

## Faithbridge Church Vision

We envision a Healthy Church, where non-churched, once-churched, and badly churched people find their lifeless souls resurrected to abundant life in Christ. We desire a church that provides Ancient Future Worship, embracing musical diversity. We envision a church that understands the distinction between worship and performance and comes expecting to engage in God's presence. We want a church that values integrity from the pulpit and is known for teaching about the loving God who transforms and empowers us to love others. A church that is known for its hunger to go deep into the scriptures, wide in sharing its faith, a church that allows the Holy Spirit to draw us near into God's presence, and encourages us to rest in God's Grace.

We envision a church that embraces and values a strong children's ministry. A church in which a child knows that he or she is loved by Jesus, nurtured through creative and experiential ministry, and respected as a member of the family of God. A church which values a strong youth ministry which helps youth be involved in the present-day ministry, and to have the tools to live life safely and boldly for Jesus in a hurting world. We seek to be a church in which the parents' efforts are supported as they establish a spiritual foundation in the home.

We envision a church in which it is normative for adults to be involved in a small group ministry that provides a safe forum for them to wrestle with God and to be in ministry with others. A church where all people use the gifts and talents that God has given them, in order that the entire church may function like a well-oiled machine or a well-tuned orchestra. We long for a church where everyone is doing his or her part for the beauty of the whole. We yearn for a church that replicates the biblical church in Acts where no one sits on the sideline as a non-contributing spectator.

We envision a church that refuses to be ingrown or self-focused but instead channels its redemptive power into the world. A church which does not abandon its elderly, orphaned, or widowed, but visits, loves, and values them. We envision a church so full of love and amazed by grace that people cannot constrain themselves from sharing generously of their resources and material possessions with those in need. We hunger for a church which is flexible and sensitive in allowing God's Holy Spirit to lead, guide, and empower us in all that we do.