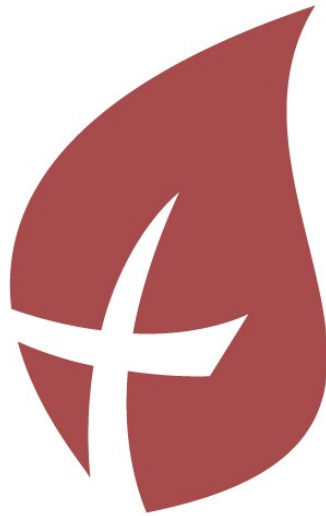


Sunday Morning Worship

September 21, 2025



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Order of Worship

September 21, 2025

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“The Lord Is My Light”

Psalm 27

Song — The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)

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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 — Psalm 145:1-4 (ESV)

- ¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ² Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K Hine

Verse 1:

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout
The universe displayed

Chorus:

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art

Verse 2:

And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

Verse 3:

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God how great Thou art

The Nicene Creed *

We believe in one God, the Father, Ruler of All,
Maker of all things visible and invisible;
And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
Begotten of the Father as only begotten,
That is, from the essence of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
Begotten, not created, of the same essence as the Father,
Through whom all things came into being, both in heaven and in earth;
Who for us and for our salvation came down,
And was incarnate, being made a man.
He suffered and the third day he rose.
And he ascended into the heavens.
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

***History of the Nicene Creed**

Knowing the historical context of the Nicene Creed of 325 A.D. can help us appreciate the truths it declares. In the early fourth century, a preacher named Arius began to teach false doctrine such as: 1) God the Father alone is God; 2) Jesus Christ is a created being; and 3) there was a time when Christ did not exist. About 220 elders gathered in the town of Nicaea (in modern-day Turkey) to address Arius' false teaching. They wrote a brief statement in biblical language to clarify that Christians believe Jesus Christ is fully God, and that those who believe and teach anything less lack biblical faith. We have omitted one paragraph that condemns a particular false teaching of the time.

At First Baptist Church, we believe Scripture teaches that at the center of our faith is Christ, Himself. Therefore, we rejoice in joining with saints through the centuries who have confessed the same biblical truth.

Psalm One

Mike Rogers

Verse 1:

Happy is he with cautious feet
he's choosing God's way over the broad way
'cause he fears his king
His great delight, by day and by night—
to make all of God's word
the source of his labors
for all of his life.

Chorus:

There is a way and an end to every man.
On that last day, when Jesus stands
at God's right hand,
He'll gather the righteous
and cast down the wicked
who can't bear to stand.
This is the way, and this is the end
of every man.

Verse 2:

Blessed is he – faith like the tree
planted near water that nourishes onward
and stays ever green.
All of his life bears fruit in time,
while hopes of the wicked
are tossed by the world's winds
revealing their blight.

Bridge:

So lift up your eyes and walk in the light.
Look to the Savior, who delights
To show you the way all of your days.
Do not grow weary. Hold your gaze.
Follow the saints long on the way
walking with Jesus by faith.
He won't deceive. He won't forsake.
Blessed is the path He has ordained.

Scripture Reading — Hebrews 13:1-6 (ESV)

¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

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

Sermon Notes
“The Lord Is My Light” :: Psalm 27

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# The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)

Lillian Bouknight

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Verse 1:

The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
The Lord is my Light and my salvation,
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus:

Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life.
Whom shall I fear?

Verse 2:

In the time of trouble He shall hide me,
in the time of trouble He shall hide me,
in the time of trouble He shall hide me,
whom shall I fear?

Verse 3:

Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
Wait on the Lord and be of good courage,
whom shall I fear?

This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, September 21

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
6:00 PM Youth Night

Monday, September 22 (First Day of Autumn)

Tuesday, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 24

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

Thursday, September 25

Friday, September 26

Saturday, September 27

Sunday, September 28

9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
6:00 PM Youth Night

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Friday, October 10

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

Sunday, October 19

3:00 PM — Children's Harvest Party

October 20 — 28

Mission Team serving at Bangkok City Baptist Church — Thailand

Sunday, November 9

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 21

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 of the Apostle Paul from the book of Ephesians 3:14-16:

¹⁴ *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,*
¹⁵ *from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,*
¹⁶ *that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened*
with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

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 the Mission Team going out from our church to Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand, Oct 20-28; Pastor Zach Schlegel, Jason Brown, Gay Laxton, Erin Messing, Nikki Butler and Kirsten. Pray that our team would be helpful and an encouragement to the local church and pastors they are serving and that the Gospel would flourish through their ministry.
- 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 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 our church family would not grow weary of doing good. Pray 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.*

Ordinance Ministry



Leslie Fleet

Let’s take a look behind the scenes on the day of the Baptism with the Ordinance Ministry. When a candidate for Baptism arrives at 9:30am we escort them to the changing quarters to assist them in preparing for Baptism and to field any of their questions or concerns. We familiarize participants with their accommodations and provide any necessary instructions and make them aware of any safety precautions. After individuals are dressed, we meet with the pastor to pray, review their testimony, and provide an overview of the Baptism protocol. As the worship service begins, the individual and pastor enter the Baptism pool and ministry members prepare to open the curtain. At the conclusion of the Baptism, ordinance members assist the newly baptized individual to their separate changing quarters and ensure the area is appropriately maintained.

Baptism is always a special and important time, not only in the life of the newly converted, but also ministry members and the church, as a whole. It is during their testimony that we are able to see the tangible and personal work of Christ in another’s life and are reminded of his work in ours. It is then, too, that our family is enlarged and we reflect on God’s good gifts toward us.

Now, let’s take a look behind the scenes on the Lord’s Supper with the Ordinance Ministry. Prior to the Sunday worship service, available deacons are identified to assist with distribution of the elements for the Lord’s Supper. Ministry members meet at 8:00 am to place the elements (bread and juice) in trays for completion prior to the start of DiscipleLIFE classes (Sunday School). An important step we take prior to preparing the elements is praying for the worship service and everyone who partakes in the Lord’s Supper, as this ordinance is such a sacred and spiritual act of remembering Christ’s sacrifice towards the redeemed. In addition to preparing the twelve trays that are placed on the altar for the congregants, trays are also prepared for the comfort rooms, ChildLIFE care leaders, and for individuals with specific dietary needs. After the sermon, the pastor leads the congregation in renewing the church covenant and the elements are served by the deacons. At the conclusion of the worship service, ministry members remove remaining elements and store the supplies.

Ministry Spotlight

There are currently four (4) members of the Ordinance Ministry for Baptism and the Lord's Supper. You may not know that our very own, Sylvia Lowry bakes the bread and ensures we have enough for Communion. Crucial to our ministry is the faithful participation of church Elders, Deacons and the Hospitality Team, and others. Our ministry members typically meet on the day of a Baptism and the Lord's Supper to prepare participants



Testimony from Deacon Leslie Fleet: *“Leading the Ordinance Ministry is a profound, soul-stirring, and humbling experience. It serves as a reminder of the personal sacrifice Christ made for me. It is a sobering reminder of how his body was bruised for my iniquities, that I might have a right to eternal life. I am also reminded of our covenant with each other as a church family, and to love and give sacrificially as Christ has for us.”*

As you consider where you might serve in our church, you should know our ministry is neither labor nor time intensive. You just need to have a heart for God and his people; and the willingness to serve. Any *church member* is eligible to assist the Ordinance Ministry. We generally only meet on the days we serve. ***If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Deacon Leslie Fleet for additional information. We would love to have you.***

Announcements

1. 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.

2. Children's Division Harvest Party (K-6th grade) — October 19, 3-5pm.

Mark your calendar and plan to join in the fun. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks.

3. Interested in Church Membership? Attend Starting Point :: November 9 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. 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.

Praying Psalm 27 — The Lord Is My Light

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For 2 or 3 days this week, set aside 15 minutes to pray through Psalm 27. For help on how to pray the Psalms, refer back to the bulletin insert from July 6 “Singing and Praying the Psalms Guide”.

**Psalm 27. THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION.** <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup> And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

<sup>7</sup> Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! <sup>8</sup> You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.” <sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! <sup>10</sup> For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. <sup>12</sup> Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

<sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! <sup>14</sup> Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

**Praising God:** Take a moment to reflect on the significance and meaning of God being our ‘light,’ ‘salvation,’ and ‘stronghold’ (vv1-2). Are there ways you are lost in darkness or threatened? Praise God for who unchangingly IS with fresh confidence.

**Confessing Sin:** David asks for God to lead him ‘on a level path’ in the day of trouble. Are there ways you’ve taken a sinful shortcut and excused it because of the difficulty you’re in? Take a moment to confess any sinful compromise and ask God, ‘Teach me your way’ (v11).

**Following God:** Obeying God means there will be times you will have to wait on Him, and waiting can cause our hope to wither. David would have despaired lest he believed he would ‘look upon the goodness of the Lord’ (v13). Pray for God to strengthen you while you wait on Him (v14).

## Things to Pray for First Baptist Church:

1. Pray that we seek God with the singular zeal and passion David models for us in v4 ‘one thing have I asked...to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord.’
2. Pray our hearts fear God more than man such that we know the confidence David exhibits, even when surrounded by enemies (v3).

# Singing Psalm 27 — “The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)”

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Having prayed through Psalm 27, now take the time to sing a song that was inspired by the truths of the psalm titled, “The Lord Is My Light (Psalm 27)”. A recording can be found anywhere you listen to music online and on today’s sermon notes page on the church website (fbcum.org). Lyrics can be found on pg. 8.

Singing and Praying the Psalms

[Psalm 27](#)

"The Lord is My Light" – September 21, 2025



Introduction

Do you remember the story of David and Goliath? Goliath, the Philistine giant, taunted the army of Israel. David came along and fearlessly defeated him. ([1 Samuel 17](#)) Do you want to be fearless like David? ([Psalm 112](#)) or the Godly women in [Proverbs 31](#)? In reality, fear is all around us. You may worry about being left out, rejected, having or not having a relationship, illness, death, etc. Do you wrestle with fear? We all do in some shape or fashion. What do we do with fear? David had the temptation to fear, and there were times when he was afraid. How did he handle fear?

Sermon Outline

1. Be confident in who God is. Vs. 1-3
2. David delights in the beauty of God. Vs. 4-6
3. Resolve to walk in God's way. Vs. 7-12
4. Hope in God. Vs. 13-14

Read & Discuss

1. Read Vs. 1 – 3

David was confident about who God is. How do you feel in potentially dangerous situations? Some situations, that we may think of, are hypothetical. David was in real danger. He could have felt fear, but his confidence was rooted in the character of God. He reminded himself of God's unchanging nature, and that gave him confidence.

God is a light that shows us the way. God was David's light. God knows all things perfectly. He declares the beginning from the end. God was David's salvation who would deliver him from his enemies. He was David's stronghold - a fortress that could not be overtaken. What about you? You probably don't have enemies out to kill you, but you may have days of trouble. No matter how big (or small) your problem is, this Psalm is for you.

How does David have this confidence? David knew the LORD - Yahweh. This is the name of God who makes and keeps covenant promises to His people. David had a relationship with God. David referred to God as "my" light, "my" salvation, and "my" stronghold. God IS all of those things to David and to you. It doesn't change - present tense - all of the time. It doesn't depend on your feelings. It is truth.

The beast may be ferocious and the army might be big, but they don't stand a chance against God who is a light, salvation, and stronghold. Is God all of these things to you? Whom shall you fear? Of what will you be afraid? What can man do to you? God is the same every day.

2. Read Vs. 4-6

The beauty of the Lord is the truth about who God is. Do you see God for who he really is? ([Psalm 50:2](#)) He is wise, just, powerful, etc.. It is one thing for you to know, cognitively, the truth about God, but it is quite another to delight in it. Being a Christian means tasting and seeing the goodness of God. Have you experienced this? Is God delightful to you? If you are not tasting and seeing His goodness, you are not seeing Him rightly.

What does "delighting in God" have to do with fear? David longed to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, because God would hide him in the day of trouble - loss of a job, sickness, grief, etc. How did "delighting in God's beauty" change David? His head was lifted up. He is able to walk in the presence of his enemies with his head held high. He had joy, singing and making melodies to the Lord. His joy was not rooted in circumstances or feeling, but in the truth of Who God is.

Are you overwhelmed with the sense of the goodness of God in good times AND in bad? Do you seek after God as a means to an end, or do you seek Him for Him? David asked for one thing. He wanted to know God. David's joy was in God, so his enemies could not touch him. What you desire most reveals where your confidence lies. What does your heart desire? It isn't wrong to have desires, but if they become an end in and of themselves rather than a means to enjoy God, then they will not satisfy. **Pause today and take an inventory of your desires.** What do those desires say about where your confidence lies?

3. Read Vs. 7-13

There is a shift in these verses. Here, David is pleading with God. Hear me! Be Gracious to me! Answer me! Teach me! Why does he move from confidence to pleading? That's what it means to be a frail human being. Has this not been your experience? Strong belief and trust and then wavering faith?

Seeking God's face is similar to seeing the beauty of God. God's face refers to His saving presence. Why did David focus on the temple, the tent, the house? He was longing for the presence of God. The temple, the tent, or the house was where the Spirit of God dwelt. David wanted to be close to God. David was a sinner - a liar, murderer, and adulterer. He wrestled with wondering if God would forsake him. David asked for grace because he knew he didn't deserve to be heard. He reminded God of His invitation to seek His face. ([Deuteronomy 4:29](#)) God's promise pointed to His mercy. This left David with confidence in light of his sin. ([Vs. 10](#)) God will not forsake His own. His love is greater and stronger than the love of a parent. Do you wrestle with your worth? The LORD will take you in!! He will never leave you or forsake you. ([Hebrews 13:5](#)) This is the confidence that gave David the confidence to pray. It can give you confidence as well. ([Matthew 6:5-14](#)) Do you pray like David did in your day of trouble?

The worship of God leads to the obedience of God. Adoration leads to action. When it comes to obeying God, do you dread what you might lose? It's very easy to be self-focused on a day of trouble. The more we think about self, the less you think about God and other people. Are you afraid of what others will think of you? If you care about what others think of you, you will ride the rollercoaster of pride and fear. Love and worship God instead of looking in the mirror. Worship sets your feet on a level path.

4. Read Vs. 13-14

David believed that he would look on the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. He didn't despair. He believed that God would deliver him. David then turned to the reader, telling them to wait and hope. This is expectant hope. Can you sing this psalm with confidence? When fear and worry are welling up in your heart, can you sing it? On what can you place your confidence? How do you claim these truths? Sin leaves us all separated from a Holy God. His face will turn away. It is only through Jesus, who can and will take away the sin your sin and the sin of the world. Jesus is able to sing this Psalm perfectly, and He invites you to sing it with Him. David looked forward to Jesus, and we look back to the cross. Jesus took the sin of all of the world - past, present, and future. The worst thing that can happen to you is for God to turn His face away from you. Jesus was forsaken so that you don't have to be. Come to Jesus. Repent and trust Him. It is then that you can have the face of God's favor and the joy of His presence.

Do you know that in Christ, as an adopted son or daughter of God, you can sing Psalm 27? Because of Jesus, you can confidently sing "the Lord is my light and my salvation! Because of Jesus, you have hope! You might have to wait, but we wait together. Be strong. Let your heart take courage. Wait for 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 103 "Bless the Lord, O My Soul!"

Family Guide for week of September 21st, 2025

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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 – Acts 27:13-22

Day 2 – Acts 27:23-38

Day 3 – Acts 27:39-44

Day 4 – Acts 28:1-10

Day 5 – Acts 28:11-16

*Read **Psalm 103** preparation for church on Sunday, September 28, 2025

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 27 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Thank God for giving His love based on what Jesus has done and not on our performance. Praise Him for loving us even when we have done nothing to earn His love.

Sing together

"The Lord is My Light" – 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 10: What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments?

Answer: *Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in worship of God. Fifth, that we love and honor our father and our mother.*

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