

# *Sunday Morning Worship*

*March 29, 2026*



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# ***Order of Worship***

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**“What Causes Jesus to Marvel?”**

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## **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 — Isaiah 55:1-3a, 6-7 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> “Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is  
not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;

<sup>6</sup> “Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have  
compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

## Taste and See (Psalm 34)

Jimmy Needham | Shane Barnard | Joseph Rigney

### **Verse 1:**

I sought the Lord  
And He answered me  
And delivered me  
From every fear  
Those who look on Him  
Are radiant  
They'll never be ashamed  
They'll never be ashamed

### **Verse 2:**

This poor man cried  
And the Lord heard me  
And saved me from  
My enemies  
The Son of God  
Surrounds His saints  
He will deliver them  
He will deliver them

### **Chorus:**

Magnify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name together  
Glorify the Lord with me  
Come exalt His name forever

### **Verse 3:**

Oh, taste and see  
That the Lord is good  
Oh, blessed is he  
Who hides in Him  
Oh, fear the Lord  
Oh, all you saints  
He'll give you everything  
He'll give you everything

### **Bridge:**

Let us bless the Lord  
Every day and night  
Neverending praise  
May our incense rise

## I Will Sing Your Praise Alone

Jon Althoff | Sheri Jones-Moffett | Joseph Pace II

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### 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

## Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal

F.R. Warren | Jason Brown

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### Verse 1:

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

### Chorus:

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

### Verse 2:

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

### Verse 3:

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

### Verse 4:

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

## Scripture Reading — Deuteronomy 18:15-22 (ESV)

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<sup>15</sup> “The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— <sup>16</sup> just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ <sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. <sup>19</sup> And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. <sup>20</sup> But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’ <sup>21</sup> And if you say in your heart, ‘How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?’— <sup>22</sup> when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

## My Soul Will Wait (Psalm 62)

Keaton Bunting | Bob Kauflin

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### Verse 1:

When the enemy surrounds  
and my heart grows faint within  
When the darkness overwhelms  
and my fears are pressing in  
I will trust in You, O Lord,  
in the silence I will wait  
I will stand upon Your Word

### Chorus:

You're my solid rock and my salvation  
My steadfast hope that won't be shaken  
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You  
You're my comfort when I feel forsaken  
My refuge and my sure foundation  
My soul will wait, my soul will wait for You

### Verse 2:

You're my stronghold and my shield  
in the midst of every threat  
Though the wicked never yield,  
they will vanish like a breath  
Yes, I know the outcome's sure,  
Satan's evil plans will fail  
In Your power I'm secure

### Verse 3:

This is love I can't explain,  
this is mercy unreserved  
Through Your sacrifice so great,  
I have peace that's undeserved  
For the battle has been won,  
and I fear no shame or loss  
Now the sting of death is gone

### Bridge:

Pouring out our hearts before You  
We will trust in You  
Perfect Savior, strong defender  
We will trust in You

**Sermon Notes**

**“What Causes Jesus to Marvel?” :: Luke 7:1-17**

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# It Is Well With My Soul

Horatio Spafford | Phillip Bliss

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## Verse 1:

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul

## Chorus:

It is well (it is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul

## Verse 2:

Tho' Satan should buffet,  
Tho' trials should come  
Let this blest assurance control  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul

## Verse 3:

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious tho't  
My sin, not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

## Verse 4

And Lord haste the day  
when the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound  
and the Lord shall descend  
Even so, it is well with my soul

## This Week at First Baptist Church

### Sunday, March 29 (Palm Sunday)

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

### Monday, March 30

### Tuesday, March 31

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 1

6:30 PM Church Prayer Meeting

### Thursday, April 2

### Friday, April 3

7:00 PM Good Friday Worship

### Saturday, April 4

### Sunday, April 5 (Resurrection Sunday)

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

## Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

### Friday, April 3

7pm — Good Friday Worship

### Sunday, April 12

Baby Dedication during worship

### Sunday, April 12

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.)

### Sunday, April 19

5pm — Young Adult Gathering at the home of Tim and Ashley Smith

### Saturday, May 2

9am — From Service to Celebration Event

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of March 29

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

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using examples in Scripture to inspire our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer of the Apostle Paul from Ephesians 3:14-16:

<sup>14</sup> *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,*  
<sup>15</sup> *from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,*  
<sup>16</sup> *that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened*  
*with power through his Spirit in your inner being,*

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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 have direct partnerships 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: Rayce and Sarah Blair, Kirk and Carly Conway, Vivian DeSantis, Matthew & Kanika Willis. Pray that God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray for federal workers in our church who are effected by the DHS shutdown. Pray that they would trust God to provide for their needs. Pray that God would help them to bear good spiritual fruit even in the midst of difficult circumstances. (John 16:33; Ps. 23:1)
- Pray for good spiritual fruit to come from the recent Women’s Retreat. Pray that God would bless the women of our church family and grant them deep rest in their relationship with their Savior, Jesus Christ. (Matthew 11:28)
- Pray for our young adults ministry. Pray that our young adults would be encouraged and strengthened in their faith. Pray that godly friendships would flourish. (Heb. 10:23-24)
- Pray that God would strengthen and encourage our Deacons and Ministry Team leaders as they work to meet the practical needs of our church family and those in our community (1 Samuel 12:24; Deut. 31:6). See “Ministry Spotlight” pages for highlights and prayer requests.
- 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 God would renew our strength when we’re weary and use our weakness to display His power. (2 Cor. 12:9)
- Pray that a culture of discipleship, joyful hospitality, and care grows in us as a church family (1 Pt 4:9; Col. 3:16)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Brenda Addison, Margaret Austin, John Buchheister, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, Jim Ernster, Marjorie Griffin, Kim Haskell, JoAnn Proctor (death of nephew), Bonnie Trott**

(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.)

# Ministry Spotlight

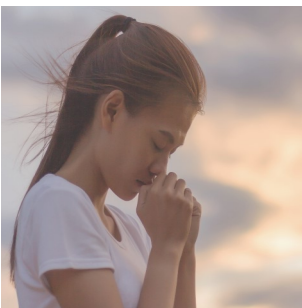
“Ministry Spotlight” aims to highlight active church ministries and programs at FBC Upper Marlboro. We hope these highlights help us all support each ministry in prayer, and also spark interest in your personal involvement in a particular ministry. *Please contact us to learn more about the ministries at FBCUM using the Digital Communication Card on the last page of this bulletin. We also encourage you to pick up a copy of “Places to Serve” in the magazine racks near the exits for information on all the church ministries.*

## Prayer Ministry

**Bernice McGuire :: Ministry Leader**

Serving in this ministry requires concentration, persistence and faithfulness, but the rewards are priceless. When you see prayers answered our faith is increased. We rejoice and praise Him for answering our prayers. Prayer is a command from the Lord and it is a great privilege to do so. According to Bernice, the Prayer Ministry is the most important ministry of our church. She has and continues to serve with dedication and devotion to the Prayer Ministry. It really is a precious gift from God.

If you joined the Prayer Ministry the first thing you would do as a member is to pray for the ministry and those that serve in the prayer ministry. Then you would commit to a specific time to serve each week devoting one hour in the prayer room. A schedule is necessary to ensure that members do not overlap their time. As you prepare to seek God through intercessory prayer, seek to pray in His divine will.



New requests come into the prayer room weekly. Sources for prayer requests include Prayer Request Cards, Church Bulletin, Church Directory, IMB (International Mission Board), and NAMB (North American Mission Board.) A little administrative work is involved in organizing the new prayer requests. Once that is completed, members will pray through the prayer requests as they pray each week, initial and date the prayer card. Prayer requests are kept in order such that no prayer request is missed through the rotation of prayers.

## Ministry Spotlight

There is also a time to follow-up to determine if prayers have been answered or if it is necessary to update the card with additional information. Each prayer request provides contact information to pursue updates or to send a prayer note called a 'Prayer-gram.' One benefit of making a connection by phone is that it brings comfort in knowing that prayers are on going.



This is also encouraging for you, as the member, because you are reminded that your prayers are needed and very much appreciated. There are times when these calls will result in learning that the prayer request has been *answered* and that removes this card from the file for prayers over to the most encouraging testimony in the room, the **Answered Prayer Box**. This box is treasured because it is a constant reminder of the Lord's faithfulness and demonstrates the power of the Lord to meet and satisfy the needs of those that requested prayer.

During prayer time, you may be led to send a note in the form of a *Prayer-Gram* as previously mentioned. These cards allow you to send an encouraging note about the concern and reassures the individual that the prayers are continuing. Recipients of these *prayer-grams* often experience great encouragement and appreciation for the prayers being presented to the Lord on their behalf. This may also spark the recipient to call the prayer room to offer an update or just share how much it means to know that their needs are constantly in prayer

The Prayer room provides several methods for people to present their prayer requests, by email - Pray4mefbc@gmail.com; by phone - 301-952-8877; or by submitting a Prayer Request Card (usually found in the worship center in the back of the chairs).

***The Prayer room is a place where you spend time seeking the Lord to answer a specific prayer requests. If you are interested and willing to serve others through prayer, please contact Bernice McGuire and join the Prayer Ministry!***



# Announcements

1. **Church Prayer Meeting — THIS Wednesday, April 1, at 6:30pm.** Join us as we gather for a time of prayer, testimony, and encouragement from God's Word. Come early at 5:30 pm to enjoy a simple meal and fellowship with one another.

2. **Good Friday Worship — April 3 at 7:00pm.** Mark your calendar and join us for worship on the evening of Good Friday as we remember the atoning work of Christ on the cross for us. There is no childcare for the service, but we encourage our families to bring their little ones along to worship.

3. **Lord's Supper Celebration Next Sunday, April 5.** We encourage you to prayerfully prepare your heart to receive the supper together as we remember the work of Christ on our behalf. 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.

4. **Baby Dedication on April 12.** There will be a Baby Dedication held during the worship service on Sunday, April 12. Parents interested in dedicating their child must be a member of the church and must **RSVP to Mike Rogers in the church office (mrogers@firstbaptistum.com) no later than April 5.**

5. **Interested in Church Membership? Attend the Starting Point Seminar — April 12.** Starting Point is a seminar-style meeting open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning more about who we are and what we believe. Join us immediately following the worship service on April 12 in rooms 120-125 (youth rooms). A light lunch will be served. Contact the church office to register.

6. **Preschool Ministry Opportunity.** Our precious preschoolers need YOU! We have a few spots to fill for the next two 6-week rotations in the church nursery. If you're available to serve our families by caring for children during worship, please see Ashley Meekins-Smith or Pam Jensen.

7. **Young Adult Gathering :: April 19 at 5pm :: Home of Tim and Ashley Smith.** Young Adults are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments. Contact Tre Fields for more info or questions.

8. **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.



## **Note of Thanks:**

We thank you from the depths of our hearts for the love, support and attention provided during our time of bereavement. We sincerely appreciated all the helping hands and thank God for our devoted FBCUM family.  
With love from the family of the late Sylvia Friend.

# Upcoming Sermons

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## Sermons by Date

APRIL-JUNE 2026

<b>April 5</b>	Romans 4:22-25 Raised for our Justification
<b>April 12</b>	1 John 3:16-24 God is Greater than your Heart
<b>April 19</b>	Luke 7:18-35 Dealing with Doubt
<b>April 26</b>	Luke 7:36-50 Your Sins are Forgiven
<b>May 3</b>	Luke 8:1-21 Take Care how you Hear
<b>May 10</b>	Psalms 117 God of Unshakeable Devotion
<b>May 17</b>	Luke 8:22-39 Where is your Faith?
<b>May 24</b>	Hebrews 4:14-5:10 Christ our Advocate
<b>May 31</b>	Psalms 12 God our Refuge
<b>June 7</b>	Deuteronomy 8:1-20 Looking Back with Thanks; Looking Forward with Hope
<b>June 14</b>	Luke 8:40-56 Do Not Fear; Only Believe
<b>June 21</b>	Luke 9:1-17 The God who Satisfies our Heart
<b>June 28</b>	Zechariah 1:7-17 Not Forgotten, but Restored

## Sermons by Series

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### Looking to God our Provider

*Series Preacher: Zach Schlegel, Mike Rogers, Tommie Van Der Walt, Kevin Rogers, Jeremy McClain, Tyrone Moorehead*

<b>April 5</b>	Raised for our Justification
<b>April 12</b>	God is Greater than your Heart
<b>May 10</b>	God of Unshakeable Devotion
<b>May 24</b>	Christ our Advocate
<b>May 31</b>	God our Refuge
<b>June 7</b>	Looking Back with <u>Thanks</u> ; Looking Forward with Hope
<b>June 28</b>	Not Forgotten, but Restored

### The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

*Series Preacher: Zach Schlegel*

<b>April 19</b>	Dealing with Doubt
<b>April 26</b>	Your Sins are Forgiven
<b>May 3</b>	Take Care how you Hear
<b>May 17</b>	Where is your Faith?
<b>June 14</b>	Do not Fear; Only Believe
<b>June 21</b>	The God who Satisfies our Heart

# The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

[Luke 7:1 - 17](#)

“What Causes Jesus to Marvel?”– March 29, 2026



## Introduction

Money gives us a sense of power. When you go somewhere like a restaurant and pay them, you expect to get food. If you go for an oil change and pay the service center, you expect service for your car. Many people assume that God works the same way. If you are good or do good, then you might expect that God owes you. How does God actually respond to those in need? How can we be certain of God's help in our time of need?

## Sermon Outline

1. Trust God's authoritative word. Vs. 1-10
2. Trust God's unfailing compassion. Vs. 11-17

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read Vs. 1-10

In the beginning of Jesus' ministry, He quoted the prophet Isaiah. ([Isaiah 61](#)) Jesus came to proclaim good news to the poor. In this passage, Luke gave us three examples of “the poor.” We will focus on two of those example today. Luke highlighted “the poor” throughout the gospel. However, economic prosperity was not at the forefront of his mind in those situations. When you have no resources to meet the need because you have no claim on God, you are poor. The people referenced in these passages are outside of the circle.

Here, Jesus marveled at the centurion's faith. Luke held up two things that highlight biblical faith - accurate self-knowledge and accurate knowledge of God. The centurion was clear about himself - he was not worthy. In the presence of the greatness of Jesus, the centurion saw himself as he was. He needed help, but had no claim on Jesus. He was a Gentile - a Roman. He was employed by a nation that ruled the Jews. However, His claim was also a moral claim - he recognized that he was a sinner. He had nothing to barter with; he came with empty hands.

The elders of the Jews presented the opposite opinion of him. Isn't that how our hearts naturally think? Do you consider your good deeds as spiritual currency? Do you think that God owes you a different and better life? This alters our thinking about Hell.

As a Christian, you can go to God as Father. Jesus is your friend. However, in thinking rightly about those things, you may lose sight of our unworthiness. You may begin to feel “entitled.” Our access to the King is blood-bought. You can see both your worth and unworthiness at the cross. God loved you so much, He sent Jesus to pay the price of sin for which we are all unworthy. Jesus didn't die for good people. He died for sinners who deserve Hell. If you have come to know and trust Jesus as Savior and see Him as He really is, you will see yourself in the right light.

The centurion knew that if Jesus said the word, his servant would be healed. He understood authority. He knew that Jesus' word was authoritative enough to heal. He was absolutely confident that Jesus had authority over sickness, life and death. How did the centurion have that faith? He heard about Jesus. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the word of God. ([Romans 10:17](#))

The point of this text is to show you who Jesus is and that can you trust Him and His word. God's word is effective, right, and good. Is that enough for you? Do you need more? Do you need a guarantee that His word will be what you like? What if His word is not what you expect or like? Do you pray and then try to supervise God so that He answers the way you want and in your timeline? Do you negotiate with God or have a spiritual backup plan? Is trusting scary to you? Do you long for control of everything? Or do you rest in His sovereignty and wisdom? You can be confident that He is able and that His decision on the matter is right! There is peace, rest, and comfort in trusting God.

You need both an accurate self-knowledge AND accurate God-knowledge or you will fall into pride or despair.

## 2. Read Vs. 11-17

When Jesus reached the town's gate, He heard the sound of wailing. They paused for the funeral procession. Luke painted a tragic picture of this scene. You see a widow who has grieved the loss of her husband and now her only son. She was alone, in financial despair, with no protection.

But when Jesus saw her, He had compassion on her. He **SAW** her. His heart "went out to her." David depicts this compassion in [Psalm 56:8](#). God is there for every sleepless night, and He collects every tear. He is there, and He cares. Jesus fully and selflessly steps into our suffering as a compassionate High Priest.

Telling someone not to weep at a funeral is cruel... unless you can do something about it. Jesus could! Don't gloss over this familiar story. Think about it. Dead people don't talk. They don't hear. They are **DEAD**... unless Jesus talks to you. Jesus has authority over death. Jesus' unfailing compassion turned this funeral into a street party. The people saw this and replied that a great Prophet has come. God has come to save. Some time later, they would herald Him as King as He rode into Jerusalem shouting, "Hosanna!" which means Lord, save us!

Can you replace this funeral scene with something that you dread the most? A tragedy? A scandal? Sickness? The death of a loved one? Come into that scene in prayer, feel the sorrow, frustration, anger, and bitterness. Then, in prayer, see Jesus. Come empty handed. He may not say what you expect or want. However, if His presence is there, **THAT** is what you need the most. Being empty handed, helpless, and spiritual broken is a qualification of being a friend of Jesus. ([Isaiah 55:1](#)) His grace, which cost Him everything, costs you nothing!

Do you like being poor, weak, helpless? Like the Pharisees, we want to bring something to the table. The dead man illustrates our relationship with God. He had NOTHING to bring. Do you remember your spiritual helplessness? Our starting point is "DEAD." ([Ephesians 2:1](#)) Then God spoke. ([Ephesians 2:4](#)) The proper response is gratitude and worship. God's voice is powerful enough for dead people to hear it.

Are you still on the fence with Jesus? All who are in the tombs will hear His voice. ([John 5:28](#)) When Jesus comes again the second time, He **will** speak. All the dead **will** hear His voice, rise and stand before the Judge. This scene is a warning to those who are still on the fence. You must not pretend that your good deeds will make you worthy. Accept an honest view of yourself. We are all sinners. Sin defiles and separates us from a Holy God. We also need a right view of God. He is righteous and holy. When you see both yourself and God rightly, you can find hope in Jesus. Jesus came to proclaim Good News. Only those who realize that they are sick go to the physician. He died for our sin in our place. He rose again, never to die again. He lives to remind us that He will come again to judge. He delays His coming to give people time to come to Him, repent, and trust Him. Today is the day of salvation! Bring your sin; He will give you His righteousness, forgive your sin and make you His child.

### 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 [www.fbcum.org](http://www.fbcum.org).

**Next week's sermon text:** [Romans 4:22-25](#) "**Raised for our Justification**"

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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 – Matthew 20:1-16

Day 2 – Matthew 20:17-28

Day 3 – Matthew 20:29-34

Day 4 – Matthew 21:1-11

Day 5 – Matthew 21:18-27

\*Read Romans 4:22-25 in preparation for church on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 12 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

### **Sing together**

"Taste and See (Psalm 34)" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

### **Memory verses for the month**

**John 3:16** *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life,"*

**Psalms 145:9** *"The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made."*

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

**Question 37: How does the Holy Spirit help us?**

**Answer:** *The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.*

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