

Resurrection Sunday 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 — Luke 24:1-6a (ESV)

¹ But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen.

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

Verse 1:

In Christ In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in All;
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2:

In Christ alone who took on flesh;
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3:

There in the ground His body lay;
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ!

Verse 4:

No guilt in life, no fear in death;
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Michael Bleecher

Verse 1:

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2:

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Verse 3:

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Verse 4:

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave Could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Nathan Stiff | Jason Brown

Verse 1:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

Verse 2:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts

My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

Verse 3:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

Scripture Reading — Genesis 15:1-6 (ESV)

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

Johnny Robinson | Rich Thompson | Michael Farren

Verse 1:

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
My deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 2:

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 3:

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Verse 4:

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Sermon Notes

“Raised for Our Justification” :: Romans 4:22-25

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 agree that should we leave 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.

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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

Verse 1:

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone!
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ in which we stand.

Chorus:

O sing, hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal
O sing, hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2:

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good!
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ?

Verse 3:

Unto the grave what will we sing?
Christ He lives, Christ He lives!
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord.
Then sin and death will be destroyed.
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore.

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, April 5 (Resurrection Sunday)

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

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

Monday, April 6

Tuesday, April 7

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, April 8

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir

6:30 PM AWANA

Elder-Led Bible Study (1 Cor)

Choir / Band Rehearsal

Thursday, April 9

Friday, April 10

Saturday, April 11

6:30 AM Bible Boot Camp (Men's Study)

8:30 AM Titus 2 (Women's Study)

Sunday, April 12

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Baby Dedication

12:00 PM Starting Point Seminar

6:00 PM Youth Night

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

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

Sunday, May 31

Members' Meeting immediately following the worship service

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of April 5

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:

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

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, 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.*

Meal Train Ministry

Morgan Neptune :: Ministry Leader

A Meal Train is a ministry for our church family to support each other by coordinating and providing meals for someone who may need extra support during a trying time. It provides an opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ to members of our church that have just had a baby, suffering through an illness/surgery, or those going through a difficult time adjusting through a recent hardship. This is a sampling of some of the reasons we initiate a Meal Train.



Morgan Neptune, leads this ministry and is very passionate about the Meal Train Ministry because, she personally was blessed through this ministry not long after joining First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro. Morgan’s personal testimony: “About a month or two after my husband and I became members of FBCUM, we welcomed our little girl into the world and were recipients of a Meal Train. I know firsthand what a blessing this act of kindness can be by so many church members. We were truly touched. It was also an amazing opportunity to meet our church family that I may not have otherwise met. I was honored when asked to take over heading up the Meal Train ministry. It has been such an incredible privilege. “

When the Meal Train is notified that there is a specific need to support a family or individual or if a request is made, a Meal Train is created. Details are provided regarding any food allergies or any other dietary restrictions. They seek to ensure that the recipients are receiving a meal that will be enjoyed and helpful.

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Once this information is secured, the Meal Train is formally submitted by email with a link to the page. Meal Train participants will open the link and review the details to include any food allergies, dietary restrictions, along with the dates that the meals are to be presented to the family or individual. Meal Train participants may select from the list any date or dates they are available to provide a meal, and drop it off on the designated date. There is no obligation to participate on any given Meal Train. The more people we have on the Meal Train, makes it easier to meet coverage, because you may not be available this time but someone else may be and vice versa.



If you are a busy person looking for a ministry that you can join in to help when there is a need, this may be perfect for you. The Meal Train is an, as needed ministry. Participants will receive an email when a Meal Train has started, they can just click on the link and sign up to provide a meal on a specific date when they choose. This process prevents confusion and both the recipient and the participant will know what is scheduled for that date. Does this sound like the perfect opportunity for you to serve?

Our church is excited about serving and loving our church families well. We believe no matter what stage of life you are in, there is something that you can do to support the ministries of this church. The Ministry Spotlight series is intended to give you a behind the scenes look at each of our ministries. If you have a ministry idea, that you believe will be beneficial to this body of believers or others, you are encouraged to share your thoughts with Pastor Tyrone Moorehead for consideration or email the church office at: fbcum@firstbaptistum.com

Announcements

1. Welcome to First-Time Guests. If you're visiting with us for the first time today, we're delighted that you're here! As you leave, we invite you to bring the blue Communication Card in this bulletin to the Welcome Desk in the foyer and we will supply you with a Welcome Bag. It contains information about the church as well as a small gift to say thank you for visiting with us. If you have questions or spiritual needs in the future, you can always contact us using the Digital Communication Card below or by calling the church office.

2. 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.

3. 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.**

4. 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.

5. 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.



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.



Looking to God Our Provider

[Romans 4:22-25](#)

“Raised for our Justification”— April 5, 2026



Introduction

There is a chance that you or someone else in your family would prefer to diagnose an ailment rather than go to a doctor. We have google, right? That's the physical body. What about the soul?

Do you have faith? We all have faith. Even the atheist has faith. What is your faith in? Is your faith “saving” faith?

600 years before Jesus, God judged the prophets of the time. ([Jeremiah 6:14](#)) In that day, those who went to church only preferred hearing good things. Let's fast forward to the time of Jesus, Who is the expert of the health of our soul. Today, God invites you into His doctor's office. He is the Great Physician. If His diagnosis of your soul's condition doesn't align with your self- diagnosis, will you listen?

Sermon Outline

1. Saving faith accepts the impossible diagnosis. Vs. 22-24
2. Saving faith trusts the prescription. Vs. 25a
3. Saving faith hopes in the cure. Vs. 25b

Read & Discuss

1. Read Vs. 22-24

Paul is the author of the book of Romans to the believers in Rome in the first century. We are jumping in chapter four, so who is the one of whom Paul is referring whose faith is counted as righteousness? He is speaking of Abraham. We are made right with God by faith. Abraham is a model of faith for us. Don't miss what Paul is saying in [vs. 24](#). This “counting faith as righteousness” applies ONLY to those who believe. What does Paul mean by “believe?” What type of faith is biblical, saving faith?

In [Genesis 12](#), God promised to make Abraham a great nation. Then God made Abraham and Sarah wait...and wait...and wait until they were past childbearing age. In [Genesis 15](#), we see that Abraham wrestled with this. How would they have children now? God reminded Abraham of His promise as He told Abraham to look to the stars in the sky. It is God who put ALL of those stars there. He created them out of nothing. He spoke the word, and they were there. God can do the impossible. Look to God, not at your circumstances. God is a promise-making and a promise-keeping God.

Abraham didn't make a “swap” with God. The word “counted” means to reckon or credit money to a bank account. Abraham would contribute NOTHING to God's promise. This same impossible diagnosis of faith is seen and demonstrated throughout the Old Testament. Even today, it is only when we finally hit rock bottom, realizing that we have nothing to bring to the table, that we finally believe. The type of faith that believes you can contribute something will lull you into Hell. Saving faith is impossible without God. Proud people are offended by that, but coming to the end of ourselves is the beginning of hope. Why is this diagnosis impossible for us?

2. Read Vs. 25a

We know the seriousness of the condition by the prescription. What prescription does God write? Jesus – delivered up for our sin. That is the prescription of the Great Physician. The prescription is of great expense. However, if you think of sin lightly, Jesus' death will not mean much to you.

What does Paul mean by trespasses? We were created to know, love and enjoy God. Adam and Eve were told to enjoy every tree in the Garden by one. God set boundaries for the good of His people. Their choice was a rejection of God. Understand, sin is rebellion - cosmic treason. They made a conscious choice to disobey. They knew the consequences. God had told them. But Adam and Eve are not the only ones who are guilty. Jesus was delivered up for OUR trespasses. We are guilty. All of us have sinned. ([Romans 3:23](#))

We need rescue. The devaluing of God and the elevation of other things is the nature of sin.

How bad is it? Remember the prescription - Jesus came to **die**. The only way for us to be healed is for Him to die a horrible death on the cross. Jesus didn't come to save us from a lack of purpose, loneliness, sad thoughts, etc. Jesus died to rescue us from the righteous wrath of God that is aimed at our sin. All will be held accountable for sin, and there is no defense, alibi or excuse. ([Romans 3:19](#)) The wages of sin is death. ([Romans 6:23](#)) Our sin has racked up a debt we cannot pay. BUT the gift of God is eternal life. That word "but" changes everything, wiping away everything before it.

How does God give this gift and remain righteous? Jesus was fully God and fully man. He died to take our place. We deserved to drink the cup of God's wrath, but Jesus took it so that we don't have to. This is not fair. We are not getting our wages, but it is just. Jesus paid the price. God is just and the Justifier. Is this too good to be true? How can we know that Jesus' death "worked?" Is there a guarantee? Was His death sufficient?

3. Read Vs. 25b

What is the cure? Jesus was raised for our justification! **Jesus' bodily resurrection matters!!** The resurrection is FACT. It is not made up or metaphorical; it is an actual event. Jesus rose from the dead. There is no forgiveness without the death of Jesus, and there is no forgiveness without the resurrection of Jesus. No resurrection - no redemption. ([1 Corinthians 15:17-19](#))

Christianity is about the God who is here and Who acted on our behalf in history. The guarantee that Jesus' death was enough **is** the resurrection. It is the evidence that Christianity is true and that Jesus is who He says He is! The tomb was empty! Jesus was seen by over 500 eyewitnesses in the 40 days before His ascension.

What does justification mean? It is a legal term. It means that God, the Judge, declares the guilty to be innocent. It is just as if you never sinned. How can He do that? Will that make Him unjust? It is only by the sin bearing death of Jesus. The resurrection assures us that His death was enough. Jesus is alive. His resurrection is the guarantee that the debt of sin is paid in FULL. 100% - It is finished!

Do you understand that your sin is a big deal? Or do you think the opposite - your sin is so great that God will not accept you? If we are justified by our works, we are all hopeless. We are justified by His grace as a gift. Realizing that you are not good enough qualifies you to come to Jesus. Look to Jesus. He paid the price. Come to Him. The door is open. Believe! Biblical faith is trust. Jesus is the Savior. He is also the Lord. In His love, He issues a command - trust Him. He is the only way. ([John 14:6](#)) "Get in the wheelbarrow." (IYKYK) Saving faith obeys!

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.

Next week's sermon text: [1 John 3:16-24](#) "God is Greater Than Your Heart"

Family Guide for week of April 5th, 2026

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](#).

Family Guide for week of April 5th, 2026

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.



Bible Intake: (Listening to God)

Day 1 – Matthew 21:28-32

Day 2 – Matthew 21:32-46

Day 3 – Matthew 22:1-14

Day 4 – Matthew 22:15-22

Day 5 – Matthew 22:23-33

*Read 1 John 3:16-24 in preparation for church on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2026

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 13 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Sing together

"Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

Memory verses for the month

John 1:14 "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."

Psalms 145:10 "All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you!"

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 38: What is prayer?

Answer: Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God.

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