Sunday Morning Worship

May 18, 2025



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Order of Worship

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Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship — 1 Corinthians 12:13

Celebration of Baptism

Prayer of Praise

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Song — Genuine Love

Benediction

<u>Comfort Rooms:</u> 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.

<u>Visitors & Guests:</u> Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.

Call to Worship — 1 Corinthians 12:13 (ESV)

¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Oh the Deep, Deep Love

Samuel Trevor Francis | Bob Kauflin

Verse 1:

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free Rolling as a mighty ocean In its fullness over me Underneath me, all around me Is the current of Your love Leading onward, leading homeward To Your glorious rest above

Chorus:

Oh the deep, deep love All I need and trust Is the deep, deep love of Jesus

Verse 2:

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus Spread His praise from shore to shore How He came to pay our ransom Through the saving cross He bore How He watches o'er His loved ones Those He died to make His own How for them He's interceding Pleading now before the throne

Verse 3:

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus Far surpassing all the rest It's an ocean full of blessing In the midst of every test Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus Mighty Savior, precious Friend You will bring us home to glory Where Your love will never end

Scripture Reading — Deuteronomy 10:12-22 (ESV)

¹² "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? ¹⁴ Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. ¹⁵ Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. ¹⁶ Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. ¹⁷ For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. ¹⁸ He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹ Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. ²⁰ You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹ He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen. ²² Your fathers went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars of heaven.

Christ Is All in All

Kristyn Getty | Dwan Hill | Ben Shive

Verse 1:

Sons and daughters of the King, rise up and sing that Christ is all in all.
Sing the glories of His name, together proclaim that Christ is all in all.

Chorus:

See how He loves us; children of God! Now let us love each other. If He has called us children of God, That's who we are, His chosen and beloved.

Verse 2:

Brothers, sisters, build upon this cornerstone for Christ is all in all. Worship Him with lives renewed, in Spirit and Truth for Christ is all in all.

Verse 3:

Bound together by His blood, rooted in love where Christ is all in all.
Standing in one faith, one Lord, one holy accord where Christ is all in all.

Bridge:

Look at what the Lord has done; Made us one by the blood of Jesus! Look at what the Lord has done; Now we love with the love of Jesus!

Sermon Notes "Care for God's Family" :: 1 Timothy 5:1-16

Genuine Love

Eric McAllister

Chorus:

You have welcomed us into your family
Bought by blood into this new community
Teach us love, teach us love,
teach us genuine love
So the world may see that you're alive in us
So the world may see that you're alive in us

Verse 1:

We are many, we are one Joined together in the Son You have poured your love on us Ever fervent in our prayers Ever generous to share You have poured your love on us

Verse 2:

Songs of thanks and praise we sing To the God of grace and peace You have poured your love on us We're the church of Jesus Christ Through his precious sacrifice You have poured your love on us

Verse 3:

Near the grieving we are found With them still when joy rebounds As you form your Son in us We will gather, pray, and eat Showing honor to the weak As you form your Son in us

Verse 4:

Though this world may hate your name
We will never be ashamed
As you form your Son in us
For the church that you have won
Evil shall not overcome
As you form your Son in us
As you form your Son in us
You will form your Son in us

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, May 18

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

12:00 PM Church Members Meeting

Monday, May 19

Tuesday, May 20

Wednesday, May 21

6:30 PM AWANA

Elder-led Bible Study Choir / Band Rehearsal Thursday, May 22

Friday, May 23

Saturday, May 24

Sunday, May 25

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes 10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Sunday, May 18

Church Members' Meeting — following worship service

Wednesday, May 21

Last Night of Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule

Sunday, June 1

Children's DiscipleLIFE Promotion Sunday // Parents and Pastries

June 23—27

9am—12:30pm — Vacation Bible School (more details coming soon)

Sunday, July 13

Starting Point Seminar — immediately following worship service (Seminar for those interested in church membership. Contact the church office to register or use the Digital Communication Card on the back of this bulletin.)

Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of May 18

Prayer of the week:

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, consider using the words from the Apostle Paul in Romans 12:1-2. If you're praying through the church directory, consider asking God to do these things in those you're praying for each day:

"[may you] present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

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 have direct partnerships 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:

- Pray for our upcoming Members Meeting today 18 after worship. Pray that God would continually help us to grow in unity and service to one another as fellow believers here at FBCUM and help us work together for kingdom purposes. (Eph 4:2-3)
- Pray for teachers and students in our church family who are completing their final weeks of classes for the school year. Pray that God would help them to finish well and give them physical and spiritual strength to endure. See a list of our out-of-town college students toward the back of the church directory.
- Praise God for recent baptisms of Jay Addison and Michael King. May God continue his work of sanctification in them and help our church family to walk alongside them in faith. (Rom 6:4)
- 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; 1 Tim. 3:14-15)
- Pray that God would strengthen and encourage our Deacons and Ministry Team leaders as they work to meet the practical needs of our church family and those in our community (1 Samuel 12:24; Deut. 31:6). See "Ministry Spotlight" pages for highlights and prayer requests.
- Pray that God would help our church family to radically love others in the way the Bible teaches us to love. Pray that our love would reflect the sacrificial love that God has shown us through Jesus Christ. (Mt 5:43-48; John 13:35)
- Pray for those in our church family who are going through a significant time of suffering—physically or mentally. Pray for peace. Pray for a keen awareness of God's presence and a desire to draw near to him. Pray for experiences of joy in Christ and in fellowship with church family. (Is. 26:3-4, Ps. 34:18, Ps. 30:1-5)
- The following individuals have expressed particular prayer concerns:

Margaret Austin, Alice Copeland, Connie Crawford, 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.)

Ministry Spotlight: College Student Ministry

Ministry Spotlight

We would like to bring to your attention active church ministries and programs at First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro. We hope that each month you will pray for all those serving and consider how you may support their efforts. You may notify us if you would like to learn more about the ministries at FBCUM by using the new Digital Communication Card (see QR code on the back of this bulletin).

College Student Ministry



Congratulations! You have completed twelfth grade requirements and you have received your diploma! Oh, how exciting it is, over the past few months you have been visiting campuses to continue your education toward your chosen career! But then it hits you! A major change is coming, where you will have the responsibility to govern and deter-

mine how to prioritize the day. You have been accepted to the college or university of your choice and yes, you are excited that you will be experiencing a new home and now you have to start making some the decisions.

As a member of the Youth Ministry at FBCUM, you have experienced having God's word poured into you, you have taught others and been exposed to the gospel weekly. You have also engaged with other students and parents alike, as you explored God's word and became aware of the meaning of the parables, psalms, you memorized verses and was even involved in opportunities to share your belief.





And now you venture off to a college/university campus, where you will be confronted with decisions. You may have a roommate that has culturally different background and beliefs. Your classes will challenge you to see things from a different perspective. You may experience a feeling of being an outsider. With whom can you share your concerns or your thrills about

a great accomplishment. The campus is new and unfamiliar to you. Everything is new, it does not feel like home, yet. Also, where will you go to experience your time of worship and fellowship with believers? Where are the other Christians on campus? Is there a Bible study group you can join?

Ministry Spotlight: College Student Ministry

Did you know loneliness is a common experience for college students, with nearly two-thirds reporting feeling lonely. It can be triggered by new routines, uncertainty about the future, and a lack of connections. Once you recognize the loneliness the question is, how do you overcome it?

Does this sound familiar? For this very reason the College Student Ministry is beginning here. The ministry will seek to assist our young adults experience a smooth transition as they navigate the changes and challenges that they may encounter as they enter the collegiate world. Both parents and students alike, go through quite an adjustment period. A supportive ministry will help minimize that struggle of feeling like an outsider and encourage parents as their students seek to find their space.

The goal of the **College Student Ministry** is to uplift and support young adults and their parents as they navigate this period of transition in a way that glorifies God. Our hope is to prevent any college student from feeling disconnected from the body of Christ. They will



receive the support and comfort of having someone that they can reach out to and know that their church family is praying for them.

Evony Smith has spoken with some of the students and their parents have shared how important it is to have a greater connection with the church.

Next week we will share details about the plan of action. If you have been intrigued and want to know more, please contact Evony Smith.

Announcements

1. Church Members' Meeting :: TODAY after worship service.

2. "MAGNIFIED!" VBS 2025 Registration Opens Wednesday, 5/21. Registration is open for all FBCUM and their friends and neighbors! Space is limited, so registration is first-come, first-served. Registration opens to the public on June 1. VBS runs June 23-27, from 9am -12:15pm for Kindergarten (5yrs) - 6th Grade. (Placement is dependent on age of child as of Sept 1st.) To register, visit the church website (www.fbcum.org) or use the QR code.



- 3. Last Night of Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule May 21. Regular Wednesday evening activities (Choirs, AWANA, Elder-led Bible Study) will break for the Summer until September 10.
- **4. New DiscipleLIFE Classes for Adults Begin June 1.** See insert for descriptions & registration info.
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer Meeting Sunday, June 1. All VBS Volunteers... there is a mandatory meeting on Sunday, June 1st, immediately following the morning service in room 117/118. Volunteers will be provided with an overview of this year's program, as well as their VBS tshirts, schedule, and materials. (Teen Helpers do NOT need to attend). Questions?.... contact Monica Kergel (call/text: 518-441-2133; email: mkw3161@yahoo.com).
- 6. Promotion Sunday for Students with "Parents & Pastries" :: June 1st. DiscipleLIFE plays a major role in our on-going/year-round discipleship program for children. See the bulletin insert for a special invitation to celebrate "Parents and Pastries!" on June 1st.
- 7. Glover Scholarship. If you are a church member and a 2025 high school graduate who is attending college in the fall, you are eligible to apply for the John and Ethel Glover Scholarship. Contact Mike Rogers in the church office for an application (mrogers@firstbaptistum.com). The deadline for submissions is June 8th.
- **8. 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: designated boxes in the church foyer or during the worship service,
 - by mail: send to the church office.

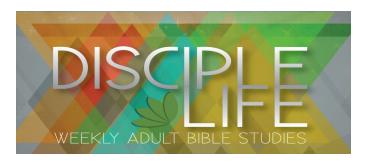
Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.





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.



Summer 2025 (June - August) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:

SUMMER SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 1 @ 9AM

To help us prepare, we are asking that everyone sign up for the class they wish to attend by clicking here.

Explore the Bible – Psalms:

It's been said that music is the universal language of humanity. For Christ followers, music is a vital part of our faith journey. It draws us closer to God and challenges us to become more like Him. The book of Psalms touches every aspect of our lives, offering wisdom, comfort, encouragement, and healing. Listen as God speaks to your heart and reminds you how much He cares about you. (Books available in room 117/118 starting Sunday, 5/25.)

- Explore the Bible (Coed) Room 117/118 :: Teachers: Jay Crandell & Vince Butler
- Explore the Bible (Women) Room 115 :: Teacher: Tanya Joy

If you are remaining in your current Explore the Bible Class, there is no need to sign up again.

<u>Elective Class — Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands:</u>

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands is a comprehensive treatment of how God uses people as tools of change in other people's lives, people who themselves are in need of change. If you followed the Lord for a thousand years, you would still need the ministry of the body of Christ as much as you did the day you first believed. This need will remain until our sanctification is complete in Glory.

(Study Guides will be available for \$14)

Room 114 :: Teachers - Mike Rogers & TBD

<u>Elective Class — Young Adults (ages 18-35) Knowing God:</u>

Knowing God brings together two important facets of the Christian faith— knowing about God and also knowing God through the context of a close relationship with the person of Jesus Christ by directing our attention to how and why we know God, studying attributes of God and looking at the benefits enjoyed by a those who know Him intimately.

• Room 112 :: Teachers - Tre Fields & Darryl Arrington





Join us this Summer!

DiscipleLIFE for Kids

We will be hosting
"Parents and Pastries" on
Promotion Sunday

June 1st :: 8:45-9:10
In the Children's Division
for PreK 2 - 6th Grade
and their parents

Come check out what the children will be learning this Summer and meet their teachers.

1st Timothy: Church as Pillar and Foundation of Truth

1 Timothy 5:1-16

"Care for God's Family" – May 18, 2025



Introduction

In 1 Timothy chapter four, Paul encouraged the church to train in godliness which is of value in the present life and the life to come. But what is the nature of godliness? What comes to your mind when you think about godliness? If you think that it's all devotion and piety without service, you will be so heavenly minded that you will be no earthly good.

The Bible has a different picture or description of godliness. Paul's picture of godliness is not detached from the present. It is tangible with tangible implications. In this passage, we see examples of godliness not just for pastors, but for the whole congregation.

Sermon Outline

- 1. Encourage the family of God. Vs. 1-2
- 2. Honor true widows. Vs. 3-10
- 3. Refuse younger widows. Vs. 11-16

Read & Discuss

1. Read Vs. 1-2

Family, as God has designed it, comes with steadfast and sacrificial love. Here, Paul writes about how we are to live and love one another. We are all different and have different interests, vocations, cultures, personalities, etc. Are there people in our congregation that you would have never known? Because of Jesus, we are part of a family. We love each other and work together for a common goal.

In the world, relationships take shape based on how well you perform. The church is different. If you are a Christian and meet a stranger halfway around the world, you have an instant kinship. This is based on a shared trust in Jesus Christ. The people in our congregation are family!! Developing relationships of deep trust and accountability takes time, but there is a kinship with those who know Jesus. Do you have this kind of kinship with another believer?

Paul instructed Timothy not to rebuke the older man or not to intimidate someone into obedience. Timothy would need to rightly correct or urge someone into obedience or come alongside to encourage someone to obedience. There would be times that Timothy would need to correct. The same is true for us.

Every culture has their own unique ways of showing respect and honor. We must figure out what that looks like in our culture and then show honor to the older saints in our church. It's important to note what Paul doesn't say. Timothy was to approach the younger women as a brother to a sister. The church should be a place where younger women are respected, loved and protected. What about a dating relationship? Verse two gives a framework for purity in a dating relationship. Remember, the person you are dating is a spiritual family. Ask, "would I do this with my brother or sister." Let that be your guide.

Timothy was to be an example to the church. So must we by being discerning about who we listen to. Our primary place of instruction should come from the church, from teachers you can observe.

2. Read Vs. 3-10

Here, Paul addresses an official welfare ministry for widows. First, the church must care. Second, the church must not replace a biological family.

Paul was telling Timothy that the church should respect the widows and care for them practically and financially. This call is not the first time we see this in scripture. God's compassion reaches to the most vulnerable. (Psalm 68:5; Deuteronomy 10:18) Caring for these widows reflects the heart of God. If the widow's family is gone, the church must step in to meet practical, financial, and spiritual care.

Who qualifies a widow "truly" as a widow? The church must not step in for the earthly family that has Godgiven responsibilities. Here is where godliness has practicality for the present life. Adult children honor their mother and father by providing care. We step in as family members to care for aging parents and grandparents. What might this look like in your family? No one will ever know about these things, but this is pleasing in the sight of God. It delights Him as we reflect His heart. Parents took care of us as babies. This is a way to "make some return" to them. Have you been in this situation? Do you know of another person in this situation that could benefit from your encouragement and prayer?

The world looks at the biblical idea of family as oppressive. If you dismantle the family, you replace it with the state. The state can never be an adequate parent. Honoring aging parents and grandparents looks radically different than the world's idea. Godliness is practical! Our witness as a Christian is at stake here. If you have the ability to provide and, like the Pharisees, try to find a loophole to follow selfish lifestyle, Paul says you are worse than an unbeliever.

So, who qualifies as a widow? The widow who will receive care must be those who are left all alone with no family. The woman must also be someone who relies on or hopes in God. They must be Christians. They are godly widows who lack family support. (This can also apply to a woman who has been abandoned by her husband who is not providing financial support.) This limitation is to make sure that the church stays on its God-given mission to proclaim the gospel and make disciples.

3. Read Vs. 11-16

What Paul wrote may sound callous, but it isn't. The care of widows that he referred to was long-term care for younger women. In doing so, the young widow's suppressed desires could draw her away from Christ. This care could also make her an idler. Welfare is good, but some welfare, no matter how well intentioned, can be counterproductive.

Remember the false teachers who forbid marriage? They spread the idea that marriage and family were bad. Maybe the younger widows were deceived by the false teachers and fell into sin.

Paul lifts up the idea of marriage and family. (Vs. 14) The women manage the home. (Proverbs 31) But can also work outside the home. The role of mother should not be belittled. Raising children is good work. Moms - do you ever wonder if it's worth it? It IS good work. It is pleasing to the Lord, and because we are a spiritual family, those without children can come alongside to help.

Godliness is expressed as mutual care in the family of God. How do you join this family? We can receive adoption sons by repenting of our sin and trusting in Jesus. As sons and daughters of God and knowing His love and care for us as a Heavenly Father fuels us to love and care for others in the family.

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 1 Timothy 5:17-25 "Instructions for Leaders"

Family Guide for week of May 18th, 2025

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 <u>The Big Picture Story</u> <u>Bible</u>.]
- 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): <u>Family Worship: In the Bible, In History,</u> and In Your Home.

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Bible Intake: (Listening to God)

Day 1 - Luke 22:44-49

Day 2 - Luke 22:50-56

Day 3 - Luke 24:1-12

Day 4 - Luke 24:13-35

Day 5 - Luke 24:36-53

*Read 1 Timothy 5:17-25 preparation for church on Sunday, May 25, 2025

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 9 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Thank God for His power. Thank Him for the comfort and confidence that comes with knowing the Almighty God.

Sing together

"Genuine Love" – Use the bulletin from Sunday

Memory verses for the month

Isaiah 12:2a "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid."

James 1:2-3 "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 44: What is baptism?

Answer: Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

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