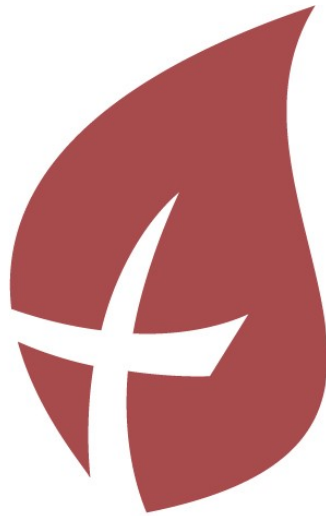


Sunday Morning Worship

September 7, 2025



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Order of Worship

September 7, 2025

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Song — I Stand Amazed in the Presence

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“Let Everything Praise the Lord”

Psalm 150

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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 — Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus¹ ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander | Catherine Winkworth

Verse 1:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is our health and salvation
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration

Verse 2:

Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters you under His wings
He so gently sustaineth
Have you not seen
How all your longings have been
Granted in what He ordaineth

Verse 3:

Praise to the Lord
Who does prosper your work
And defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend you

Verse 4:

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen
Sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

Verse 1:

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus:

How marvelous, how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous, how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

Verse 2:

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

Verse 3:

And with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me
It will be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

Responsive Scripture Reading — Romans 11:33-12:1 (ESV)

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

^{12:1} I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa

Verse 1:

You made the starry hosts
You traced the mountain peaks
You paint the evening skies with wonders
The earth it is Your throne
From desert to the sea
All nature testifies Your splendor

Chorus:

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord
Sing His greatness - All creation
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice
You heights and all you depths
From furthest east to west
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

Verse 2:

You reached into the dust
In love Your Spirit breathed
You formed us in Your very likeness
To know Your wondrous works
To tell Your mighty deeds
To join the everlasting chorus

Verse 3:

Let symphonies resound
Let drums and choirs ring out
All heaven hear the sound of worship
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King
A roar of harmonies eternal

Ending:

You distant burning stars
All creatures near and far
From sky to sea to shore
Sing out forevermore
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord

Sermon Notes

“Let Everything Praise the Lord” :: Psalm 150

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## Church Covenant

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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 agree that should we leave 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.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

John Newton | Chris Tomlin

Verse 1:

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2:

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus:

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

Verse 3:

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4:

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail
And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

Verse 5:

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine

Verse 6:

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

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, September 7

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Lord's Supper
6:00 PM Youth Night

Monday, September 8

Tuesday, September 9

10:30 AM Tuesday Ladies Bible Study
6:30 PM Elders Meeting

Wednesday, September 10

5:45 PM King's Kids Choir
6:30 PM AWANA
Elder-led Bible Study
Choir / Band Rehearsal

Thursday, September 11

Friday, September 12

Saturday, September 13

Sunday, September 14

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship w/ Baptism
5:00 PM Church Picnic

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Wednesday, September 10

Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule Resumes
(AWANA, Bible Study, King's Kids & Adult Choir)

Sunday, September 14

5:00 PM — Church Picnic on the Front Lawn
(see announcement page for more info)

Friday, October 10

6:30 PM — Women's Dessert & Song Event

Sunday, October 26

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 September 7

Prayer of the week:

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as a springboard and inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer that concludes the book of Hebrews in 13:20-21:

“²⁰ May the God of peace... ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

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:

- Praise God for the new members recently brought into our church family: Joe and Diane Carter, Ciara Cook, Sharon Faxio, Jennifer Gonzalez, Nolan Hawit, Verna Hinton, Pearl Nicholls, Joseph Nkwetaketu and Martha Tacham Epse Tangu, Caleb and Kelsie Rathbun, Hudson Schlegel, Greg and Beth Spraul, Ella Spraul, Bonita Taylor. Pray that God would unify us in Jesus Christ and that opportunities for fellowship would abound (Rom. 15:5-6, Acts 2:42)
- Pray for teachers and students in our church family who have recently started back to school. Pray they would depend on God and trust Him as they start a new school year. Pray that learning and teaching would be done with excellence to the glory of God (Prov. 3:5-6; 1 Cor. 10:31). See a list of out-of-town college students toward the back of your church directory.
- Pray we would care more about God's opinion of us than the praise of man. (Pr 29:25; 14:26)
- Pray that our church family would not grow weary of doing good. Pray that we would live and interact with one another in a way that reveals God's steadfast love and mercy to the world. (Gal 6:9)
- 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, Connie Crawford, Jim and Pat Ernster, Lucie Lowe, Melissa Thomaswicks, 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

“Ministry Spotlight” is meant to bring to your attention active church ministries and programs at FBC 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 Digital Communication Card (see QR code on the back of this bulletin). Pick up a copy of “Places to Serve” in the magazine racks near the exits for information on all the church ministries.*

Music Ministry (Band and Choir)



Jason Brown

What a privilege and honor it is to serve in this ministry. The Music Ministry has the pleasure and responsibility to leading us in praising God and preparing our hearts for worship. Most of us deal with distractions daily that affect us or the people we love. These can certainly weigh you down and this is why we need a time of praise through song, prayer, and scripture reading each Sunday morning.

The Music Ministry strives to equip the church to sing songs that will stir your hearts toward the Lord. This is their goal to specifically help us prepare for this time of worship in your mind and your heart. Music impacts us in a mighty way. Jason shared, “I have witnessed a person, suffering with mental challenges, not only respond to hymns being sung to them but to remember the lyrics and sing along. The gift of music helps us remember God’s truth.”

The Choir and Band are dedicated to the work that it takes to make all of this happen. The Choir has members from middle school students through seniors saints singing God’s praises. They meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm. (The most fun day of the week, according to Jason.) When they meet, they may learn new songs that will be sung in a future series and then prepare by singing the songs for the upcoming worship service. This is constant, we have services every Sunday and the Lord provides for us with music being sung to one another and to the Lord. Congregational singing is such a joy to hear, these are the voices of God’s children singing His praises. That is why we cut the musicians, so that we can hear the sweet sound of your voices singing to the Lord and to one another.



Ministry Spotlight

Have you wondered why we select certain songs? Our church selects songs that align with Biblical truth specifically, God's character and that share the gospel. This is purposeful, that in our songs we are proclaiming the truth of God's word. At this moment, there are approx. 200 different songs that we sing throughout the year. The songs are listed by category for various themes, which has been very helpful especially during this series on the Psalms. There are songs of lament, love, adoration, and mercy because the Bible speaks to all of these concerns. We also consider your preferences, by intentionally selecting songs from various genres, from current Christian/gospel songs and hymns. The music selected for the worship service are those that best supports the context of the sermon and they also keep in mind how the scripture may feature joy or lament because the music will prepare us to see our Lord as He delivers us in joy and suffering.



Jason's Testimony: "I've witnessed the goodness and faithfulness of God in how he has blessed our church with fantastic musicians and singers. I have been leading full time since 2007 and some of the musicians currently serving have been here prior to my arrival and continue to faithfully serve. We have also had wonderful leaders come and go due to moving or serving until God has called them home. Each time we lose someone, it hurts; yet, he continually calls on others to step into serving here, bringing their various gifts to help us lead our congregational singing. We are blessed richly by those who lead us in music and I continue to pray thankfully in how He has equipped us to serve with one another - for His glory and our good."

***If you are interested in joining the Music Ministry,
please contact our Music Director, Jason Brown.***

Announcements

1. **New DiscipleLIFE Classes for Adults.** New DiscipleLIFE (Sunday School) classes for adults began today. It's not too late to join a class. See page 16 below for class descriptions and info.

2. **Regular Wednesday Evening Schedule Resumes This Week.** Regular Wednesday evening activities (AWANA, Elder-led Bible Study, Choir & Band Rehearsals) will resume this Wednesday, September 10.

3. **Church Picnic on the Front Lawn—Sunday, Sept 14 at 5pm.** The church will provide pork BBQ and bottled water. You bring any picnic items you'd like for your family (side dishes, dessert, lawn chairs, blankets, games, etc). We're looking forward to a fun afternoon of fellowship as a church family. If you're available to help with setup or clean up, please email Jason Brown (jbrown@firstbaptistum.com)

4. **AWANA Registration OPEN.** Awana is a Bible memory program for kids 3 years - 6th grade that is designed to help the church come alongside parents as they disciple their children. Club meetings are exciting times with Bible lessons, energetic game time, and small groups where kids recite verses they've studied at home. We meet Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm (Sept - May) except the first Wednesday of each month when we have church prayer meetings. Fees vary but are generally \$35 or less per child. Questions? Contact Ronnie and Chrissy Sweetman. Register with QR code.



5. **Women's Dessert and Worship Fellowship—Friday, October 10 at 6:30pm.** Ladies mark your calendar! Join us for a Women's Dessert & Worship Fellowship on Friday, October 10th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Bring your favorite dessert to share and plan on enjoying fellowship and a time of worship through music/songs. Invite your friends & neighbors! Please have your dessert cut and ready to serve.

6. **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.

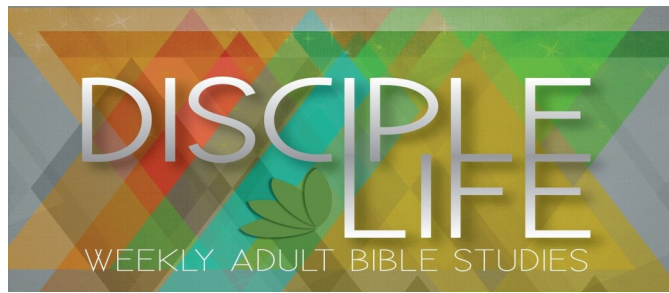


Church members with a benevolence request, please contact the church office.



Digital Communication Card

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Fall 2025 (Sept. - Nov.) DiscipleLIFE Classes for adults:

FALL SESSION BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPT 7 @ 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 – Numbers/Deuteronomy:

As road trips wind down, travelers start thinking about the work waiting for them back home. The ancient Israelites were no exception. The books of Numbers and Deuteronomy recount how the nation of Israel wandered in the wilderness for four decades and how God taught them to be His people as they approached the promised land. He wanted to remind them how much still needed to be done once they got “home.” As you study these final two books of the Pentateuch, ask God to show you what He longs to accomplish in you and through you. Learn how to avoid a life of spiritual wandering and embrace the best He has to offer. (Books available in room 117/118 starting Sunday, 8/24.)

- **Explore the Bible (Coed) — Room 117/118 :: Teachers: Bill Lowry & Tony Edwards**
- **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.

Elective Class — Assurance of Salvation and the Doctrine of Conversion (Coed):

“Am I really a Christian? How can I know? What if my confidence is based on the wrong thing? What if my despair is misinformed? What is a Christian?” Come join us as we dig into God’s word and look at the doctrine of conversion to understand what it means to be a Christian and how God creates a people for Himself. In looking at the doctrine of conversion, we’ll consider how it applies to our individual lives, families, parenting, and our life together as a church.

- **Room 114 :: Teachers - Zach Schlegel & Zak Kergel**

Elective Class — Gospel-Centered Work (Young Adult Coed):

In this class you’ll discover how the good news about Jesus transforms the way we think about our work in surprising and practical ways. The study guide will be available for \$9.00

- **Room 112 :: Teachers - Tyrone Moorehead and Vaughn Lawson**

**** DiscipleLIFE classes for all ages meet every Sunday morning at 9am. ****



Singing and Praying the Psalms

[Psalm 150](#)

"Let Everything Praise the Lord"– September 7, 2025



Introduction

Are you in the habit of showing love and appreciation to others? Do you show appreciation and love because it is your duty or out of a heart of love and gratitude? Praise comes freely from our of delight in someone or something. You don't have to force yourself to do it. Your heart erupts in praise when you are overwhelmed with love and gratitude.

Do you praise God with a heart that truly means it? You can suppress the truth about God, but God IS great! One day, every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. We will declare that God is worthy of our praise.

The aim of this Psalm is to recalibrate our hearts from idolatry and to awaken our hearts to delight in God and praise Him now! What does it mean to praise? It means to extol, boast, or exalt the excellent or beauty of something or someone. From start to finish, the psalmist is calling you to praise the Lord with whom you have a relationship.

Sermon Outline

1. Where should we praise God? Vs. 1
2. Why should we praise God? Vs. 2
3. How should we praise God? Vs. 3-5
4. Who should praise God? Vs. 6

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 1

We praise God in the sanctuary and in the heavens. In the Old Testament, the tabernacle or the temple was the sanctuary of God. Today, the church is God's temple - God's people gathered together. ([1 Corinthians 3:16](#)) As you walk through the doors of a church, it may seem insignificant to sing, pray, preach and praise here. What difference does it make? You must remember, it's not the building. What makes it special is that God commands it and that God is with all of us as a gathered group of believers. You should expect that God will bless.

The heavens refer to the sky and galaxies. These heavens are great, big, and strong. This says something about God. ([Psalm 19:1](#)) All of creation shouts that this didn't happen by accident. There is a Creator who is great and mighty. You should praise God everywhere. You are not limited by a special place and special gathering to offer praise.

Do you tend to domesticate or put God in a box? You come here to praise God, but when you leave, do you praise other things? All of life is meant to be an act of worship. ([Romans 12:1](#)) Praise God at the office, working as unto the Lord. ([Colossians 3:23](#)) Praise God at school, using the mind that He gave you. ([Mark 12:30](#))

2. Read vs. 2

Praise God because He has done great things and because of His excellent greatness. What about the times when you don't "feel like" praising God? When you don't feel like it, God's mighty deeds and excellent greatness are still there. We rehearse praise when we gather and fan the flame so that we can praise even in times of trial.

God is the King to creation. He sustains it all. He rules over all things. When was the last time you went outside, slowed down, and listened, looked around, smelled, and marveled at creation? That will give you a reason to praise.

We praise God for Who He is. He is good and merciful ([Romans 11:33-36](#)) He is true, wise, just. There will be days when life is hard. In the pain of a trial, you might not be able to see what He is doing, but you can trust His heart. He is unchanging.

We can know His deeds and see His excellent greatness in His word. The climactic redemptive deed that shows God's excellent greatness is the cross of Jesus. ([Philippians 2](#)) Jesus took your sins and sorrows; He suffered and

died alone for your sin. How marvelous! We have so many reasons to praise God. This psalm comes at the very end of the book. The conclusion is that we should praise Him.

3. Read vs. 3 – 5

In [Exodus 32](#), we see the incident with the golden calf. The people made an idol while Moses was on the mountain. They wanted to praise God ([vs. 5](#)), but God was not ok with the means by which they wanted to praise. This reminds us that God not only cares **that** we worship, but also **how** we praise Him.

It's not by the latest fad or what will draw a crowd. We look to the Bible. We gather to sing the Bible, pray the Bible, read the Bible, preach the Bible, and to see the Bible in baptism and the Lord's supper.

We are to praise the Lord with variety and unity. There was variety in the instruments listed. We sing hymns, songs, and spiritual songs, and we do it in different ways with different styles. We all have our own preferences in music. If we come with our own preferences, there is confusion, and God is not glorified. There must be unity in order to build each other up with the truth and glorify God.

Praise should be LOUD! We don't want instruments to be so loud that we don't hear the truth in the words we are singing. The instruments serve the words. We should sing loudly.

Praise should be passionate. In [2 Samuel 6](#), David was so happy that the ark was returning, he danced with all his might. He didn't care what people thought, because it was about God. Why such passion? Our praise will not look the same because of our variety of personalities. What passionate looks like for one person may be different than another. It's ok. It's not how it looks. It is about God. Do you praise Him with your whole heart?

4. Read vs. 6

The "everything" here could refer to everything, literally. ([Psalm 148](#)) Saying that "everything that has breath" refers to people as individuals. It is to be human to have breath. ([Genesis 2:7](#)) Our created purpose is to showcase the glory of God.

Left to ourselves, we deserve death. ([Romans 1:21](#)) Left to ourselves, we ignore God. What we talk about, reveals our heart. As an unbeliever, praise doesn't make sense. But praise isn't a compliment; it is a result of our enjoyment of the beauty of God. Praise is being awake to reality. When we see God for Who he is, we will praise. As believers, we praise God for what He has done for us. He redeemed us by the blood of Jesus. God is glorious. We owe Him praise. It is right and fitting because He is glorious.

Jesus suffered God's wrath and took on Himself what we were due. He died and rose again to prove His right to be praised. If you are not a Christian, turn from sin and trust in Christ.

What does your heart praise? Do you praise God? Today is the day of salvation. Hear the invitation. Turn from your sin and join the chorus of those who praise the Lord.

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.

Next week's sermon text: Psalm 42 "When Your Soul is in the Dumps"

Family Guide for week of September 7th, 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 [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](#).

Family Guide for week of September 7th, 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.



Bible Intake: (Listening to God)

Day 1 – Acts 23:12-22

Day 2 – Acts 23:23-35

Day 3 – Acts 24:1-21

Day 4 – Acts 24:22-27

Day 5 – Acts 25:1-12

*Read **Psalm 42** preparation for church on Sunday, September 14, 2025

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 25 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Thank God for His Word and the wisdom it brings to our life. Ask Him to help you trust in Him and not to lean on your own understanding.

Ask God to help you choose friends who point you closer to Jesus.

Sing together

"Praise the Lord" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

Memory verses for the month

1 Kings 8:60 *"that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord is God; there is no other."*

Colossians 1:16b-17 *"all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 8: What is the law of God stated in the Ten Commandments?

Answer: You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not covet.

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