

The Prayer of Jesus

An oil painting depicting a pair of hands clasped in prayer. The hands are rendered with visible brushstrokes and are set against a background of vibrant, textured golden and yellow tones. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the contours of the hands and the texture of the paint.

**First Baptist Church
Shelbyville IN
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Call to Worship:

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see what the Lord has done, He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Hymn: #354 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession:

Gracious Father, You tell us the nations will come and worship at your throne. That your Word will go out and draw all peoples to yourself. That you and you alone can actually meet our deepest longings.

Yet our hearts are so cold, so resistant, unresponsive. When our world is marked by chaos, by conflict, by fear, we look to “gods” that aren’t God to give us what we think we need.

When we fear, we look to counterfeit saviors:

Our politicians, or our street smarts, or our attempts to maintain some aspect of control.

When we long to feel secure,

We turn to our own bank accounts, or our ability to protect ourselves and those we love.

When we need a word of hope,

We escape into our daydreams and wait for our circumstances to change and give us some semblance of “peace.”

But you alone are our peace and you alone will be exalted. Every idol will turn to dust.

Humble us, by your Spirit, away from arrogance and pride. Wash sin from our hearts, and cleanse us by your mercy. Help us to walk in the light of your grace.

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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By Your death I live again

Assurance of Pardon:

God's Word assures us:

New life will spring from the wreckage of our sin, and the Branch of the Lord will be beautiful and glorious.

Who is this Branch?

Our Lord Jesus Christ. He has washed away our sins through his death on the cross.

He has cleansed us from our idols through his victory over death.

**He causes new life to grow in us through the presence of his Spirit.
He gives us safety and salvation that we can never lose.**

Rejoice, your King has come! Your gracious King defends you!

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Hymn: # 385 Near the Cross

Hymn: #435 What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **John 17: 1-26**

Sermon: The Prayer of Jesus

¹ Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, ² as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. ⁴ I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. ⁵ And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

⁶ “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷ Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. ⁸ For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

⁹ “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. ¹⁰ And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹ Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are. ¹² While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

²⁰ “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: ²³ I in them,

and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

²⁴ “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. ²⁶ And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

John 16:14

¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you..

Philippians 2:7-11

⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hebrews 12:2

² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Amen.

Hymn: The Ancient of Days

Benediction

Upcoming Announcements

A joint Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast will be held at the Second Baptist Church on Apr. 5th at 7 am. We will still have Fellowship Time at 9 am and worship service at 10 am here at FBC.

Scouts are having an Honor Court on March 29th at 2 pm and we are all invited.

Women's Bible Study is focusing on "Relying on the Holy Spirit" by Charles Stanley. Join us on Mondays at 10 am at the Christian Center.

We are in the process of updating our master key list. If you have a key, either to the church or the CC that you no longer use, please return to the office.