Sunday Morning Worship

November 22, 2026

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Order of Worship

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"How God's Kingdom Grows"
Luke 13:10-21

Song — All Will Be Peace

Benediction

Comfort Rooms: To help accommodate families with small children and individuals with special needs or medical conditions, a live video feed of the worship service is available in rooms 116, 117/118, 119, 120-125.

Visitors & Guests: Stop by the Welcome Desk for church information and to receive a welcome packet.
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Call to Worship — Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)

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[28] "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Joachim Neander | Catherine Winkworth

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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

The Gospel

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The Gospel is the good news that God is redeeming the world through Christ and that He calls everyone everywhere to repent from sin and trust Jesus Christ for salvation.

Each of us has sinned against God, breaking His law and rebelling against His rule,
and the penalty for our sin is death and hell.

But because of His love, God sent His Son, Jesus to live for His people's sake the perfect, obedient life God requires and to die on the cross in our place for our sin.

On the third day, Christ arose bodily from the grave and now reigns in heaven, offering forgiveness, righteousness, resurrection, and eternal blessedness in God's presence to everyone who repents of sin and trusts solely in Him for salvation.

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matt Boswell | Matt Papa | Michael Bleecher

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Verse 1:
Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Verse 2:
Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Verse 3:
Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Verse 4:
Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave Could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

Scripture Reading — Psalm 103:1-5

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[1] Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
[2] Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
[3] who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
[4] who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
[5] who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Only a Holy God

Michael Farren | Jonny Robinson | Dustin Smith | Rich Thompson

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Verse 1:
Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

Verse 2:
What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Chorus:
Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out, sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Verse 3:
What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Verse 4:
Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God!

Sermon Notes :: “How God’s Kingdom Grows” :: Luke 13:10-21

All Will Be Peace

Erik Dewar | Glory and Gladness Music

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Verse 1:

A kingdom is coming where all will be right
Injustice and suff'ring will end
For God will deliver the poor and contrite
The meek of the earth He'll defend
Then Jesus the Righteous will speak forth his word
And none of the wicked will stand
He'll answer our cries
that we thought went unheard
And all will be peace in that land

Verse 2:

The nations will fashion their swords into shears
No longer preparing for war
New plows will be made
from the last of the spears
And no one will fear anymore
The mountains will sing as we go out with joy
While trees of the field clap their hands
And no one in Zion will hurt or destroy
For all will be peace in that land

Verse 3:

Instead of the briar the flower will grow
The cypress instead of the thorn
And so living water forever will flow
When all that was cursed is reborn
The beasts will not kill but be led by a child
The wolves will lie down with the lamb
The calf and the lion will graze in the wild
For all will be peace in that land

Verse 4:

From least to the greatest we'll all know the Lord
And ever his people we'll be
The earth will be filled with the knowledge of God
Like waters that cover the sea
And Jesus will wipe ev'ry tear from our eyes
As God makes his dwelling with man
Then death pain and ev'ry last sorrow will die
And all will be peace in that land
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This Week at First Baptist Church

Sunday, November 22
9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship
6:00 PM Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Monday, November 23

Tuesday, November 24

Wednesday, November 25

Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)
Church Office Closed

Friday, November 27

Saturday, November 28

Sunday, November 29 (First Sunday of Advent)
9:00 AM DiscipleLIFE classes
10:00 AM Sunday Worship

Upcoming Events at First Baptist Church

Sunday, November 22
6:00pm — Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Sunday, November 29 — First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 5
11:00am — Ladies Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 6 — Budget Review Meeting following worship

Sunday, December 13 — Church Members Meeting following worship

Thursday, December 24
6:30pm — Christmas Eve Worship

Ministry Spotlight

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"Ministry Spotlight" highlights church ministries and programs at FBC Upper Marlboro. We hope you'll consider how you can pray for and support these ministry efforts. Pick up a copy of "Places to Serve" in the magazine racks near the exits for information on all the church ministries.

Counting Ministry

Ministry Leader — Tanya Joy



The Counting Ministry consists of individuals that count offerings received during the worship service. The members begin the session with prayer for those that submitted tithes/offerings and good stewardship by the church. The gifts to the church go toward promoting the gospel, discipleship, missions, care/maintenance of the church and church ministries.

As we begin the process of separating the funds according to designation, extra care is taken to ensure that the envelopes have the correct amount written on them as its contents. Names are reviewed for legibility so that the financial secretary may clearly read the names so that all information is properly recorded for the giving statement. Great care is taken to ensure that checks are properly executed. That legal tender has been received. All of this information is recorded on a ledger called the Summary of Receipts where the totals are entered under each fund designation.

Then all currency and checks are separated from the envelopes and totaled. Currency is counted according to denomination and all checks are added. The totals should match the combined funds totaled. When these items balance the members, the team prepares the funds for deposit and prepares the paper work by gathering and initialing documents for the financial secretary. The financial secretary records the gifts into the church management system which provides the information for the year-end giving statement.

Any one interested in learning more, please contact Tanya Joy for more details.
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Praying with First Baptist Church

A Prayer Guide for the week of November 22

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Prayer of the week:

One of the ways we learn to pray is by using the examples in Scripture as an inspiration for our own prayer life. This week, we encourage you to use the prayer of the Apostle Paul in Colossians 1:9a-10:

" 9 And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you...
10 to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him:
bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;"

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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 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 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 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 the persecuted church in North Korea where it is perhaps the most dangerous place on earth to be a follower of Jesus. Ask God to give believers courage and ingenuity in their faith and gospel witness as they gather in secret. Pray God would soften the stance of the Kim regime to enable the country to be helped and influenced by the wider world. (1 Peter 1:3-7; 1 Thes 4:13; Ps. 2)
- 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 (Bangkok City Baptist Church, Thailand), and Tommie van der Walt (Imprint, South Africa). Pray the gospel would flourish and churches would be planted and strengthened through their work. Pray 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 that good spiritual fruit would come from the Men's Retreat at Camp Wabanna Nov. 13-14. Pray that Christian fellowship between the men in our church would be strengthened. (Gal 5:22-23)
- Pray for our elders, deacons, staff, and ministry leaders in this 2027 budgeting season. Pray that God would give wisdom and clear vision for how our church family can honor the Lord with the resources He has provided. (Matthew 6:21; Eph. 5:15-17)
- Pray we would practice humility as we help one another endure in faith (1 Pt 5:5)
- Pray for our Deacons as they serve the practical needs of the church family and our community. Pray that God would give them daily strength to complete the tasks needed. Pray that God would give them wisdom to know how to best serve and love those in their care. (Gal 6:9-10; Acts 6:1-4)
- Pray we would care more about God's opinion of us than the praise of man. (Pr 29:25; 14:26)
- 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:

Jackie Jones, Gregory Joy, Eileen Kessler, Rick Rogers

[Consult the church directory for a list of homebound members who are unable to attend.]

(To submit a prayer request, please use the Prayer Request Card available in the sanctuary and drop them in the offering basket or contact the Prayer Room at 301-952-8877.)

Announcements

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1. Thanksgiving Prayer and Dessert Fellowship :: TONIGHT at 6pm. Join us for this special prayer meeting as we dedicate our time of prayer to giving thanks to God for His many blessings. Afterward, stay and enjoy a time of fellowship with one another over dessert and a warm beverage. The church will provide drinks. We ask that each family bring a dessert to share that is ready to serve.

2. Ladies Christmas Tea. On Saturday, December 5th, FBCUM will host a Ladies' Christmas Tea 11:00AM-12:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. The Christmas Tea is an evangelistic and fellowship event for women of FBCUM to invite non-Christian family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors to enjoy a time of festive fellowship, food, and a short gospel message. See insert for details.

3. New DiscipleLIFE Classes for Adults Begin Dec 6. See insert for class information.

4. Audio/Visual Team Volunteers Needed. The A/V team is looking for individuals to serve the church family by helping the gospel to be heard. No experience is required. We will show you everything you need to know. If interested contact Mosi Winder (301-661-2702; mosi.winder@gmail.com).

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

- online: click the link or scan the QR code,
- in-person: designated boxes in the church foyer or during the worship service,
- by mail: send to 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.
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The Gospel of Luke: Confidence about Jesus

Luke 13:10-21

"How God's Kingdom Grows– November 22, 2026

Introduction

Have you been disappointed in life? Have you wanted to quit? Disappointment can come in many areas of life. Discouragement, despair, and depression can tempt you to "leave before the game is over." In this passage, we see a woman who has had to wait eighteen years for something in her health to change. Here, you learn that following Jesus involves waiting. Waiting is the basic posture of the Christian life this side of Heaven. How can you wait when you are discouraged or so far behind you think that you have already lost?

Sermon Outline

1. Remember who actually is in charge. Vs. 10-17
2. Remember how the kingdom of God grows. Vs. 18-21

Read & Discuss

1. Read vs. 10 – 17

The woman that Jesus encountered at the synagogue was ailing for eighteen years. She was bent over. Luke tells us that she has a disabling spirit. Evil was at play. Satan had bound her all these years. Can you imagine her walking in, shuffling in pain? Because of her disability, she was forced to look at the ground She was limited in her ability to work and have meaningful relationships. People may have whispered about her behind her back. Yet she came to the synagogue to hear the word of God. There are many in our own church body who long to be here but can not because of their ailment. What about you? Do you feel the same way about coming to church to hear God's word and pray together?

Jesus saw her. He sees you in your pain and discouragement. He will not overlook you. If you feel forgotten by God, know that He sees you!! He knows your pain. He knows your questions. Jesus not only saw her, but He also called her over to Him. She could not be ignored any longer. Jesus healed her, but why does He say "freed?" Remember, evil had bound her like shackles. Setting her free, physically, points us to what Jesus would do for us spiritually. Our world is crooked and bent over because of sin.

Are you tired? Are you burdened by crippling anxiety, bitter anger, etc.? Is your shame so heavy that you feel weighed down? This woman's crippled back describes your crippled soul. The good news is that your burden can be lifted. You can rest and life – set free with the burden rolling off. However, freedom is NOT doing whatever you want to do. You may think that doing whatever you want will bring freedom, but it is the burden on your back. You are enslaved to sin. Freedom comes through Jesus so that you can do the good that God is calling you to do. If you are a Christian, the burden of your guilt is removed. You do not need to carry it any longer. You are forgiven and set free. Now you learn how to live in that freedom.

The woman in this passage was healed but still bound by eighteen years of habit. So, Jesus touched her to encourage her to live out what He said was true. He was the lifter of her head, and she could live out this freedom. This was a moment of joy. So why was the ruler of the synagogue irate? Jesus healed on the Sabbath. The ruler was not happy because Jesus did not keep his legalistic rules. His sinful anger drew out the righteous anger of Jesus. Who can tell you what "ought" to happen? Who is in charge? Based on the text, Jesus is the One in charge. Jesus is King, the Sovereign One.

Is it hard for you to wait on God? Does your certainty in Jesus waiver as you wait? Luke wrote this gospel so that you can be certain about Jesus. (Luke 1:4) The woman knew that God was in charge. After eighteen years of waiting, she may have been tempted to believe the whispers of the enemy about God's care for her. If you only look at what you can see, you will see people all around who have power, degrees, and influence. Are you tempted to think that they are in charge? Who are you actually trusting as the ruler of your life? What directs your values, bank account, and schedule? Who do you look to for significance and healing?

This is not just one more account of a healing. Luke had a purpose. The cruel indifference of the synagogue ruler illustrates the sad state of Judaism and the people of the day. His legalistic religion and pride blinded Him to what Jesus did and Who He is. He was indifferent to God AND this woman who needed Jesus' help. The ruler had a good thing going. He had a position of power and respect. He had the praise of man. Jesus was a threat to all this. You may relate yourself and circumstances with the woman in their passage, but might you relate with the ruler, uncaring to the people around you with a religion of rules? Jesus exposed the ruler's hypocrisy by reminding him of the things that he did to keep his animals alive on the Sabbath. This woman was a daughter of Abraham!

Shouldn't she be cared for? Yes!! The ruler had reduced this woman to less than an animal in his own barn. Jesus exposed that. Jesus dignified the woman by stressing her humanity, recognizing her tragedy, and seeing her sorrow. Waiting is hard, but it is harder when life hurts. It helps to remember who is actually in charge! Jesus created all things. He sustains all things. Your life is not out of control. Jesus is in the driver's seat! Take comfort in God's sovereignty. God is powerful and good. Settle this in your mind RIGHT NOW! God is in charge. God is good! Joy and rejoicing come to those who trust Jesus.

2. Read vs. 18-21

We are still waiting and creation is still groaning. It may not appear so at first, but these two parables are connected to the healing. Zoom out. The woman's healing was great, but in the grand scheme of things, it was small. It was the personal deliverance of an individual. The miracle was a sign of what was to come. Her salvation contained the seed of the Devil's defeat and the coming of God's kingdom. The deliverance would spread to all the universe until ALL of creation is delivered from the bonds of destruction.

A mustard seed is little, but a huge bush grows out of it. Leaven starts small, but spreads through the entire dough. A little was going a long way. You may not see anything happening immediately and lose heart. The kingdom of God starts small. If you look at only what you see at the moment, you will become discouraged. The kingdom starts small and humble, but do not give up. Do not lose hope. This is how it grows!

It is no coincidence that Jesus healed on the sabbath. The "sabbath" is mentioned five times in this passage. Why? God gives the sabbath to remind us that right now, you are not at rest, but one day there will be an eternal rest. It is then that all will be made right. All will be peace. First, Jesus must give His life for sin. When He did, it may have looked like Jesus lost at that point. He death accomplished exactly what it was set to do. He bore the righteous wrath of God, paying our debt of sin. On the third day, Jesus rose and the work of restoration had begun! You can be set free from sin's shame, guilt, and power. Every person who trusts in Christ will be set free and join the kingdom God. Jesus came in love for you. Turn and receive His gift of forgiveness. He will deliver.

The kingdom of God is "already" but "not yet." Lives are changed now, but the world is still broken. The church is the assembly of those who accept Jesus' rule now. We need each other to help us stand up and remember who God has made us to be. Lend a hand. Share a meal. Listen. Gather on Sunday. Help lift each other's heads and remind others what God did. The real work of the kingdom is not always obvious. When you cannot see the growth and it seem like the world it is winning, take heart – be encouraged. Remember how the kingdom grows. Little by little. Jesus is the King! He will build His church, and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it.

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 www.fbcum.org.

Next week's sermon text: John 11:38-44 **"Buried, Called, Alive"**

Family Guide for week of November 22nd, 2026

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.

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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 – 2 Timothy 4:1-8
Day 2 – 2 Timothy 4:9-22
Day 3 – Psalm 148
Day 4 – Psalm 149
Day 5 – Psalm 150

*Read John 11:38-44 in preparation for church on Sunday, November 29, 2026

Prayer: (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.

Pray for a few church members on pg. 4 of our church directory. Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Ask Jesus to help you trust Him today, no matter what happens. Thank Jesus for being with you through everything. Ask Him to help you remember His promise of peace and eternal life to everyone who trusts in Him.

Sing together

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" – Use the bulletin from Sunday.

Memory verses for the month

2 Corinthians 5:21 *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Psalm 145:18 *The LORD near to all who call on him, and to all who call on him in truth.*

Catechism question for the week[1]

Question 19: **Is there any way to escape punishment and brough back into God's favor?**

Answer*: Yes, God reconciles us to himself by a Redeemer.*

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