

Welcome

January 13, 2019

We're glad you're here! You are invited to fill out a blue welcome card from the pew rack and place it in the offering basket. Please don't feel obligated to donate during our offering. Join us for refreshments after church in the Fellowship Hall (go left as you exit).

This Week

Today:

8:45 am Morning Prayer - Rm 2
9:30 am Worship
10:55 am Choir
11:00 am Church School
11:10 am Adult Church School in the library

Mon:

6:30 pm Prayer Group
6:55 pm Women's Bible Study Fellowship

Tues:

7:00 pm Council

Weds:

6:30 pm GEMS

Thurs:

7:00 pm Bible Study

Prayer Commitment: Steven K, Back to God Ministries Int'l

Our Church Family

Joann M had 2 successful surgeries for kidney stones this week, and will have a follow-up procedure in 2 weeks. She hopes to be home today. Arlan and Joann are so appreciative of the encouraging words, cards, food, and prayers. "It is wonderful to be loved as we have been loved by the Faith Church family."

Linda E will have experimental brain surgery on Wednesday to remove the cancerous tumor and treat the surrounding tissue. Pray that surgery will be successful and that God's peace will be with Linda and Lou this week.

Directory Correction: Andy S's cell # should be

Announcements

The Honduras Serve Team will be commissioned today. It includes Faith members Bob & Cheryl D, Alex & Sandee D, Jim D, Fred & Barb H, and John & Elaine H (along with 20 others). They will be there Jan. 26 – Feb. 2.

Council has begun the nomination process for new elders and deacons. Members are encouraged to submit names to any council member of people they feel are qualified to serve in these positions.

It's Taco Time! Remember to mark your calendar for the GEMS taco dinner in the fellowship hall on Saturday, Jan. 26, 5-7 pm. Donations accepted at the door for GEMS in Kenya. You can also sponsor the GEMS with a business card or with a favorite Bible verse on their placemats for a \$40 donation. Extra forms are in the foyer. Please turn in placemat info and money to Shanna H by next Sunday, Jan. 20. Asante! (Thank you in Swahili).

Adult Church School: Join us in the library as we view & discuss the new DVD series based on the book: The Rock, The Road, & The Rabbi with Kathie Lee Gifford & Rabbi Jason Sobel: "Nazareth: The Early Years". All are welcome.

Kids: Just a reminder to check out The Mitten by Jan Brett in the library. There's a coloring page and a mitten activity available - just for fun!

Upcoming Worship Services

Jan 20 "Living the Gospel Together" Philippians 1:27 – 2:4

Jan 27 "A Holy Humility" Philippians 2:5-11

Worship Service: 9:30 am

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Message Notes

Philippians 1:18-26

A Life Worth Living and a Life Worth Dying

“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

Prelude

God Gathers His People

*Call to Worship

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

*Gathering Song – *Come, All You People*

Song of Praise – *Total Praise* (Choir)

*Statement of Commitment (Based on Philippians 1:6, 9-11)

*Hymn of Response – *You Are My All in All*

Honduras Commissioning

Sent Forth as Ambassadors litany

Prayer of Dedication

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message

(Walk-Out Worship children age 3-K leave for downstairs;
guests welcome!)

Prayer of Illumination

Bible Reading: Philippians 1:18-26 (page 1826)

Message – **A Life Worth Living and a Life Worth Dying**

Prayer

*Song of Response – *Jesus is All the World to Me*

Announcements

Prayer of the People

Offering: Southwest Chicago Christian Schools

During Offering – *All I Have is Christ*

God Sends Us with His Blessing

*Blessing

*Sending Hymn – *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

Message: Pastor Chris P

What is your m.o. (mode of operation)? What is the engine of your life?

Paul wouldn't hesitate to give you his answer. What's his word? Christ.
What's drives his story? To know Christ—and make Christ known.

“I am torn!” (V.23)

V. 19, he is confident he will be delivered.

V. 20, he wonders if that is the best thing.

V. 22, he admits he isn't sure he knows what is best.

V. 23, he claims his desire is to be with Christ.

V. 24, he says then again maybe I need to stay with you.

V. 25, he is “convinced” that is what will happen.

V. 27, he admits again that he really doesn't know.

V. 21 *“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”* Is the one constant in this struggle. It both transcends and comes into whatever present circumstances Paul faces.

Either way I can't lose!

Philippians 3:4-11 gives insight as to why Paul has this perspective.

It is not a life *under God* (his life as Pharisee) or a *life for God* (his mission for Christ) that motivates him. It is a *with God* life. “To be **with** Christ is far better.”

To live is Christ....”

He means that he derives his strength from Christ (4:13)

He has the mind of Christ (2:5-11); he knows Christ intimately and experientially (3:8); He is covered with Christ's righteousness (3:9);

He rejoices in Christ's nearness (3:1, 4:4).

“Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all; he is my strength from day to day, without him I would fall.”

+*Jesus is All the World to Me*

Opportunities to Serve

Today

Greeters & coffee servers

Rich & Donna D
Penny D
Jim & Jeff D

Roving & after church

Dave P
Rich D
Sheryl R

Ushers

Ken S
Sam V
Dave V

Nursery

Mitzee D
Doug T
Heidi V

Walk-out Worship

Marley B
Donna A

Librarian

Jane Z

Coffee setup – Jan.

John H
Bev H

Open & close church – Jan.

Dale V
Jeff D

Offerings

General Fund
All God's Children

Next week

Kyle & Andrea D
Mitzee D
Pete & Norma D

Jim D
Wes S
Ken H

John H
Neal M
Fred S

Elaine H
Marilynn J
Hannah V

Mary D
John D

Donna A

Feb.

Karen V
Gwen A

Feb.

John D
Ken S

Next week

Providence Life Services



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