

## Welcome

April 7, 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

### Mon:

6:30 pm Prayer Group  
6:55 pm Women's BSF

### Thurs:

8:30 am Breathe

### Fri:

6:30 pm Pinewood Derby Races

**Prayer Commitment:** Jena & Reynold P - Bahrain

**Save the Date:** District 1 Lunch - Sunday, May 5 in the Fellowship Hall

## Upcoming Worship Services

**Apr 14** 9:30 am "Fear of Conquest" John 12:12-16 Palm Sunday  
**Apr 18** 7:00 pm "Fear of Betrayal" John 13:18-30 Maundy Thursday  
**Apr 19** 7:00 pm "Fear of Darkness" Matthew 27:45 Good Friday  
**Apr 21** 9:00 am "Fear of the Unknown" Matthew 28:1-10 Easter

## Our Church Family

Sandee D fell and broke her ankle on Thursday. Pray for healing and encouragement.

Heidi K-M is in Palos hospital due to breathing difficulty. Pray for healing.

## Announcements

**An Easter Prelude:** Our Easter worship service on April 21 will begin a little earlier this year - in the cemetery across the street! We will gather at the tree at 9am and continue the celebration in the sanctuary. More details next week.

**Ballots for elder and deacon approval** are due today. Return them to the box in the foyer where extras are available. Deacon nominees are: Brad H, Neal M, Ken S, Deb V, Doug W, and Tim Z. Elder nominees are: Jim B, Brenda C, Greg F, Sue H, Elaine H, Bev H, Bill J, Doug T, and Tom V. Selection is next Sunday.

**Breathe:** *Attentive Forgiveness* is our focus for this session of Breathe. Come at 8:30am this Thursday, April 11, as we focus on the suffering of Christ and the forgiveness He offers. All women are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors. Childcare is provided.

**STIR Pinewood Derby** - Come join us for our Pinewood Derby on Friday night at 6:30. This is open to everyone. There will be races for cars that were made along with cars decorated by the kids. We will be serving hot dogs for dinner. If you want to participate, it's not too late. See Rachel D to purchase a kit.

**The Faith 40+ Singles Fellowship** would like to invite anyone who is single and 40+ to a game night at 6:30 on Friday, April 26, at church. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share. Text Carla W for more information.

**Regular Attendees:** If you would like to receive prayer news and announcements via emails, or if you would like a church mailbox, contact the church office (708.532.8300 or [tpfaithcrc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tpfaithcrc@sbcglobal.net)).

**Severe Weather Policy:** Unless an announced tornado watch or warning expires or is lifted at least one hour before any scheduled Faith Church event, that event is automatically canceled.

**Welcoming the Stranger** missional community will host an immigration informational panel at Palos Heights CRC on April 23 at 7pm.

**Worship Service: 9:30 am**

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**Message Notes**

Prelude

**God Gathers His People**

- \*Call to Worship
- \*God's Greeting
- \*We Greet Each Other
- \*Opening Song – *Come, All You People*

Confession – Heidelberg Catechism #127  
Assurance – *In Christ Alone* (v.1 solo, congregation on 2-4)  
Children's Message  
(Walk-Out Worship children age 3-K go downstairs;  
guests welcome!)

Announcements  
\*Song of Preparation – *His Eye is on the Sparrow*  
Prayer of the People

**We Hear God's Word**  
Bible Reading: Luke 12:1-7 (page 1616)  
Message: "**Fear of Hell**"  
Prayer

**We Respond to God's Word**  
\*Song of Response – *Lift High the Cross* (PsH #373 v. 1,4,5,7)

Offering: *General Fund* – provides for the operation of Faith Church,  
including wages, building utilities/upkeep, committee expenses,  
and our share of classis & denominational expenses.

**God Sends Us with His Blessing**  
\*Blessing  
\*Sending Song – *Lift High the Cross* (PsH #373 v. 3)

Message: Pastor Chris P

Luke 12:1-7

**Fear of Hell**

Hell will be agonizingly dull, small and insignificant, without company, purpose, or accomplishment . It will not have its own stories,: it will merely be a footnote on history; a crack in the pavement. As the new universe moves gloriously onward, Hell and its occupants will exist in utter inactivity and insignificance, an eternal non-life of regret and perhaps—diminishing personhood. +Randy Alcorn, *Heaven*

Aren't five sparrows sold for two small coins?<sup>[a]</sup> Yet not one of them is overlooked by God. Even the hairs on your head are all counted. Don't be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows. Jesus, Luke 12:6-7

\*Are you afraid of hell? When was the last time you felt this fear? Should you feel fearful of hell?

**Hell as a "talking point"**

+The Old Testament has little to say on heaven or hell. It speaks primarily of death & the grave.

+In Jesus time Jewish thought has developed (likely in conversation with surrounding cultures). Groups like the Sadducees seem to not believe in the afterlife. The Pharisees do and are already sorting out who is in and who is out.

**Jesus on Hell—flipping the script of the Pharisees.**

+Gehenna—a vivid earthly image picture of hell—a clear warning to religious insiders.

+Jesus teaches a very powerful picture of heaven. To these marginalized people. Heaven is wide open for you.

\*Whether it is the first time in your life or just one more time, what does it mean for you to surrender to the grace of Jesus Christ today?

# Opportunities to Serve

## Today

### **Greeters & coffee servers**

Doug & Dawn T  
Gary & Becky T  
Mark & Nancy T

### **Roving & after church**

George Z  
Ken H  
Karen V

### **Ushers**

Sam V  
Fred H  
Brad W

### **Nursery**

Sandee D  
Bethany L  
Liz B  
Maundy Th - Lauren G, Carla W  
Good Fri. - Deb V, Sue H

### **Walk-out Worship**

Nancy G  
Mitzee D

### **Librarian**

Nancy T

### **Coffee setup – Apr.**

Mitzee D  
Julie V

### **Open & close church – Apr.**

Mark T  
Jim D

### **Offerings**

General Fund  
Benevolence

## Next week

Betty V  
Sam & Nina V  
Anna V

Bob D  
Brad W  
Dave V

John H  
Fred S  
Ken S

Jan V  
Becky T  
Matt V

Marilynn J  
Gary T

Dawn T

## **Next week**

SCCS Partnership Fund



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