

## FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday, July 18, 2021

## ORDER OF SERVICE

The Call to Worship

Psalm 134

Come Christians Join to Sing (Hymn #108) \*

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer \*

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Tim Wierenga

Gloria Patri \*

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Reading of Scripture: Acts 9:1-31

The Prayer for Illumination

Who Are You, Lord?

Pastor Rhett Austin

#### RESPONSE

In Christ Alone \*

The Prayers of the People

Donna Siefert

O Praise the Name (Anástasis) \*

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction \*

The Doxology \* Hymn #625

<sup>\*</sup> Please stand, if able

# ACTS 9:1-31 (ESV) PAGE #917-918 IN PEW BIBLE

**9** But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. <sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; 19 and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup> And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup> But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

<sup>23</sup> When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, <sup>24</sup> but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, <sup>25</sup> but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket.

<sup>26</sup> And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. <sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. <sup>28</sup> So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. <sup>29</sup> And he spoke and disputed against the Hellenists. But they were seeking to kill him.<sup>30</sup> And when the brothers learned this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

<sup>31</sup>So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HAITI PRAYER INITIATIVE! (JULY 23-31)

As Pastor Rhett shared last week, the July Haiti trip has been cancelled due to political violence in the country. However, the need for prayer for this nation and our brothers and sisters in Haiti has never been greater. Our church will be praying for Haiti throughout the week the trip was scheduled to take place (July 23-31). If you have not already done so, consider adding your name to the prayer schedule posted in the hallway outside the church office. A one-page prayer guide is also available to help direct your time of prayer for God's people in Haiti.

#### CHURCH BUILDING SUMMER REFRESH

At our June congregational meeting the elders shared about our "summer refresh" plan, which includes updating our narthex and Mission Center lobbies, painting the wainscoting in the Mission Center, and repairing drywall in the hallways and classrooms. Also included as part of the summer refresh is the newly completed nursing room. In August, the Property Team, led by Mark Wissing and Phyl Holt, will head up a Saturday morning project to paint the wainscoting in the Mission Center in addition to areas of the building where touch up is needed. More information forthcoming.

## MISSIONAL PRAYER LIST

Join us in praying for these particular people, ministries, and needs this week. The prayer requests below follow our church's purpose statement: "We exist for the glory of Christ, the growth of his church, and the good of the community." If you have a prayer request you would like included in the Midweek Update and bulletin, please contact our church office at 630-231-8230; churchoffice@faithchurchwc.org.

#### FOR THE GLORY OF CHRIST

Praise God for his faithfulness to our church and pray that he would equip us to do all things to the glory of Christ.

#### FOR THE GROWTH OF HIS CHURCH

(see monthly missionary prayer update for additional information, available in the narthex)

Jeff & Ann VanDerMolen (Kids Alive International) and Don & Cathy Ziel (Young Life Ministries)

Our Church Leaders and Ministries
Pastor Rhett and his family
Elders Larry LaBelle & Tim Wierenga
Mercy Ministry & Connection team

Chicago Friends of Haiti and El Shaddai Ministries International: stability, peace, and justice within Haiti; wisdom and strength for the Haitian pastors and churches

#### FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

West Chicago and Winfield Fire and Emergency Services

Local Mission Partnership
Caring Network Illinois serves young women considering abortion, and supports young moms with gospelcentered counseling and resources

## MISSIONAL PRAYER LIST (CONT.)

Congregational Needs
Marilynn Wright (Dave Wright's mom):
Marilynn was taken to the hospital on
Wednesday with a heart murmur, a
very low hemoglobin level, and
possible internal bleeding. Please pray
for healing and also wisdom for the
doctors as they discern the best path
for treatment.

Shirley Woomer (Amy-Jo Wierenga's mom): Shirley had a procedure last week to repair a knee replacement. Pray for complete recovery following the surgery as she undergoes physical therapy.

Karla Van Der Molen: Continue to pray for Karla as she prepares to undergo treatment for ALS.

Lou Carter: Continue to pray for Lou in view of her cancer diagnosis.

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

#### TODAY

9:30am Worship Service (in-person & livestream)

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

10:00am Women's Bible study, room 3/4

## IN SERVICE

TODAY
Sound & Computer
Dan Wetherington

SUNDAY, JULY 25 Sound & Computer Bryan Van Zanten SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021
Who Are You, Lord?
Acts 9:1-31
PASTOR RHETT AUSTIN