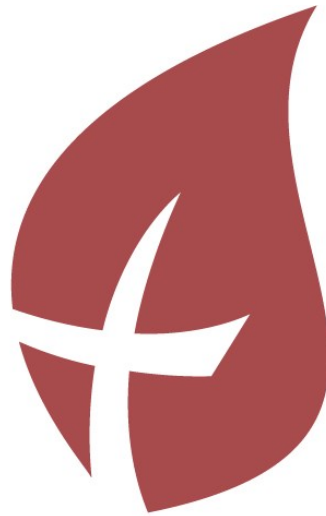


Sunday Morning Worship

October 6, 2024



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Order of Worship

October 6, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship — Daniel 12:1-3

Song — Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal
Song — O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

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Revelation 20:11-15

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Song — What A Savior
Song — Doxology

Benediction

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 — Daniel 12:1-3 (ESV)

¹At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

F. R. Warren | Jason Brown

Verse 1:

Hark! I hear - the harps eternal
Ringing on the - farther shore,
As I near those - swollen waters,
With their deep and - solemn roar.

Chorus:

Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah praise the Lamb
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Glory to the Great I Am.

Verse 2:

And my soul though stained with sorrow,
Fading as the - light of day,
Passes swiftly - o'er those waters,
To the city - far away.

Verse 3:

Souls have crossed - before us safely
To that land of - perfect rest;
Can you hear them - singing faintly
In the mansions - of the blest.

Verse 4:

Mighty Jesus - bear us over
There to kneel be-fore Your throne
May we join the - saints forever
Praising You and - You alone

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Nathan Stiff | Jason Brown

Verse 1:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone

Your grace a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need

Verse 2:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts

My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

Verse 3:

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

Scripture Reading — John 5:19-29 (ESV)

¹⁹So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. ²¹For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. ²²For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

²⁵“Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice ²⁹and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.

Where Shall I Be?

Charles Jones

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## **Chorus:**

O where shall I be  
When the first trumpet sounds,  
O where shall I be  
When it sounds so loud?  
When it sounds so loud  
As to wake up the dead,  
O where shall I be  
When it sounds?

## **Verse 1:**

When judgement day is drawing nigh,  
Where shall I be?  
When God the works of men shall try,  
Where shall I be?  
When east and west the fire shall roll,  
Where shall I be?  
How will it be with my poor soul;  
Where shall I be?

## **Verse 2:**

When wicked men His wrath shall see,  
Where shall I be?  
And to the rocks and mountains flee,  
Where shall I be?  
When hills and mountains flee away,  
Where shall I be?  
When all the works of man decay,  
Where shall I be?

## **Verse 3:**

When heaven and earth  
As some great scroll,  
Where shall I be?  
Shall from God's holy presence roll,  
Where shall I be?  
When all the saints  
Redeemed shall stand,  
Where shall I be?  
Forever blest at God's right hand  
Where shall I be?

## **Verse 4:**

All trouble done, all conflict past,  
Where shall I be?  
Our enemy o'ercome at last,  
Where shall I be?  
When Christ shall reign  
From shore to shore,  
Where shall I be?  
And peace abide forever more,  
Where shall I be?

## **Sermon Notes**

### **“The Final Reckoning” :: Revelation 20:11-15**

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Church Covenant

Having, as we trust, been brought by divine grace to repent and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to give up ourselves to Him, and having been baptized upon our profession of faith, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, relying on His gracious aid, solemnly and joyfully renew our covenant with each other.

We will engage in assembling ourselves together while praying for one another. We will strive for and promote the spiritual growth and advancement of the church by; sustaining worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; contributing cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

As a body of believers, we agree to maintain family and personal devotions, to educate our children in the Christian faith, and to seek the salvation of our family and acquaintances. We will seek to avoid all practices or speech which bring unwarranted harm to the body or jeopardize our own or another's faith.

We will walk together in Christian love by faithfully caring for, watching over, and admonishing one another as occasions may require. In conflict, we will seek to follow Christ's example of reconciliation without delay. We will always strive to be humble and courteous in our speech and slow to take offense. We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with a like-minded church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

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!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen!

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, October 6

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper

Monday, October 7

Tuesday, October 8

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study

6:30 PM Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, October 9

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir

6:30 PM AWANA

Elder-led Bible Study

Choir / Band Rehearsal

Thursday, October 10

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study - Ephesians

Friday, October 11

Saturday, October 12

Sunday, October 13

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

12:00 PM Pot Luck

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Sunday, October 13

12noon—Pot Luck

(See insert for details.)

Sunday, October 20

3-5pm — Children's Division Harvest Party (*K-6th grade*)

Sunday, October 20

Starting Point Seminar — immediately following worship service

(see p12 for details)

Sunday, November 3

Church Constitution Revision Meeting — immediately following worship service

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of October 6

Prayer of the week:

Consider using the Apostle Paul's prayer from the book of Colossians 1:9-10 as a springboard for your own prayer time this week. This is a great prayer to use as you pray through the church directory for your church family this week.

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, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

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 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 the new members recently brought into our church family; Isaak and Melissa Brooks, Princess Garrett, Jeanine Roberts, Kate Sligh, Raymond and Yvonne Walford. Pray God would unify us in Christ and create many opportunities for fellowship and discipleship. (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray for Missions Team going out from our church in the coming weeks. Pastor Tyrone Moorehead, Sharon Moorehead, Sharon Foster, Jacob Foster, Suzanne McDonald, Gay Laxton, & Taryn Jones (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand :: Oct 20-28). Pray that the team would be helpful to the local churches and pastors they are serving and that the Gospel would flourish through their ministry.
- Pray that good spiritual fruit would come from discipleship efforts in small groups, one to one meetings, and as people show hospitality to others in our church. (1 Pt 4:9; Gal 6:2)
- Pray that we know a profound contentment no matter what circumstances we find ourselves in – a contentment from knowing God is our help. (Heb. 13:5-6)
- 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)
- Pray that God would help us comprehend his 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)
- 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. Church Potluck Lunch — October 13. Join us for a church potluck following the worship service on Oct 13. Plan to bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy great food and fellowship. See the bulletin insert for details. If you have questions or are willing to help with this event, please contact Camille Hawit (sarahcamille22@yahoo.com).

2. Children's Division Harvest Party (K-6th grade) — October 20, 3-5pm. Flyers are available at the Welcome Desk with more information.

3. Interested in Church Membership? Attend Starting Point :: October 20 after worship.

Starting Point is a seminar-style meeting following the worship service open to anyone interested in joining our church family or simply learning more about who we are and what we believe. Approximately 12-2:30pm. A light lunch will be served. Register by contacting the church office or using the digital communication card below.

4. Church Constitution Review. Draft copies of the Church Constitution are available for church members to pick up in the office. Please take the opportunity to read through the draft and email any questions or other feedback to the elders [constitution@firstbaptistum.com] by Sunday, October 27. The elders will look over your emails and prepare responses for the Constitution Review Meeting on November 3 following the worship service.

5. Giving. We thank God for the faithful giving of our church family that sustains the gospel ministry here at FBC Upper Marlboro. As a reminder, there are three ways you can give:

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: place your offering in the designated boxes in the church foyer
- by mail: send to the church office.



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

Digital Communication Card

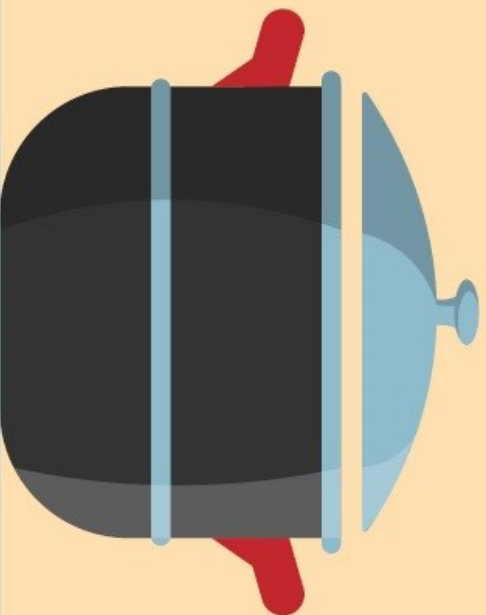


Are you interested in receiving more information about the church, meeting with a pastor, or sharing a prayer need? Scan the QR code to fill in our digital communication card and someone will follow up with you. You're always welcome to contact the church office: 301-952-0117.



FBC Potluck

Join our church potluck on Sunday, October 13th immediately following the service! Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy great food and fellowship. Details on back.



Potluck *Details*

Potluck Do's

- Do bring a dish to feed your family plus 2 to 3 more!
- Do bring your meal in a crockpot!
- Do bring a dish ready to eat, requiring only reheating in the oven for a brief period of time.
- Store bought is fine! A fruit tray, a platter of sandwiches or a bucket of chicken is OK!

Potluck Don'ts

- Don't bring anything frozen! We are unable to handle frozen food items.
- Don't miss church to cook!

Logistics

- FBCUM will provide all paper products, serving utensils and water.
- Dropping off your dish:
 1. Before Disciple Life (8:45am-9am)
 2. Before Worship Service (9:45am-10am)

Sign Up to Help!

Following service today, sign up in the Fellowship Hall to help with specific potluck needs.

- 7-10 families to sign up to bring food for a kid friendly potluck table.
- 10 volunteers for kitchen duty (putting out food, plates, etc.).
- 8-10 volunteers to help lead table and chair set-up.
- 10 volunteers for the clean-up team.

Revelation: Following Our Victorious King

[Revelation 20:11-15](#)

"The Final Reckoning" – October 6, 2024



Introduction

When you think about your mortality, are you ready to face death? Are you afraid? What logic or intellectual arguments do you use to alleviate those fears? What if all your arguments and logic lead to a future of death and destruction?

Seeing the end, calibrates your thoughts and beliefs today. God's word will help you see the truth. God's word will shape how you live your last day and prepare you for the future in eternity.

Sermon Outline

1. See God sitting as Judge. Vs. 11
2. See how the end unfolds. Vs. 12-13
3. See who escapes the fires of Hell. Vs. 14-15

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 11

The throne mentioned here shows up forty-seven times in the book of Revelation. John didn't want us to miss this. We must see all of life's ups and downs, triumphs and tragedies through this lens - God is on His throne. He is working all things according to His will. He is ruling ALL things.

He will not only sit on the throne as the Sovereign One, but as Judge. This will happen after Christ returns, and it is not a trivial matter. As a result, people will be thrown into the Lake of Fire. God has authority because He is our Creator! ([Revelation 4:11](#)) This great white throne reflects God's holiness. His judgments will be just, right, appropriate and holy. ([Revelation 19:2](#)) The earth and sky flee because of His overwhelming holiness. ([Revelation 6:15-17](#)) Evil, wickedness, and rebellion must be dealt with.

How do you treat this announcement of the coming judgment? Do you take it seriously? There is a God, sitting on His throne. We will give an account for our life. Are you ready to meet this judge? Does seeing the end put things into perspective?

Additional Reading: *Revelation 4 & 5*

2. Read vs. 12 – 13

Have you done foolish things throughout your life? Everyone has. Here, the books were opened. These books are a record of everything that you and I have done or thought! Every motive for everything is written there. God is everywhere present. He sees all things, including our hearts. He knows all things, and He writes them down in the books. Imagine having everything you have done, said, or thought in the last seven days displayed on a screen for all to see. How would you feel? Pretty bad! Now think about having all you've said, done or thought over the course of your life displayed on a screen.

On that day the books will be open. People will be judged according to what they have done. Who is going to stand before God on this day? The great and the dead. For the dead to be standing, there must be a resurrection. God will raise them. All the graves will be open. Everyone will be there! ([John 5:28-29](#))

Imagine that today is your last day. If God asks you, "Why should I let you into My Heaven?", what would you say? If it has anything to do with the good things you have done, that will not be the right answer. There is no scale where your good deeds outweigh the bad. Your hope cannot be those good deeds. Your sin is still in the books. There is no bell curve, or comparison to the person sitting next to you. Our hope cannot be in good deeds or comparisons. The standard is the perfection of God. What is your hope? How can you answer God?

The only way out of the Lake of Fire is to have your name written in the Book of Life! Do you see this holy, mighty Judge sitting on His throne? Are you ready? Are you living today knowing that this final day is coming? God wants us to be ready!

3. Read vs. 14 – 15

The first death is our physical death. All will be raised to stand before the Judge. The second death is different. It is the Lake of Fire. It is not a joke nor to be taken lightly. Those who are in the Lake of Fire are tormented day and night forever. ([Revelation 20:10](#))

What is it about having your name in the book of life that saves you from this judgment? ([Revelation 13:8](#)) The Bible is clear. Jesus, the Lamb of God, was slain on our behalf. ([Colossian 2:13-14](#)) The record of debt is canceled by the blood of Jesus! On the cross, the Lamb of God, took the book, set it aside and nailed it to the cross. All your sins - past, present and future - are paid for!! Jesus endured the equivalent of Hell so that we could be forgiven.

Whose names are written in the book of Life? Those who have seen their guilt and know their need of a Savior, taking refuge in the Lamb will find their name in the book of Life. Do you see what is written in the books about your life? Do you see how Jesus is the only way of escape? If so, what are you waiting for? Come to Jesus in repentance and faith. Jesus will NEVER cast out anyone who comes to Him. ([John 6:37](#)) Don't let anything distract you or hold you back. Turn from living for yourself and come to Jesus.

Four applications for how seeing the end can help you:

1. It shows us that life has meaning. There is a God, and He is writing history. ([1 Corinthians 15:58](#))
2. It urges us to strive for holiness. We don't have to succumb to the pressure to conform to the world. We are set free and made new creations. ([1 John 3:2-3](#))
3. We can be patient when we are wronged. Justice delayed can feel like justice denied. The books remind us that no one will get away with sin. ([Romans 12:19](#)) God will make the wrong right.
4. It reminds us of the urgency of sharing the gospel. If Hell is real, and it is, and if God has shown us how to escape the fires of hell through Jesus, we should tell others about the Good News as much as possible?

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

Next week's sermon text: we turn to Revelation 21:1-8 "God Wipes Away Every Tear"
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Family Guide for week of October 6th, 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 – Psalm 137
Day 2 – Psalm 138
Day 3 – Psalm 139:1-12
Day 4 – Psalm 139:13-24
Day 5 – Psalm 140

**Read Revelation 21:1-8 in preparation for church on Sunday, October 13, 2024*

Prayer (*Talking to God*)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.
Pray for a few church members on pg. 20 of our church directory.
Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.
Praise God for His promise to be with you wherever You go.
Ask God to help you trust His plan for your life - even when things seem impossible.

Sing together

"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal" – use the bulletin from Sunday

Memory verses for the month

Psalm 104:24a *O Lord, how manifold are your works!*

Psalm 100:5 *"For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 13: Can anyone keep the law of God perfectly?

Answer: Since the Fall, no human has been able to keep the law of God perfectly.

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