

Gratitude

HOW TO BE A GRATEFUL CHRISTIAN
IN ALL SEASONS

First Baptist Church

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10 - 11 AM

127 W Broadway
Shelbyville IN



Call to Worship

Look at My Servant, whom I strengthen. He is my chosen one, who pleases me.

I have put my Spirit upon him. He will bring justice to the nations.

He will not crush the weakest reed or put out a flickering candle. He will bring justice to all who have been wronged.

He will not falter or lose heart until justice prevails throughout the earth.

God, the LORD, created the heavens and stretched them out. He created the earth and everything in it.

He gives breath to everyone, life to everyone who walks the earth.

I, the LORD, have called you to demonstrate my righteousness.

And you will be a light to guide the nations.

You will open the eyes of the blind. You will free the captives from prison, releasing those who sit in dark dungeons.

**I am the LORD; that is my name! Sing a new song to the LORD!
Sing his praises from the ends of the earth!**

Hymn: #234 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we are grateful that you do not allow us to be at peace when we stray from you.

Our conscience nags at us. We feel that inward ache that says something is wrong.

Guilt feelings oppress us.

Still, we are experts at pretending that all is fine. So we beg you not to let up.

Keep your hand heavy upon us, pressing us down so we will confess our sins and plead for Your mercy.

Even in our guilt we sense that we are your children, and that you care enough to chastise us. Forgive us, O Lord. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: The Gospel Song

Holy God in love became
Perfect man to bear my blame.
On the cross He took my sin
By His death I live again.

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Assurance of Pardon in the Gospel

Thank you for your forgiveness, though it comes at a great price—

The life and death of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you that you made Him, who knew no sin, to be sin for us,

That we might be given the righteousness of God in Him. Thank you for the gift freely given to us in Christ.

Hymn: #493 It Is Well

Hymn: #364 My Jesus I Love Thee

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: John 1: 19-34

Sermon: The Lamb of God

¹⁹ Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?"

²⁰ He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ."

²¹ And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

And he answered, "No."

²² Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?"

²³ He said: "I *am*

'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

"Make straight the way of the LORD," '

as the prophet Isaiah said."

²⁴ Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. ²⁵ And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶ John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. ²⁷ It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose."

²⁸ These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰ This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' ³¹ I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."

³² And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. ³³ I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."

John 20:30-31

³⁰ And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

John 6:31, 45

³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "

⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

John 8:17

¹⁷ It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true.

John 10:34

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, "You are gods" '?"

John 12:14

¹⁴ Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

John 1:40-41, 45

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ).

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

Acts 10:43

⁴³ To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”

John 5:39

³⁹ You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Genesis 22:1-14

¹ Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!”

And he said, “Here I am.”

² Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.”

³ So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. ⁵ And Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.”

⁶ So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together. ⁷ But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!”

And he said, “Here I am, my son.”

Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”

⁸ And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.

⁹ Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

¹¹ But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"

So he said, "Here I am."

¹² And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

¹³ Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, "In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Exodus 12:21-24

²¹ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb. ²² And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. ²³ For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the [a]lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. ²⁴ And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever.

Isaiah 53:5-7

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed and He was afflicted,
Yet He opened not His mouth;
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
So He opened not His mouth.

Jeremiah 17:9

⁹"The heart is deceitful above all things,
And desperately wicked;
Who can know it?

Isaiah 44:3-5

³ For I will pour water on him who is thirsty,
And floods on the dry ground;
I will pour My Spirit on your descendants,
And My blessing on your offspring;

⁴ They will spring up among the grass
Like willows by the watercourses.'

⁵ One will say, 'I am the Lord's';
Another will call himself by the name of Jacob;
Another will write with his hand, 'The Lord's,'
And name himself by the name of Israel.

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away;
behold, all things have become new.

Hymn: Yet Not I but Through Christ

Benediction

Upcoming Events & Announcements

It's about time to start bringing Halloween candy for the little goblins. Plus, the shoeboxes for the Christmas Child Program will be available starting Oct. 5th.

Be sure and join us this Monday at 10 am at the Christian Center for the Women's Bible study.

Men's Bible Study at 9 am Monday at the church.