

PCOM SERMON NOTES

November 2, 2025 • Pastor Courtney Ellis

Sermon Series: Talk to me: Psalms

Scripture: Psalm 32:1-7

Sermon Notes:

Definitions of sin:

Roman Catholic Catechism: Sin is an offense against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is failure in genuine love for God and neighbor.

New City Catechism: Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created.

I. Sin is _____.

Psalm 32:3 - When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning.

II. Confession is _____.

Psalm 32:5 - Then I acknowledged my sin to you...I said, "I will confess to the Lord."

The Son of God did not come to make good people better, but to give life to the dead. —Fleming Rutledge, *The Crucifixion*

III. God's forgiveness brings _____.

Ironically the church is an institution oriented around the truth of what it cannot do. Even if we all pitch in, volunteering our hearts out and giving generously, we cannot redeem the world. We gather in worship to recognize that we need God's intervention. We need the surprising work of transformation that only the Spirit can bring. — Carmen Joy Imes, *Becoming God's Family: Why the Church Still Matters*

Psalm 32:1 - Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Next week's Scripture: Psalm 17:1-9 Dan van Voorhis.