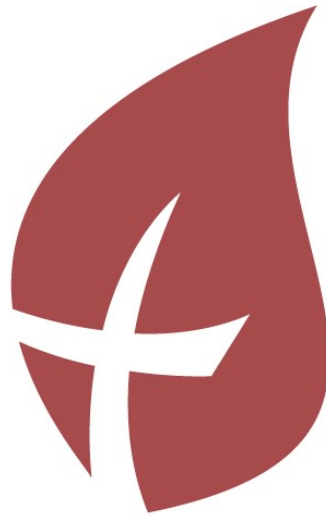


Sunday Morning Worship

November 10, 2024



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Order of Worship

November 10, 2024

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

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

Call to Worship — 1 John 3:1-3 (ESV)

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead and buried.
On the third day, He rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven,
And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy universal church
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

An Explanation of the Apostles' Creed:

From as early as the 2nd century, Christians used statements of faith, like the Apostles' Creed, to confess publicly their faith in Christ. Usually they made these statements prior to their public declaration of the faith at baptism. The Apostles' Creed has become a useful tool to teach believers throughout the world and throughout the centuries.

At First Baptist Church, we use this brief statement in our public services to declare before God, before each other, and before the world that these are truths Scripture has revealed. In other words, we are united by our faith in God,

He's Done So Much for Me

Lilian Bowles | Nolan Williams Jr. | Theodore Frye

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### Verse 1:

He's done so much for me,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all.  
He's done so much for me,  
I cannot tell it all.  
I cannot tell it all.

### Verse 2:

He washed my sins away,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all.  
He washed my sins away,  
I cannot tell it all.  
I cannot tell it all.

### Verse 3:

He walks and talks with me,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all.  
He walks and talks with me,  
I cannot tell it all.  
I cannot tell it all.

### Verse 4:

He gave me victory,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all,  
I cannot tell it all.  
He gave me victory,  
I cannot tell it all.  
I cannot tell it all.

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas Chisholm | William Runyan | John Piper

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Verse 1:

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me

Verse 2:

I could not love Thee, so blind and unfeeling
Covenant promises fell not to me.
Then without warning, desire or deserving,
I found my Treasure, my pleasure, in Thee.

Verse 3:

I have no merit to woo or delight Thee,
I have no wisdom or pow'rs to employ;
Yet in thy mercy, how pleasing thou find'st me,
This is Thy pleasure: that Thou art my joy.

Verse 4:

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

Scripture Reading — Isaiah 55:1-13 (ESV)

- ¹ “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.
- ² 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.
- ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
- ⁶ “Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
- ⁷ 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.
- ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
- ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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Scripture Reading — (continued)

¹⁰ “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² “For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the LORD,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

What A Savior

Philip Bliss | Devon Kauflin

Verse 1:

Man of Sorrows what a name
For the Son of God who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah!
Bearing shame and scoffing rude
In my place condemned He stood
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Chorus:

Savior, You showed Your love
Defeated our sin
Poured out Your blood
So we praise You
Lamb that was slain
We offer our lives to proclaim
“What a Savior”

Verse 2:

Guilty vile and helpless we
Spotless Lamb of God was He
Full atonement can it be, Hallelujah!
Lifted up was He to die
“It is finished” was His cry
Now in heav’n exalted high
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Verse 3:

When He comes our glorious King
All His ransomed home to bring
Then anew this song we’ll sing
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Sermon Notes

“Come, Lord Jesus!” :: Revelation 22:6-21

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# I Stand Amazed in the Presence (How Marvelous)

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

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## **Verse 1:**

I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus the Nazarene  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned unclean  
And wonder how He could love me  
A sinner condemned unclean

## **Chorus:**

How marvelous, how wonderful  
And my song shall ever be  
How marvelous, how wonderful  
Is my Savior's love for me

## **Verse 2:**

He took my sins and my sorrows  
He made them His very own  
He bore the burden to Calvary  
And suffered and died alone  
He bore the burden to Calvary  
And suffered and died alone

## **Verse 3:**

And with the ransomed in glory  
His face I at last shall see  
It will be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me  
It will be my joy through the ages  
To sing of His love for me

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

### **Sunday, November 10**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

### **Monday, November 11 (Veteran's Day)**

Church Office Closed

### **Tuesday, November 12**

10:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study

### **Wednesday, November 13**

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir

6:30 PM AWANA

Adult Bible Study

Choir & Band Rehearsal

### **Thursday, November 14**

### **Friday, November 15**

### **Saturday, November 16**

### **Sunday, November 17**

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

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

### **Sunday, December 8**

Budget Review Meeting — immediately following worship service

### **Sunday, December 15**

Members' Meeting — immediately following worship service

### **Tuesday, December 24**

6:30pm — Christmas Eve Worship

### **Sunday, January 26**

Starting Point Seminar — immediately following worship service

*(Seminar for those interested in church membership. Contact the church office to register or use the Digital Communication Card on the back of this bulletin.)*

# Praying with First Baptist Church

## A Prayer Guide for the week of November 10

### **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, consider using the prayer of the Apostle Paul from the book of Colossians 1:9:

*“...we have not ceased to pray for you,  
asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will  
in all spiritual wisdom and understanding...”*

We recognize our need for God’s help in all the areas of our lives. The categories and requests listed below are intentional ways to pray for each other as a church family. For help in knowing how and what to pray for, look up the Scripture included with each item.

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

- Pray for opportunities and boldness to share the gospel with loved ones (Matt. 28:19)
- Pray for conversions (John 3:3, Acts 16:14)
- Pray for the children of our church to hear and understand the gospel and be saved. (Luke 8:8)
- Pray for the preaching of God’s word – for faithfulness, fruitfulness, and God’s glory (2 Tim. 4:2, 1 Cor. 2:4-5, Isa. 55:10-11)
- Pray for increased one to one discipleship relationships in our church family (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Pray for unity in our diversity both on Sunday and through the week (Rom. 15:13, Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for continued growth and joy in the gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-5, 2 Pet. 1:12)
- Pray for growth in holiness, hatred of sin and growth in humility (Prov. 8:13, 1 Pet. 1:14-16)
- Pray for honest, loving relationships in our church (Col. 3:12-13, James 5:16)
- Pray for families: marriages to thrive, parents to teach/love/discipline carefully, and children to obey (Eph. 5:22-6:4)
- Pray that giving would be faithful, joyful, consistent, and sacrificial (2 Cor. 8:9)

### **Prayer items outside our church:**

- Pray that our elected officials would fear God, seek His wisdom, have integrity, humility, and work together for the good of society and not self. (1 Tim. 2:1-2, Rom. 13:1-7)
- Pray for fruitful ministry in other gospel-proclaiming churches in our area. (Rom. 15:20, 1 Cor. 16:1-3, Matt. 28:19-20)

- Pray that God would bring a swift end to wars going on throughout the world and establish peace. Pray for protection and care for the many refugees fleeing to safety. Pray that those impacted would trust in God in the midst of their suffering. (Ps. 139:23-24)
- Pray for those effected by natural disasters around the world, especially recent hurricanes through the Southeast U.S. Pray God would provide for immediate needs and preserve life. Pray God would comfort those grieving the death of loved ones. Pray for relief workers to work safely and quickly to bring stability (Psalm 119:88; 34:18)
- Pray for our ministry partners locally and around the world—Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware (BCM/D), North American Mission Board (NAMB) and International Mission Board (IMB). Pray especially for those we are directly involved with: Jeremy McClain (Mercy of Christ Fellowship Church, DC), Joel Kurz (The Garden Church, Baltimore), Daniel and Brandy Spandler-Davison and Susanna Schriever (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray that God would supply their needs. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)

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

- Praise God for two very fruitful mission trips by teams from our church over the past few months (South Africa & Bangkok, Thailand). Both teams were able to care for and serve the local churches and pastors they were working with as well as identify potential ways we can continue to meet needs there in the future. Continue to pray that God would strengthen the leaders and members of these churches and that the Gospel would flourish through their ministry. (Ps 93:4, Col. 1:5-6, 1 Pet. 4:12-17)
- Pray for our ministry leaders, deacons, and elders during this budget season as they pray and prepare a budget to present to the church next month. Pray for wisdom and a God-centered vision for how to use the resources that God has given our church. (James 1:5)
- Pray for our church family as we consider amendments to our church constitution. Pray that we would work together to comprehend and establish God's good design for the church and center our lives around it for the sake of his glory being made known. (Eph 3:10; 3:21)
- Pray that our church family would not grow weary of doing good. Pray that we would live and interact with one another in a way that reveals God's steadfast love and mercy to the world. (Gal 6:9)
- Pray God would guard our church from fear, anxiety, and disunity. Pray that we would trust that God is good and be assured that He is in control. (John 13:34-35)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

**Margaret Austin, Alice Copeland, Mary Dina, Lucie Lowe, Bonnie Trott, Glenn Walker**

(To submit a prayer request, please use the Prayer Request Card available in the sanctuary and drop them in the offering basket or contact the Prayer Room at 301-952-8877.)

# Announcements

## 1. Upcoming Church Events:

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

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

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

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: in designated boxes in the foyer or during worship service
- by mail: send to the church office.



Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.

## Digital Communication Card



Are you interested in receiving more information about the church, meeting with a pastor, or sharing a prayer need? Scan the QR code to fill in our digital communication card and someone will follow up with you. You're always welcome to contact the church office: 301-952-0117.



# Revelation: Following Our Victorious King

[Revelation 22:6-21](#)

"Come Lord Jesus"—November 10, 2024



## Introduction

It can be very difficult to make important life decisions. Do you feel that if you make the wrong choice, you will have major regrets? The fear of missing out could make it more difficult, making you feel stuck.

If you feel decision paralysis, you may be worshipping the "god of open options." We see the prophet Elijah in [1 Kings 18:21](#) instructing the people to make decision, and they didn't answer. Do you see yourself just not making a decision for fear of missing out? Do you find yourself unable to commit? Where might you still be flirting with the "god of open options?"

In the book of Revelation, God has been making the case that we should go "all in" with Jesus. We have seen Jesus in His glory, and we have seen how it will all end. Here, at the end of the book, we are called to get off the fence, deciding to follow Jesus. How do we make that decision?

## Sermon Outline

1. Let truth guide your worship. Vs. 6-9
2. Decide today, because tomorrow is not promised. Vs. 10-17
3. Don't pretend that you are smarter than God. Vs. 18-21

## Read & Discuss

### 1. Read vs. 6-9

In Revelation chapter one, John tells us that he is in exile because of his stand for Jesus. God pulls back the curtain to show John what will happen. As we see this vision unfold, John sees incredible things.

What the angel tells John here in [vs. 9](#), is instructive to us as well. Worship God. Singing songs of worship is part of our worship gathering, but worship is more than that. It is manifested in adoration and action. This is reflective of all our lives. What you value controls our actions. Do you value what people think of you? Politics? Nice things? Good looks? Athletic ability? You can be tempted to value the same things that the world values, and it will affect your priorities and your actions. If you find your identity in these things, you are giving our hearts to the wrong thing. This is idolatry.

We all need to hear the loving correction that the angel gives John in [vs. 8](#). "You must not do that!" Center your life around God! Trust Him! Why? The world is going one direction; how can you know that God is right? Are you worried about what you will miss out on?

We can trust God because this is His word. These words are trustworthy and true! ([Vs. 6](#)) We can trust the Bible because of Jesus. He understood and believed the Bible to be true, authoritative, and the very word of God. How do we know that Jesus is reliable? The linchpin of Christianity is the resurrection. He told his disciples that he would be betrayed and killed, but He also told them that he would rise from the dead. All of that happened which proves what He said about Himself as well as what the Bible says.

Does it feel that the world is winning? Do you doubt that you are giving your life to the right thing? Do the countless voices telling you how to live cause you to be overwhelmed? The way out of a paralyzed indecision into a confident decision is to look into God's word.

**Additional Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15

### 2. Read vs. 10-17

John emphasized here is that the clock is ticking. Time is almost out. Jesus is coming soon! When Jesus comes a second time, He will judge. God cares very much about justice. He will make all things right. John is saying, "Decide today! Tomorrow is not promised!"

What does John mean by "soon?" Since it has been over 2000 years since John's writing, people don't take this

warning seriously. The Apostle Peter faced scoffers. ([2 Peter 3:4; 9](#)) God is not slow. He hasn't forgotten His coming judgment. God delays His righteous judgment to give unbelievers time to repent. It is His mercy and patience. Jesus will come. He will reward and repay. He doesn't tell us when; he says, "Soon."

When God's word is read, sung, prayed or preached, you will either hear and respond or you will harden your heart. Do you hear? Are you listening? If you stiff-arm God long enough, you will have his judgment today and become spiritually deaf. ([Romans 1:22-25](#)) God's warnings are meant to wake us up. Do you hear God speaking to you today through the words of scripture? Don't put it off. Decide today!

God is eternal and sovereign. He is bringing history to His desired end, bringing all the world to judgment. There are those who will enter the city. ([vs. 14](#)) There are those who will remain outside. ([vs. 15](#)) Compared to a holy God, we are the ones who should be left outside. We are under the curse of the law. That's the bad news, but those who wash their robes will enter. How? ([Revelation 7:14](#)) We must be washed in the blood of the Lamb. On the cross, Jesus bore the penalty and satisfied the wrath of God. We cannot get the stain of sin out with our good deeds. Jesus drank the cups of God's wrath to the dregs and rose again guaranteeing salvation for those who trust in Him.

We are tempted to envy the world, but we can trust Jesus. He is the Bright and Morning Star in a very dark world. He says, "Come!" The bride says, "Come!" Are you still tempted to stay on the fence with one foot in the world? The Holy Spirit will help the one who hears to say, "Come."

Is Jesus your greatest treasure? Do you long for Him to come more than anything that this world has to offer? Are you still on the fence? Come! He is the Truth! The world will not satisfy you. The longing to run after things that will satisfy is a longing for God. Come to Him! Drink and be satisfied in Him. However, It is possible to hear all of this and still not be convinced.

### **3. Read vs. 18-21**

A preacher's job is to explain and apply the word of God. It is not to add to or ignore anything to God's word. A preacher's job is to say what it says.

But John's warning here is not just for preachers. It is for all of us. There are several reasons for us want to add to or ignore or twist God's word. When obedience is costly, we might be tempted to add to or take something out. To do this is to put yourself in the place of God. It is what got Adam and Eve in trouble in the first place. What happened in the Garden of Eden happens in our culture today. People ask, "Did God really say?" God does not need an editor. ([Psalm 19:7-8](#))

Our job is to trust and obey God's word that gives us life. How do we do this? It is only by the grace of the Lord Jesus. ([Vs. 21](#))

#### **Prayer of Response**

- 1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?
- 2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come. If you missed the sermon on Sunday or would like to listen again, visit our website at [fbcum.org](http://fbcum.org)

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| <b>Next week's sermon text:</b> we turn to Revelation 1 – 21 <b>"The Revelation of Jesus Christ"</b> |
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## Family Guide for week of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*



### Suggestions on getting started:

- Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc...)
- Start simple and short (ten minutes or less). Start with three things: 1) Read God's word, 2) Pray together and 3) Sing together. Scripture memory and catechism questions are *optional* if you have the time. Better to start small than bite off more than you can chew and give up.
- Be flexible. It doesn't need to look cookie-cutter similar for every family. Know yourself and know your kids: their personality, age, maturity, etc. [For younger kids consider starting with a good children's Bible like [\*The Big Picture Story Bible\*](#).]
- If you don't know the answer to a question someone has, don't act like you do! Say something like, "Great question, let me look into that." Study, ask a pastor or Christian friend and get back to them.
- Embrace the chaos. Kids are kids – don't expect it to be a perfect roundtable discussion with quiet, attentive children every time. Be patient and persistent. Patterns and habits help to set expectations over time.
- To learn more about family worship check out Donald Whitney's book (available at our church bookstall): [\*Family Worship: In the Bible, In History, and In Your Home\*](#).

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## **Bible Intake** (*Listening to God*)

Day 1 – Philippians 3:12 - 4:1

Day 2 – Philippians 4:2-9

Day 3 – Philippians 4:10-23

Day 4 – Colossians 1:1-14

Day 5 – Colossians 1:15-23

*\*Read Revelation 1 and 22 in preparation for church on Sunday, November 17, 2024*

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

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 25 of our church directory.

Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask God to make you aware of His presence today.

Praise God for sending Jesus to die for us.

## **Sing together**

"What a Savior" – use the bulletin from Sunday

## **Memory verses for the month**

**Genesis 50:19-20** "Joseph said to them, 'Do no fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.'"

**Jeremiah 9:11** "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not evil, to give you a future and a hope."

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

Question 18: Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

Answer: No, God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

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