sin,
and satisfied God's wrath.
He took our filthy rags
and gave us
His righteous robe.

He is our Prophet, Priest, and King,
building His church,
interceding for us,
and reigning over all things.

Jesus Christ is Lord;
we praise His holy Name forever.

Amen.

* The Ligonier Statement on Christology ("The Word Made Flesh") —
is a summary of biblical truth intended to serve the church by encapsulating the historic, orthodox, biblical Christology of the Christian church in a form simple to confess. Info at: christologystatement.com

Glorious Christ

Bob Kauflin

Verse 1:

The radiance of the Father
Before the dawn of time
You spoke and all creation came to be
The molecules and planets
Reveal Your great design
And every one was made
So we could see, So we could see!

Chorus:

You are the glorious Christ
The greatest of all delights
Your power is unequalled
Your love beyond all heights
No greater sacrifice
Than when You laid down Your life
We join the song of angels
Who praise You day and night
Glorious Christ!

Verse 2:

You left the air of heaven
To breathe the dust of earth
And dwell among the outcast and the poor
You came to be forsaken
And died to take our curse
So You could be our joy
Forevermore, Forevermore!

Verse 3:

You're seated now in heaven
Enthroned at God's right hand
You've shattered death
and freed us from our fears
And though we cannot see You
You're coming back again
And all will be made right
when You appear, when You appear!

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 25:1-12 (ESV)

- ¹ O LORD, you are my God;
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- ² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the foreigners' palace is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
- ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- ⁴ For you have been a stronghold to the poor,
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;
for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,
⁵ like heat in a dry place.
- You subdue the noise of the foreigners;
as heat by the shade of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is put down.
- ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
- ⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹ It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."
- ¹⁰ For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain,
and Moab shall be trampled down in his place,
as straw is trampled down in a dunghill.
- ¹¹ And he will spread out his hands in the midst of it
as a swimmer spreads his hands out to swim,
but the LORD will lay low his pompous pride together with the skill of his hands.
- ¹² And the high fortifications of his walls he will bring down,
lay low, and cast to the ground, to the dust.

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

Steve and Vikki Cook

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## **Verse 1:**

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me  
Mine was the sin  
that drove the bitter nails  
And hung Him on that judgment tree  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who crushed the power  
of sin and death  
My only Savior  
before the holy Judge  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness  
The Lamb Who is my righteousness

## **Verse 2:**

I will glory in my Redeemer  
My life He bought  
My love He owns  
I have no longings for another  
I'm satisfied in Him alone

I will glory in my Redeemer  
His faithfulness  
My standing place  
Though foes are mighty  
And rush up on me  
My feet are firm held by His grace  
My feet are firm held by His grace

## **Verse 3:**

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who carries me on eagle's wings  
He crowns my life with loving kindness  
His triumph song I'll ever sing  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who waits for me  
at gates of gold  
And when He calls me it will be paradise  
His face forever to behold  
His face forever to behold

## Sermon Notes

### “Believing Jesus” :: John 2:1-11

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Our guest preacher is Joel Kurz—pastor of [The Garden Church](#) in west Baltimore, MD. He and his wife, Jess, moved to Baltimore in 2008 and began work toward planting a new church. The Garden Church was constituted in 2012. Joel and Jess have four children; Jadyn, Eden, Haddon, and Chapman.

Church Covenant

Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will engage in assembling ourselves together while praying for one another. We will strive for and promote the spiritual growth and advancement of the church by; sustaining worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; contributing cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

As a body of believers, we agree to maintain family and personal devotions, to educate our children in the Christian faith, and to seek the salvation of our family and acquaintances. We will seek to avoid all practices or speech which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We will walk together in Christian love by faithfully caring for, watching over, and admonishing one another as occasions may require. In conflict, we will seek to follow Christ's example of reconciliation without delay. We will always strive to be humble and courteous in our speech and slow to take offense. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with a like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Lamb of God

Bob Kauflin | David LaChance Jr.

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### Verse 1:

O Lamb of God all worlds obeyed Your will  
From dark and void their being came  
O Lamb of God, Your glories echo still  
Creation sings its Maker's praise  
Eternal God, One with the Father  
Before all time You dwelt in love  
Eternal God, unlike all others  
Yet You descended unto us

### Verse 3:

O Lamb of God, Now reigning on the throne  
The Judge of all faithful and true  
O Lamb of God, You'll make Your power known  
When all Your foes receive their due  
Victorious King, When history's fading  
You'll call Your Bride To take her place  
Victorious King, Creation's waiting  
For Your redeemed to see Your face

### Verse 2:

O Lamb of God, in filthy manger lay  
In humble dress You entered earth  
O Lamb of God, Creator bows to save  
The needy ones helpless from birth  
Incarnate Word, Gift of the Father  
To take our place and bear our sin  
Incarnate Word, Led to the slaughter  
You conquered death and rose again

## Doxology

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen!

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, January 5

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

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

Monday, January 6

Tuesday, January 7

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, January 8

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir

6:30 PM AWANA

Elder-Led Bible Study

Choir/Band Rehearsal

Thursday, January 9

Friday, January 10

Saturday, January 11

Sunday, January 12

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Saturday, January 25

10am — "Service to Celebration" Event

(see p.12 for more info)

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

Saturday, March 29

9am — Disciple-Making Parent Conference

(more info to come)

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of January 5

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,¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ 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 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

1. 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.

2. "From Service to Celebration" Event :: January 25 :: 9AM. You're invited to join us for a morning of celebration and vision as we reflect on God's blessings and look ahead to exciting things in 2025. See the bulletin insert for more information. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

3. Interested in Church Membership? Attend Starting Point :: January 26 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. 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: designated boxes in the church foyer 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

[John 2:1-11](#)

"Believing Jesus"— January 5, 2025



Introduction

Have you ever missed an important sign? Maybe you missed your exit because you didn't see the directional sign, or you got a ticket because you didn't see a speed limit sign. A sign is given to us for a purpose. If we miss the sign we are not absolved of our responsibility. This miracle at Cana was a sign.

Why do we miss signs? We miss signs because we are simply not paying attention. We miss signs because of our ego. We miss signs because we don't believe what the sign says. We miss signs because we believe the sign itself is the destination. Here, we see a sign that Jesus gives us. It is possible that some might come to Jesus just to "get the wine," but Jesus IS the wine. He is the destination. The signs point to greater spiritual realities so that we might believe.

Previously in the book of John, we see that Jesus had gathered His disciples. Now, He was giving them a sign so that they might be confident that they were following the right person. This was a wedding - a time of joy, life, love. This was the story into which we are drawn. At a wedding, the groom was responsible for having enough wine for all to partake in during the days of celebration. If they ran out, it would have brought great shame to the groom and subsequently, to the bride and her family.

Jesus was being directed by His Father. We are about to see a sign. This sign is given so that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ. You don't want to miss Jesus, but in our flesh, it is possible to do just that. What does it mean to believe? Here are three lessons in believing.

Sermon Outline

1. Trust Jesus with your problem. Vs. 1-5
2. Follow Jesus with your actions. Vs. 6-8
3. Entrust Jesus with your life. Vs 9-11

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 1 – 5

Mary cared about the need. Mary was persistent in her request to Jesus, yet she didn't know what Jesus was going to do. She just knew that she had to take her problem to Him. She knew Who Jesus was and that He was able! Do you try to take matters in your own hands, or do you take your problems to Jesus? Are you currently facing some problems? Are you exhausted trying to fix it yourself? Jesus can take every situation in your life and use it for your good and His glory.

Our greatest problem is sin - the sin that separates us from God. How could it be fixed? Jesus! Have you trusted Jesus with your sin problem?

2. Read Vs. 6 – 8

The servants couldn't provide wine, but they could follow every instruction that Jesus gave. Even though Jesus' instructions didn't make sense to them, they did what He said. Obedience to Jesus doesn't always make sense. We must act according to His wisdom not ours. We must obey because we are called to do so. When you are tempted to sin, are you able to trust Jesus and obey His commands? Do you trust Jesus enough to obey even when it doesn't make sense?

You can't do it by yourself. Only God can do what God can do, but you are called to do what you can do - obey God. Turn from sin. Flee from temptation. Love your neighbor. Then watch God do what God can do. He gives faith. He replaces desires. He gives us the Holy Spirit. We can trust Him.

Jesus was doing something specifically for the disciples so that they would know that they were believing the right person. ([John 20:31](#)) Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ?

3. Read vs. 9 – 10

The disciples followed Jesus. They gave their lives for Jesus. Every step of the way, they believed. You cannot trust if you don't know. You won't obey Jesus if you do not believe who He says He is. These signs are God's kindness to us. Jesus stepped into time and healed the sick, raised the dead, etc. so that we might believe. While we can't physically see the things the disciples saw, Jesus has shown us that we can trust Him. This is the reason for the signs – they point us to Jesus.

Jesus' true glory is not seen in the wine, but the wine is a taste of the glory that is to come. Jesus took the old basins that were used for cleansing (that could never truly and completely cleanse) and filled them with something far better. A new era had begun. What Jesus brings is fullness of joy and life. He was ushering in the new covenant. We are His bride. He is our Groom. The life He brings is better! One day, we will feast forever with Him! Until then, we trust and obey. What is going on in your life right now that you need to come to Jesus with and trust Him?

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 1 Timothy 1:1-7 “A Spiritual Training Program”

Family Guide for week of January 5th, 2025

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 4:14-30

Day 2 – Luke 4:31-37

Day 3 – Luke 4:38-44

Day 4 – Luke 5:1-11

Day 5 – Luke 5:12-26

**Read 1 Timothy 1:1-7 preparation for church on Sunday, January 12, 2025*

Prayer (*Talking to God*)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 33 of our church directory.

Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Sing together

"Glorious Christ" – Use the bulletin from Sunday

Memory verses for the month

1 Samuel 2:2 *"There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is not rock like our God."*

Deuteronomy 5:6-7 *"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me."*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 26: What else does Christ's death redeem?

Answer: Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation.

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