

YOU
will be my
WITNESSES

A SERMON SERIES
IN ACTS

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, September 12, 2021

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Call to Worship Psalm 124:8; 145:18-19
The Passing of the Peace
*Come Christians Join to Sing (Hymn #108) **
*O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer **
The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon Pastor Rhett Austin
Gloria Patri *

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The Reading of Scripture: Acts 13:1-12
The Prayer for Illumination
Ready, Set, Go! Pastor Rhett Austin

RESPONSE

*How Firm a Foundation (Hymn #275) **
Receiving of New Members
The Prayers of the People Diane Walker
*O Praise the Name (Anástasis) **
The Lord's Prayer
The Benediction *
The Doxology * Hymn #625

* Please stand, if able

ACTS 13:1-12 (ESV)

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13 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. **2** While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

3 Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

4 So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. **5** When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. **6** When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. **7** He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. **8** But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. **9** But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him **10** and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? **11** And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. **12** Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US FOR LUNCH TODAY FOLLOWING THE SERVICE!

Both members and guests are invited to join us today for a free lunch in the Mission Center (down the hall from the Worship Center) following the worship service. We are celebrating the beginning of the fall ministry season at our church and will also be sharing about who we are and what we are all about at Faith Community Church. Additional seating is available in rooms 3/4 and 8.

CALLED TO WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 19, 11:00AM

What do you think of when you hear the word "worship"? "Worship" includes making music unto the Lord, but it is also so much more. Our Sunday school course on worship will seek to understand worship from a biblical perspective—what it is, why we do it, and how to do it in a way that pleases God. Join us for this class as we seek to gain a deeper understanding of the beauty and glory of our God and how the Scriptures teach us to worship him as our Savior and King.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 19, 11:00AM

Our children will resume Sunday school on September 19 following fellowship time with a new curriculum entitled *Teach Me to Worship*. The goal of *Teach Me to Worship* is to train our youngest church family members in the skills that they will practice for eternity: worshipping God in Spirit and truth. The class is applicable for children ages 4-8. If you are interested in serving with children's Sunday school, please contact Val Austin.

BLANKET MINISTRY RESUMING TOMORROW, (SEPTEMBER 13) AT 10:00AM

The Blanket Ministry will be resuming weekly on Monday, September 13 at 10:00am. No sewing skills are needed. Come and help to be a blessing to those who are ill. Hope to see you there!

WOMEN'S TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING THIS TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 14), 7:00PM-8:30PM

The women are beginning the Tuesday Night Women's Bible study this Tuesday, September 14th. The class meets from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at Valerie Austin's home. The class will continue their study in the Gospel of Luke, beginning with chapter 9 in the "At His Feet" bible study by Hope Blanton and Christine Gordon. If you are interested in attending, please contact Valerie Austin or Amy Paglia.

MEN'S WEEKNIGHT BIBLE STUDY: WORK AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

If we are called to glorify God in all areas of our life, then how do we glorify him in our job (or retirement)? Connecting the Christian life to the workplace is not always an easy task. This fall Pastor Rhett and Don Johnson will lead a men's weeknight study (9 weeks) on the topic of work and the Christian life. The class will follow a book by Dan Doriani called *Work That Makes a Difference*. Details regarding start date and time 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)

Dan & Kathleen Lord and Dave & Debi Ernisse (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

Chicago Metro Presbytery: Faithfulness among local Chicago PCA pastors and for the fruit of the gospel in our local sister churches

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

FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

For President Biden, Congress, and the Supreme Court, as well as for Governor Pritzker, Mayor Ruben Pineda and the West Chicago City Council

Local Mission Partnership

Pat Elam (ELEEO Ministries) serves those struggling with addiction and recovery

Congregational Needs

Julia Doggett and family: Please pray that our Lord would encourage Julia and her family in the days ahead following the loss of her mother Lou.

MISSIONAL PRAYER LIST

(CONT.)

Karla Van Der Molen: Please pray that our Lord would strengthen and encourage our sister in light of an ALS diagnosis.

Mark Lewis (Ernie & Gary Siefert's cousin): Please pray for healing and encouragement for Mark who is hospitalized due to brain cancer.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

TODAY

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:00am Blanket Ministry meeting, room 7

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

17:00pm Women's Bible study, Val Austin's home

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:00am Men's Bible study, room 3/4

IN SERVICE

TODAY

Sound & Computer

Dan Wetherington

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Sound & Computer

Bryan Van Zanten

NURSERY AND CHILDCARE

Children are always welcome to worship with their parents for the duration of the service at Faith Community Church. Due to COVID-19 safety guidelines, we are not offering distinct nursery and childcare at this time.

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Acts 13:1-12

PASTOR RHETT AUSTIN