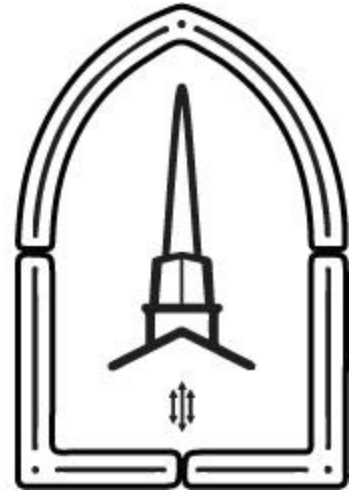


**FIRST BAPTIST  
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Home Worship Guide

January 21, 2024

Dear Church Family,

I don't know that I ever expected to see the kind of snow that we had this week in Blount County. I've heard several people say they think this is the worst snow storm since the blizzard of '93. Out of an abundance of caution, the elders have decided to cancel our worship gathering for January 21, 2024.

We aren't eager to cancel our service, but we have decided that this is the best course of action based on the difficulty for many of our members to exit their homes and safely drive to our building. Even for those who can safely make it to the building, there are many spots on our campus that will likely be completely frozen tomorrow morning with the low temperatures that we are forecasted to have. The good news is that things should warm up this week, so we will, Lord willing, gather next Sunday.

Of course, the church is more than a performance that we watch, but it is a gathering. Remember the Greek term for church is *ekklesia* meaning "gathering" or "assembly." It is not the building that we meet in, but it is the people gathered together. For this reason, we will not livestream a "service," but instead we want to give you this worship guide to follow in your home on your own or with your family. We encourage you to read the Scripture readings and sing the hymns aloud even if you are on your own, and we encourage fathers to lead their wives and children through this guide. (Recordings for the first hymn can be found on Youtube [here](#) and Spotify [here](#). Recordings for the second hymn can be found on Youtube [here](#)—with an introduction—or Spotify [here](#).)

We hope this helps you praise God in your homes this Sunday.

With love,  
Chandler

## Call to Worship – Psalm 100:

*Read aloud together.*

1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

2 Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

3 Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

5 For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

## All Creatures of Our God and King

*All Your works shall give thanks to You, O Lord,  
and Your saints will bless You. Psalm 145:10*

*Unison*

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and  
2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in  
3. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,  
4. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship Him in

*Harmony*

with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
heav'n a - long, O praise Him, al - le - lu - ia!  
take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia!  
hum - ble - ness, O praise Him, al - le - lu - ia!

*Unison*

Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en beam, thou sil-ver moon with  
 Thou ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice, ye lights of eve-ning  
 Ye who long pain and sor-row bear, praise God, and on Him  
 Praise, praise the Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir-it,

*Harmony*

soft-er gleam,  
 find a voice, O praise Him, O praise Him,  
 cast your care,  
 Three in One,

*Unison*

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Prayer:

*Read together aloud.*

Our Father in heaven,  
    hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
    your will be done,  
    on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
    and forgive us our debts,  
    as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.

*Pray for the needs of your household, church, and world.*

*Pray for God to give you understanding as you read his word.*

Reading of Scripture – Matthew 4:1-11

Discussion Questions:

1. What might be significant about the Spirit leading Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil?
2. Why was Jesus fasting for forty days and forty nights?
3. What were the specific temptations that the devil presented to Jesus?
4. How did Jesus respond to each of these temptations?
5. What does this passage reveal about the nature and identity of Jesus?
6. Why is it important that Jesus was tempted?
7. Why is it important that Jesus never sinned?
8. How does Jesus' victory over temptation and the devil change how we face temptation now?
9. How could you encourage a Christian brother or sister with this passage or use it to witness to a non-Christian friend, neighbor, or family member?

# I Asked the Lord

*It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes. Psalm 119:71*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the fourth and fifth verses. The third system contains the sixth and seventh verses. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines, with some words hyphenated across lines. The music features a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady bass accompaniment.

1. I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith, and love,  
2. 'Twas He who taught me thus to pray; and He, I trust,  
3. I hoped that in some fa - vored hour, at once He'd grant

and eve - ry grace; might more of His sal - va - tion  
has an - swered prayer: but it has been in such a  
me my re - quest; and, by His love's con - strain - ing

know, and seek more ear - nest - ly His face.  
way as al - most drove me to de - spair.  
power, sub - due my sins, and give me rest.

4. Instead of this, He made me feel  
the hidden evils of my heart  
and let the angry powers of hell  
assault my soul in every part.

6. "Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried;  
"Wilt Thou pursue my soul to death?"  
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied,  
"I answer prayer for grace and faith."

5. Yea more, with His own hand He seemed  
intent to aggravate my woe,  
crossed all the fair designs I schemed,  
humbled my pride, and laid me low.

7. "These inward trials I employ,  
from self and pride to set thee free,  
to break thy schemes of worldly joy,  
that thou may'st seek thy all in Me."

*Pray to God, thanking and praising him.*

Benediction – 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.