

Feb 18

Prayer Gathering - Prayer Gathering

Services

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 - 6:30pm

WELCOME

Welcome & Overview

We will read scripture and respond with song and prayer for an hour. Some prayer will be general and prayed from the pulpit. Other times, we ask that people present pray aloud one at a time with concise prayers that remain on topic and in the form of prayer, not as teaching or informing.

Praying corporately is a ministry. Think of it that way as we pray. Help us go to God in expectation with genuine adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication (ACTS).

ADORATION

Scripture

Psalm 29:1-11

1 Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, Give unto the LORD glory and strength. 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: The God of glory thundereth: The LORD is upon many waters. 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty. 5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; Yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn. 7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire. 8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; The LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, And discovereth the forests: And in his temple doth every one speak of his glory. 10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; Yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever. 11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; The LORD will bless his people with peace.

*What in this passage helps you think of reasons to adore God for who He is?

Corporate Prayer of Adoration

A prayer of adoration through the scripture will be given. Help us give worship to the God Who saves and to make Him known among the nations.

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All Praise To Him **Bb**

Verse 1

All praise to Him the God of light Who formed the mountains by His might All praise to Him Who names the stars That sing His fame in skies afar

All praise to Him Who reigns in love Who guides the galaxies above Yet bends to hear our every prayer With sovereign pow'r and tender care

Verse 2

All praise to Him Whose love is seen In Christ the Son the servant King Who left behind His glorious throne To pay the ransom for His own All praise to Him Who humbly came To bear our sorrow sin and shame Who lived to die Who died to rise The all-sufficient sacrifice

Verse 3

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts The love of God within our hearts The Spirit of all truth and peace The fount of joy and holiness To Father Son and Spirit now Our souls we lift our wills we bow To You the Triune God we raise With loving hearts our song of praise

CONFESSION

Scripture

Psalm 32:1-5

1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no guile. 3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old Through my roaring all the day long. 4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: My moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. 5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, And mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

*What in this passage helps you confess your sins to God with trust that he forgives repentant sinners?

Corporate Prayer of Confession

A general confession to God will be given that follows the scripture. The focus will be on our assurance that when we confess and forsake our sin, God gives mercy.

Personal Prayer of Confession

Quietly pray with confession of sin to God. Forsake your sin and live in God's mercy that is most supplied through the saving work of Jesus Christ.

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Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Verse 1

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk with Him Yet I look for worldly treasure And forsake the King of kings

Chorus 1

But mine is hope in my Redeemer Though I fall His love is sure For Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Verse 2

Mine are tears in times of sorrow Darkness not yet understood Through the valley I must travel Where I see no earthly good

Chorus 2

But mine is peace that flows from heaven And the strength in times of need I know my pain will not be wasted Christ completes His work in me

Verse 3

Mine are days here as a stranger Pilgrim on a narrow way One with Christ I will encounter Harm and hatred for His name

Chorus 3

But mine is armour for this battle Strong enough to last the war And He has said He will deliver Safely to the golden shore

Chorus 4

And mine are keys to Zion city Where beside the King I walk For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore

Bridge

Come rejoice now O my soul For His love is my reward Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore

THANKSGIVING

Scriptures

Ephesians 5:17-21

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

*What in this passage helps you give God thanks for what He has done?

Brief Individual Corporate Prayers of Thanksgiving

Pray aloud with thanksgiving to God one at a time for around 10-30 seconds each. Thank God for things seen in our text, like the leadership of the Holy Spirit, Christian singing, and the good of humble submission.

Recent Praise Reports:

- Addition of the Cooper family as members and Mercy Gallegos's soon baptism.
- Testimonies of Champagnes, Wests, Houbricks, Browns, and Selene all in the midst of or completed a membership process in churches where they have moved. Peregrinas are about to begin membership process.
- Eve Taylor received strengthened faith and discernment from the Lord in relation to her husband going to be with the Lord.
- Troy and Tammy Dennison, Hawa Koker, Wayne Knowles, Rachael Knowles, and Noah and Sarah Baker have attended since we prayed in our Wednesday prayer meetings for them to attend.
- Gary Nunley's chemo treatments went well.
- Bob Elliot's & John Schaefer's knee surgeries went well.
- Tom & Lynne Stucke's daughter, Dee, received good report from her cancer treatments.

SUPPLICATION

Sweet Hour Of Prayer (Hour Of Prayer)

Verse 1

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer That calls me from a world of care And bids me at my Father's throne Make all my wants and wishes known

In seasons of distress and grief My soul has often found relief And oft escaped the tempter's snare By thy return sweet hour of prayer

Verse 2

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer The joys I feel the bliss I share Of those whose anxious spirits burn With strong desires for thy return

With such I hasten to the place Where God my Savior shows His face And gladly take my station there And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

Verse 3

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer Thy wings shall my petition bear To Him whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless

And since He bids me seek His face Believe His Word and trust His grace I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

Verse 4

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer May I thy consolation share Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height I view my home and take my flight

This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise To seize the everlasting prize And shout while passing through the air Farewell farewell sweet hour of prayer

Scripture

1 John 5:14-15

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

*What in this passage helps you pray to God with faith that He hears and answers according to His faithfulness and wisdom?

Example Prayer Requests to Pray Now and/or Later

Individuals pray aloud one at a time for a church member or attendee (examples below). Focus on concise requests without informing God of what He knows and without giving general praise. Pray for one person and matter at a time. Be discreet and prudent with what you say in public prayer. God knows the details.

- Example things to pray for individuals: conversion to Christ, faithfulness in local church fellowship, repentance from sin and trusting obedience to God, maturity and unity as a church, the will and power to obey and escape sin through God's provision; faith and peace in trials; healing and obedience in health afflictions; increased love for God and others; sustained hope and joy in our future resurrection, wisdom for decisions and responsibilities.

- Church members and attendees with publicized health matters: Chuck & Katherine Brader, Ernie Clagette, Vera Coggins, Bob Elliot, Kenny & Nancy Matheny, Gary Nunley, Jamey & Deb Payne, Tom & Lynne Stucke (& daughter Dee and brother, Pastor Rick), Eve Taylor, Jean Oliver-Jenkins' son, Robert, Martha Cole's mother, Hazel-Ann. (Let us know if you want added or removed before future prayer meetings.)

- Leaders and influencers of our workplaces, county, state, nation, and nations to trust in God and lead with accountability to God. Pray for God to transform nations by the gospel. Some nations by name: USA, Canada, Mexico, Venezuela, Iran, Israel, Britain, China, Russia, North Korea, Nigeria.

- Pray by name for these leaders to truly and publicly convert to Christ and join a good local church if they have not already: President Trump, VA Governor Abigail Spanberger, Alexandria Mayor Alyia Gaskins, and Fairfax County Supervisors: Jeffrey C. McKay (Chairman): At-Large, Kathy L. Smith (Vice-Chairman): Sully District, Rachna Sizemore Heizer: Braddock District, James N. Bierman, Jr.: Dranesville District, Rodney L. Lusk: Franconia District, Walter L. Alcorn: Hunter Mill District, Andres F. Jimenez: Mason District, Daniel G. Storck: Mount Vernon District, Dalia A. Palchik: Providence District, Pat Herrity: Springfield District. (Source: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/members-and-districts>)

- Pray by name for the health of some nearby churches: Our Church, Franconia Baptist, Lighthouse Baptist, Del Ray Baptist, Kingstowne Baptist, Jerusalem Baptist, Calvary Road Baptist, Emmanuel Baptist, Immanuel Bible, Cherrydale Baptist, and others.

- Missionary spotlights: Matt Goins in Honduras, Eric Balajadia in the Philippines.

- Recent requests to pray loved ones come to faith in Christ: Jhorman Cantillo's mother (Francia) and nephews (Zachary & Andrews), John Schaefer's family, Jacob & Shyanna Helton's family, Bob Elliot's cousin (Mark), Jackie Branson's brother, Jacky Castaneda's parents, Charity Cole's teachers, John Cole's basketball team members (Hawks),

Pray One at a Time for Any Prayers That Are Requested Now. Let's Focus Our Prayers on Preservation from Enemies: Sin, Satan, Death, Violent and Oppressive People, Wars, etc.

Share prayer requests one at a time. Use portions of the passage above to direct your prayers. Either Pastor John will pray for that request or request if someone else would like to pray aloud for it.

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Christ Exalted Is Our Song **Bb**

Verse 1

Christ exalted is our song Our anthem through eternity Praises rise and wake the dawn
Heralding His majesty Christ without a rival reigns Over all creation Name above all other names
Enthroned in adoration

Verse 2

Christ exalted is our song The Sovereign over everything Left His glorious throne beyond
Stepped into our suffering Hands that shaped the heaven's frame Reached to heal the leper
Mighty God in meekness came To lead us like a Shepherd

Verse 3

Christ exalted is our song The Man of Sorrows mocked and tried Bore the judgment for our wrongs
For our sins was crucified Hear the love in His refrain Father please forgive them
As He bears the bitter weight Of guilt and condemnation

Verse 4

Christ exalted is our song Buried but in vict'ry raised The keys of death and life belong
To the Firstborn from the grave Glory glory to the King Crowned with countless praises
Christ exalted we will sing Throughout unending ages

Corporate Prayer from Psalm 140

This prayer will draw from Psalm 140 as an example for how we can direct prayers against enemies in a godly way.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD

The Board establishes county government policy, passes resolutions and ordinances (within the limits of its authority established by the Virginia General Assembly), approves the budget, sets local tax rates, approves land use plans and makes appointments to various positions. These actions are taken in open meetings, which the public is encouraged to attend. All discussions are held in public, with the exception of issues exempt from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, such as legal or personnel issues.

MEETINGS

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