

*The Practice of Community*  
*Part 4—Shining Together*  
**Matthew 5:14-16**

*You are the light of the world.*  
*-Matthew 5:14*

# Welcome, Guests!

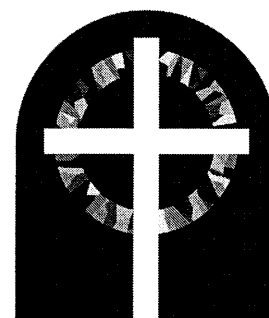
Friends,

We are glad you are here with us and hope you sense God's presence in worship today. If there is any way we can be of help to you, don't hesitate to ask. Here are a few of the questions we often hear from our guests when they first visit:

- ~ **How long is the worship service here at Faith?** Our worship services typically run 60 to 70 minutes.
- ~ **How can I introduce myself?** We'd love to meet you after the service; don't hesitate to introduce yourself! You can also visit our webpage ([www.faithpresby.org](http://www.faithpresby.org)), and click on the "I'm New" tab and then the "Introduce Yourself" button. This is a great way to let the pastoral staff know who you are and how we might welcome and serve you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center on the way out. We have a gift waiting for you there! And if you need a Bible, we can offer you one there as well.
- ~ **I have kids. Are they welcome here?** Absolutely! We love the sounds of children in the sanctuary. During the children's message at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, kids up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to come up front to listen in. Having them stay with you to listen is also fine. After the children's message, children are invited down the hall to Room 4 (grades 3 to 6) and Room 5 (Pre-K to 2nd grade) with our children's staff. Nursery care is available throughout the 9:00 a.m. worship service in Room 7.
- ~ **Are there classes for adults?** Yes. Check the bulletin and listen for announcements in worship about upcoming classes. We currently have in-person and online classes.
- ~ **What if I have trouble hearing the service?** If you have difficulty hearing, please ask one of our ushers for a personal receiver for the hearing impaired. Also, a T-Loop hearing-assist system is available in the back four pews on the right side of the sanctuary. Set your hearing aid to the "T" setting.
- ~ **How can I find out more information about Faith?** Feel free to speak to any of us and if we can't answer your questions, we'll find somebody who can. Our website is a great source of information: [www.faithpresby.org](http://www.faithpresby.org). Also, *This Week @ Faith* is a weekly email that goes out on Mondays with information about upcoming opportunities and activities. Email Laura Anderson in our office at [landerson@faithpresby.org](mailto:landerson@faithpresby.org) if you'd like to be included on the email distribution list.
- ~ **What if I'm interested in exploring membership or deeper involvement at Faith?** If you'd like to know more about becoming a member at Faith, or want to understand how you can begin or continue to grow in your Christian faith, we encourage you to contact one of our pastors. You can call the church office at (916) 428-3439 or email one of our staff members. (Email addresses are available on our webpage and further on in this bulletin.) We'd love to meet you and find out how we can be of help.

Again, we are glad you are here with us today!

Grace and peace—The People of Faith



Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento  
**SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**JANUARY 25, 2026**  
Order of Worship

*✠ Those who are able, please stand.  
Please silence all electronics before the start of worship.*

**Prelude**

Eunice Bancu; Faith Brass Ensemble (11:00)

**Greeting**

Brett Shoemaker

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

**✠ Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candle**

Joel Gilbert (9:00)

Ben Chand (11:00)

**✠ Song of Praise** (All songs used by permission CCLI #676622)

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

**✠ Prayer of Confession**

Brett Shoemaker

**✠ Response to Confession**

*Goodness of God*

**✠ Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

**Welcome**

Jeff Chapman

**Moment for Mission: SSIP Food Closet**

Deb Kanner

**Anthem** (11:00)

Faith Chancel Choir

*One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* (C. Courtney, based on Eph. 4:4-6, 13)

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.

One voice, one song, we lift in praise to Him Who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.

One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, Who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,

We are given to each other for the unity of faith,

That we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

## Children's Message

Jeff Chapman

## Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

Dennis Montzingo (9:00)  
Vickie Weaver-Owens (11:00)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*At this point in the 9:00 service, children pre-K to 6th grade are invited either to be excused to our children's programs or to return and sit with their families.*

## Prayer of Illumination

## Message

Jeff Chapman

*The Practice of Community  
Part 4—Shining Together*

*After the sermon, 7th & 8th graders are invited to the Youth Room for Donuts & Discussion.*

## Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Brett Shoemaker

## Giving & Receiving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Dennis Montzingo (9:00)  
Vickie Weaver-Owens (11:00)



*After worship, you may place your offering in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. You may also give online at [faithpresby.org](http://faithpresby.org) under the "Give" tab. This QR code will take you directly there.*

## Time & Talents Offering/Bless the Ways We Serve

Cindi Kinney

## ✠Doxology (*literally, Words to Glorify*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## ✠Prayer of Dedication

## ✠Hymn of Faith

*Though I May Speak*  
#335, The Presbyterian Hymnal

## ✠Benediction

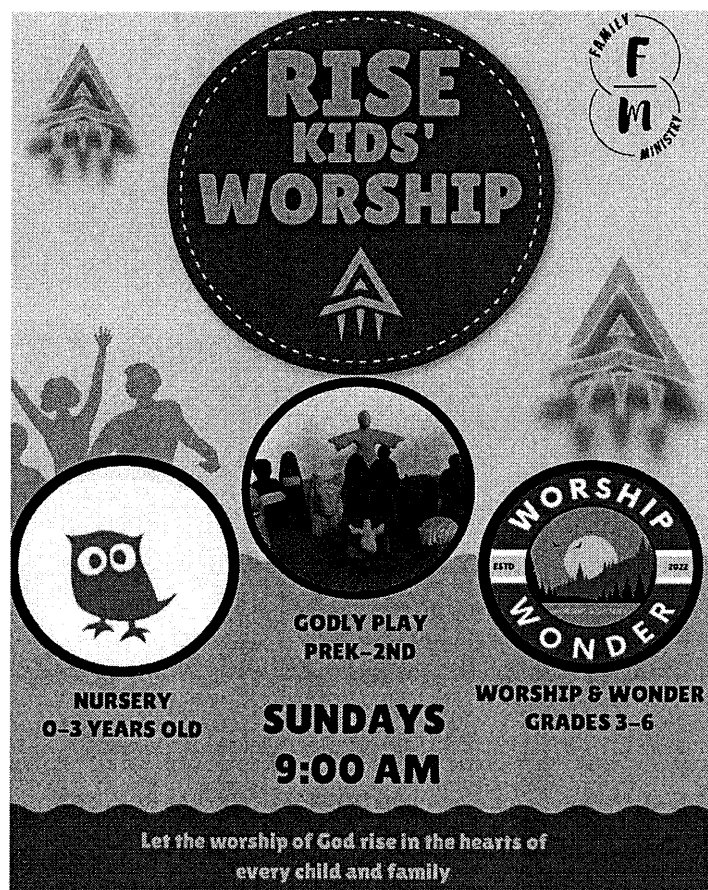
## ✠Postlude

Eunice Bancu; Faith Brass Ensemble (11:00)

*If you would like to have somebody pray with you for any reason, there will be a prayer team available in the front row immediately after worship this morning.  
Prayer Team: Audrey Newport & Anthony Shelton (9:00) and Lucy DaCastello & Pam Rock (11:00)*

# Announcements and Events

## Family Ministry



For questions about Faith's Sunday morning children's programs, contact Lindsay Stanford, Director of Family Ministry, at [lstanford@faithpresby.org](mailto:lstanford@faithpresby.org).

## Notes from Faith's Pledge Secretary

### Annual Giving Statements

For those who give financially to Faith, your year-end giving statement is now ready in the Welcome Center. Please pick yours up today. Those statements not picked up will be mailed out by Wednesday, January 28.

### Pledge Envelopes

If you regularly give to the ministry of Faith, your 2026 giving envelopes are ready for you in the Welcome Center, and today is the last day to pick them up. For those unable to attend worship in person, your envelopes will be delivered or mailed to you in the next week or two.

### Per Capita 2026

The 2026 per capita apportionment is \$33.48 per member. As a reminder, this is the amount that Faith pays per member as a means of contributing towards the shared ecclesiastical costs of our denomination. If you are a member and able to do so, please consider covering your share of the apportionment. You will find a per capita envelope in your pledge box. If you have any questions about the per capita, please contact Pledge Secretary Jennifer Anders at [jfsmith20@comcast.net](mailto:jfsmith20@comcast.net). Thank you!

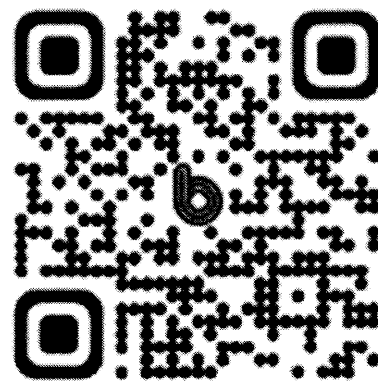
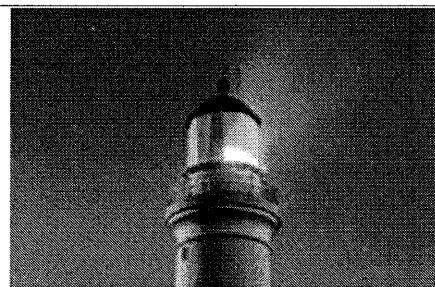
**GRADES 7-12!**

**YOUTH GROUP**

**TONIGHT, 7:00 P.M.**

**JOIN THE APP! ➡**

Contact Brett Shoemaker for more info and to get on our email list:  
[bshoemaker@faithpresby.org](mailto:bshoemaker@faithpresby.org)



# Opportunities to Learn & Connect

## Adult Sunday School

### "Decently and in Order":

#### A Theological Exploration of the PCUSA's Constitution

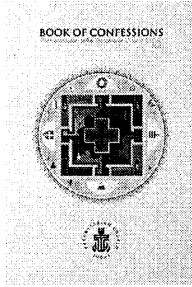
January 11, 18, 25

10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Facilitator: Laura Anderson

Join us this morning for the third and final part of our introduction to the two books of our denomination's constitution. This week we will dip our toes into the rich theological river that flows through our *Book of Confessions*. The confessions span 1700 years and four continents.

Impressive but ... what exactly are they and why do they matter to us as believers today? Let's find out more together this morning!



## Join In Whenever You Can!

### SLOWING DOWN ...

#### TO CATCH UP WITH JESUS

Wednesdays, January 7 through February 11

7:00 – 8:30 p.m., on Zoom

Facilitator: Alice Parente

Jesus continually asks us, "What do you want me to do for you?" How often do you answer, "Slow me down, Lord!" More and more, it seems people are actually *incapable* of slowing down, both within themselves as well as in their anxious, frantic lives. Yet, Jesus modeled balanced living for us, and He invites us to join Him in that lifestyle.

This six-week class is an invitation to explore the concept of "hurry sickness" and to practice what it means to become like our unhurried Savior. We will seek to declare, "I want what *He* has!" And then go after it. Our vision will be to encounter Jesus not as frantically busy or demanding, but as present, attentive, and deeply kind.

There is no assigned book for this class. We will be using articles, podcasts, and videos created by spiritual formation giants who bring hope and healing to our addiction to hurry and busyness.

The Zoom link will be in tomorrow's "This Week at Faith" email. Feel free to contact Alice Parente with questions: [vsas77@earthlink.net](mailto:vsas77@earthlink.net).



### Come for a First Look at Our Summer Mission Experience in Skagway, Alaska

Faith's youth are taking the lead in planning this year's summer mission experience. On the week after the Fourth of July, we will be heading to Skagway, Alaska, where we will be serving, learning, and growing in faith in partnership with the people of First Presbyterian Church. **Today** you have an opportunity to learn more about this mission trip. **Join us in Room 2 at about 10:15 a.m.** for a very brief first look at what's in store.

If today doesn't work for you, we will have another first-look gathering next Sunday, February 1, at about 12:15 p.m., also in Room 2.

If you would like to know more but can't make either gathering, please speak with Pastor Brett.

### Ash Wednesday Dinner Sign-ups

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 18. As is our custom, we will gather for dinner that evening at 5:30 in Link Hall, after which we will worship at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. To help our Fellowship Team plan for and prepare the dinner, please sign up in the Welcome Center today.



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[facebook.com/FaithPresbyterianChurch](https://facebook.com/FaithPresbyterianChurch)

## Annual Congregational Celebration

**Today at 12:15 p.m.**

Everyone is invited to—and all members should plan to attend—our Annual Congregational Meeting and Celebration in **Link Hall today immediately following the 11:00 service.** We will share lunch together, look back in celebration of what the Lord has done in our midst this past year, elect elders and deacons, and pause to remember those brothers and sisters who passed away in 2025.



The following individuals have been nominated to serve as officers:

Deacon: Anthony Shelton (2nd term), Elaine Collins, Michelle Sweeting, Ron Sprinkle and Frank DeYoung

Elder: Jim Houston (Finance), Susan Murray (Family Ministry)

\*Note: No nominees yet for Lay Ministry or Outreach

Faith's Fellowship Team will be providing everything for a delicious luncheon. Come join us!

### It's the Great Picture Give-away!

Looking for a walk down Memory Lane? Today at the Annual Congregational Celebration, photos that were recently removed from the hallways will be available for "adoption." During this first showing of the photos, please feel free to take home with you a photo that features you or a member of your family. Photos that are not picked up during the annual meeting will be available to everyone in the narthex on subsequent Sundays.

You will find the available photos located on tables near the front of Link Hall. Happy photo hunting as you stroll down Memory Lane!

### New to Faith? *We'd like the chance to meet you!*

If you are new to Faith Church, we would like to invite you to an informal reception so we can get to know you, and in turn you can get to know us. Our next Look @ Faith reception is **today at 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

The reception lasts about 30 minutes. You'll have the opportunity to get to know others who have been coming to Faith, meet some of our leadership, and learn a few things about what makes this congregation unique. You may have questions about this church or about the Christian faith, and that's great—feel free to ask! This is just an informal opportunity to get to know one another. Come join us! *For more info, email Laura at [landerson@faithpresby.org](mailto:landerson@faithpresby.org).*



## Presbyterian Women's January Fellowship

Wednesday, January 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Link Hall.

All Faith women are warmly invited to join us for this time of Christian friendship. Check-in for this gathering begins at 11:15 a.m. in Link Hall; our fellowship time begins promptly at 11:30 a.m.

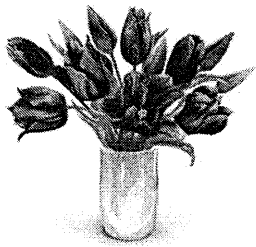
This month, our guest speaker will be Michael Marks, locally known as "Your Produce Man." Michael has been in the produce industry for half a century. Starting in a mom-and-pop grocery store, he worked in produce distribution and became the marketing director for one of the nation's largest produce distributors. Michael was also the produce ambassador and radio spokesperson for one of the largest and most respected family-owned grocery store chains in California. He has been "Your Produce Man" on television for 36 years, preaching the gospel of fruits and vegetables in his news reports, and now in a monthly 30-minute program, *What's in Season with Michael Marks*.



In addition to learning from our speaker, we will also have time to catch up with one another over lunch and to hear from our board members. There will be a raffle, and the bazaar table will be available for your donating/shopping pleasure. Bring your lunch; drinks, chips and dessert will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact board member Kathy Ellis at [trvlkath@comcast.net](mailto:trvlkath@comcast.net) or (916) 215-4997.

### 2026 Flower Calendar Available



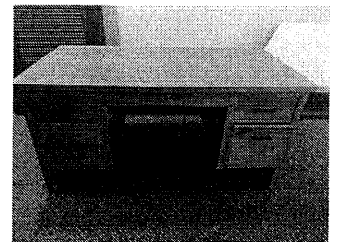
If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in 2026 in honor of a special person or event or in memory of a loved one, the 2026 flower calendar is now ready for your sign-ups. You'll find it posted across from Room 2.

When you sign up, please write neatly and include both your name and phone number. As your sign-up date draws near, Janet Leader, who is Faith's flower coordinator, will contact you about your bouquet.

If you have any questions, please speak with Laura in the office (916-428-3439).

### Free Desk

This solid-oak desk was used in our offices for years and now needs a new home. If you're interested, contact the church office. It's currently in the Link Hall alcove if you'd like to see it.



### Heart to Heart Is Here to Serve!

Heart to Heart is a group of people here at Faith who are committed to serving those in our congregation who need assistance when a need arises. *Heart to Heart* provides things like rides to doctor appointments, meals during a difficult season, cards of encouragement, and more. If you have a need and you don't know how it will be met, contact *Heart to Heart* coordinator Kathy Ellis at (916) 215-4997 or [trvlkath@comcast.net](mailto:trvlkath@comcast.net). If you would like to serve on the *Heart to Heart* team, you can also contact Kathy. We would love to hear from you either way!



## Interested in Going to Kenya with Jeff, Esther and Ron?

Every spring Esther and Jeff Chapman go to serve as part of a team that leads the Angaza Torchbearers Bible School in Kenya, one of our global mission partners. Seventy other students and staff come from around the world for this month-long experience. This year Ron Beams is already booked to travel and join the school for the first portion. Perhaps you are interested in coming along with us for a week or two? If so, please reach out to Pastor Jeff to learn more at [jchapman@faithpresby.org](mailto:jchapman@faithpresby.org) To learn more about Angaza, go to <https://torchbearers-albania.org/angaza/>



## January Time & Talents



Ministry Opportunity	Date(s) Needed	Approx. Time Commitment	Contact Person
<b>Communion Preparers</b> —Seeking volunteers to prepare the elements for Communion before worship and to clean up afterwards. Prep bread cubes and juice cups, as well as the elements placed on the Communion table for use in the liturgy. Serve at either the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. service on first Sundays.	3 to 4 times per year on first Sundays; additional times during Advent & Lent.	45 minutes before the start of worship and 30 minutes after worship	Margie Montzingo Communion Coordinator 916-838-6009
<b>Lock-up Crew</b> —Seeking a couple of volunteers to join our lock-up crew. After the 11:00 a.m. service, secure the building as people exit: extinguish lights and candles, turn off heat and air, close and lock all interior and exterior doors.	Once a month on a fixed rotation.	About 20 minutes each time.	Paul Kinney Worship Elder <a href="mailto:pk@radiofilms.com">pk@radiofilms.com</a> 916-803-6364
<b>Reaching Out Prayer Team</b> —Looking for two more people to join our rotation of prayer teams at Faith's monthly Reaching Out ministry. Pray with a partner for those at Reaching Out who stop by to share their stories and receive prayer. Deeply meaningful work!	Fourth Saturday of the month; serve every 2 or 3 months	About 2 hours	Laura Anderson Reaching Out "Pray-er" <a href="mailto:landerson@faithpresby.org">landerson@faithpresby.org</a> 916-428-3439, ext. 104



## Kids Club This Week!

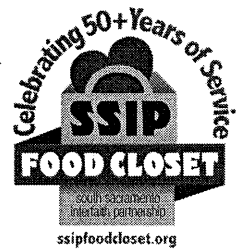
**2nd & 4th Wednesdays Each Month**

**Join Us This Wednesday, January 28  
5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Link Hall, Kids K—6th  
Register with this QR Code**



## News from South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP) Food Closet

We are excited to have Faith member Deb Kanner share with us in worship this morning some updates from SSIP, one of Faith's oldest mission partners. In case you are not familiar with the ministry of this wonderful nonprofit, SSIP's mission is to maintain and operate an emergency food distribution program to help alleviate food insecurity for Sacramento-area residents. Established in 1969, SSIP partners with other Sacramento congregations and local grocery stores, as well as with Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services and with Table Farm, to feed about 17,000 people every month. This extraordinary work is accomplished by a small and dedicated staff, as well as a team of around 125 volunteers who pack the food, pick up the food from our grocery partners, sort the donated food, and serve in various other capacities in order to facilitate the distribution of these vital food resources to all who come to SSIP. The food closet is open five days a week from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. To learn more about this ministry and its work, visit <https://www.ssipfoodcloset.org/>.



### SSIP's Annual Fundraiser Is Coming Up!

Many in the Faith community support SSIP through donations of your time, money and nonperishable food items. Thank you for your sustained and sustaining support over the decades!

Another way to support the mission of SSIP is by attending their annual fundraiser. This year's Full Plates, Full Hearts fundraiser is taking place on **Saturday, March 14, from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's Church, 660 Florin Road** (just across the street from Faith). Tickets are \$75 each for early-bird registration, which ends on Valentine's Day, and \$85 per ticket thereafter. For this "Evening in Tuscany," there will be delicious Italian food from Maggie's Table and entertainment by "Music by Dennis." The evening will be topped off with a dessert auction. You may purchase tickets using the QR code at right. Feel free to reach out to Deb Kanner at (916) 995-5575 with any questions.



### AED Training

You may have noticed Faith's two new AEDs -- Automated External Defibrillators. One is located in the Welcome Center, and the other is in the Link Hall foyer. We would like to train as many people as possible to use these devices so that we are better prepared as a congregation to save a life if ever that is needed.

Our Worship Team is offering a two-hour, in-person training session on **Sunday, February 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Grace Room**. You are encouraged to attend and learn how to use this life-saving equipment. Invite members of your ministry team or Life Group to come with you. If interested in attending, your RSVP to Paul Kinney ([pk@radiofilms.com](mailto:pk@radiofilms.com)) is requested.

### Job Training Opportunity through Family Promise

From time to time, Family Promise Ministry sponsors a security guard training class that enables successful participants to earn a CA Guard Card. Because Faith is one of Family Promise's ministry partners, Family Promise invites people connected with Faith to take advantage of this job training opportunity at their discounted, nonprofit rate. The training is provided by Mase Security Services and is BSIS approved. The fee for the course is \$335 and includes 40 hours of mandatory training, LiveScan fingerprinting, and the Guard Card application fee. The date of the introduction class is Monday, February 9, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To register, call (916) 443-3107.

# Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (1/25)		Serving Next Sunday (2/1)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>	Joel Gilbert	Ben Chand	Jade Smolen	Emily Smolen
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Clint & Mai Scott Melanie Scott	Congregational Meeting	First Sunday Sabbath	Lorraine Otani Sylvia Warner
<b>Communion Servers</b>	N.A.	N.A.	John Brophy Walter Newport Donna Touros Rebecca Westmore	Lucy DaCastello Alice Parente 2 more, TBD
<b>Greeters</b>	Frank DeYoung Marianne Jenkins	Kathy Fields Vickie Weaver-Owens	TBD	TBD
<b>Lock-up</b>	N.A.	Bob Bagby	N.A.	Efua Bannerman
<b>Media Center Techs</b>	David Nash Audrey Newport	Rick Hom	David Nash Andrew Chen	Joe Parente
<b>Pew Crew</b>	<i>Serving 1/26—1/29</i>	Jane Owen	<i>Serving 2/2—2/5</i>	Cynde Keasling
<b>Prayer Team</b>	Audrey Newport Anthony Shelton	Lucy DaCastello Pam Rock	Karen Chan Claire Pisor	Georgianne Becker Alice Parente
<b>Teller Escorts</b>	Bill Edgar	Paul Heaton	Bob DeYoung	Paul Heaton
<b>Tellers</b>	N.A.	Bill Edgar Paul Heaton	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob & Tanya Anderson	Bob DeYoung	Donna Touros	TBD
<b>Welcome Ctr.</b>	Janeil Hogue	Georgianne Becker	TBD	TBD
<b>Worship Asst.</b>	Dennis Montzingo	Vickie Weaver-Owens	Jim Houston	Rob Stutzman

**Faith Worship Band:** Eunice Bancu, Michaela Bannerman, Shane Bannerman, Esther Chapman, Andrew Chen, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Paul Philleo, Zach Roberts, Mark Tootle, Makayla Van Duyn, Vickie Weaver-Owens and Jill Whitney.

**Faith Brass Ensemble:** José Hermocillo, Tom McDuffie, Fred Noteware, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Paul Philleo, Steve Rock, Laura Schneider and Carolyn Tillman (Director).

**Faith Chancel Choir:** Cynthia Abbott, Gregory Collins, Joe De Illy, Sally Evey, Jessica Flash, Paul Heaton, Janeil Hogue, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Barbara LaPlaca, Kay Lum, Phil Lum, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Paul Philleo, Ken Pisor, April Reichert, Edna Rush, Ron Sprinkle and Charlotte Van Wagner.

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# This Week @ Faith: January 25–31

## SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- First Look at our Summer Mission Experience in Alaska—10:15 a.m. (Rm 2)
- Life Group Taster—10:15 a.m. (Link Hall)
- Adult Sunday School—10:15 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Our Savior's Anglican Church—12 p.m. (Rm 2 or 4)
- Annual Meeting of the Congregation—12:15 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—4 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Youth Group—7 p.m. (Youth Rm, Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)      -      -

## MONDAY

- Faith Staff Meeting—9 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- BSF Leaders Meeting—9 a.m. (Link Hall, Rms 2, 4, 5, 7)
- Crafters—1 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Men's Life Group—1:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Young Life Event—5 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Women's Book Club—7 p.m. (Off Site)
- Mission Team Meeting—7 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Women's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

## TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- BSF—9 a.m. (All rooms)
- Personnel Meeting—2 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Life Group—2:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Life Group—4 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Girl Scouts—6 p.m. (Rm 4)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

## WEDNESDAY

- Women's Life Group—10 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Presbyterian Women Fellowship—11:30 a.m. (Link Hall)
- Kids Club—5 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Worship Band Rehearsal—6 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Life Group—7 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Men's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

## THURSDAY

- Men's Life Group—7:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Staff Prayer—9 a.m. (Online)
- Women's Life Group—9:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Women's Life Group—10:30 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Choir Rehearsal—7 p.m. (Sanctuary, Choir Rm)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

## FRIDAY

- AA Birthday Meeting—8 p.m. (Link Hall)

## SATURDAY

- Tai Chi—8:30 a.m. (Courtyard)
- Faith Brass Ensemble Rehearsal—9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

## Calendar at a Glance

### Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

January 25	Annual Meeting of the Congregation
February 18	Ash Wednesday
February 25	Lenten Midweek Worship (Also 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25)
April 2	Maundy Thursday Worship
April 3	Good Friday Worship
April 5	Easter
April 10-12	Women's Retreat
April 26	Walk4Water
May 1-3	Men & Boys' Retreat
May 24	Pentecost
June 15-19	Vacation Bible School
July 27-30	Academy of Arts, Week 1
August 3-6	Academy of Arts, Week 2
August 9	AOA Performance
September 11-13	All-Church Fall Retreat

*The Faith Church office will open at noon on Monday.*

*The office will be open  
Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,  
and by appointment on Friday.*

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**“The Next Step”**

*A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application*

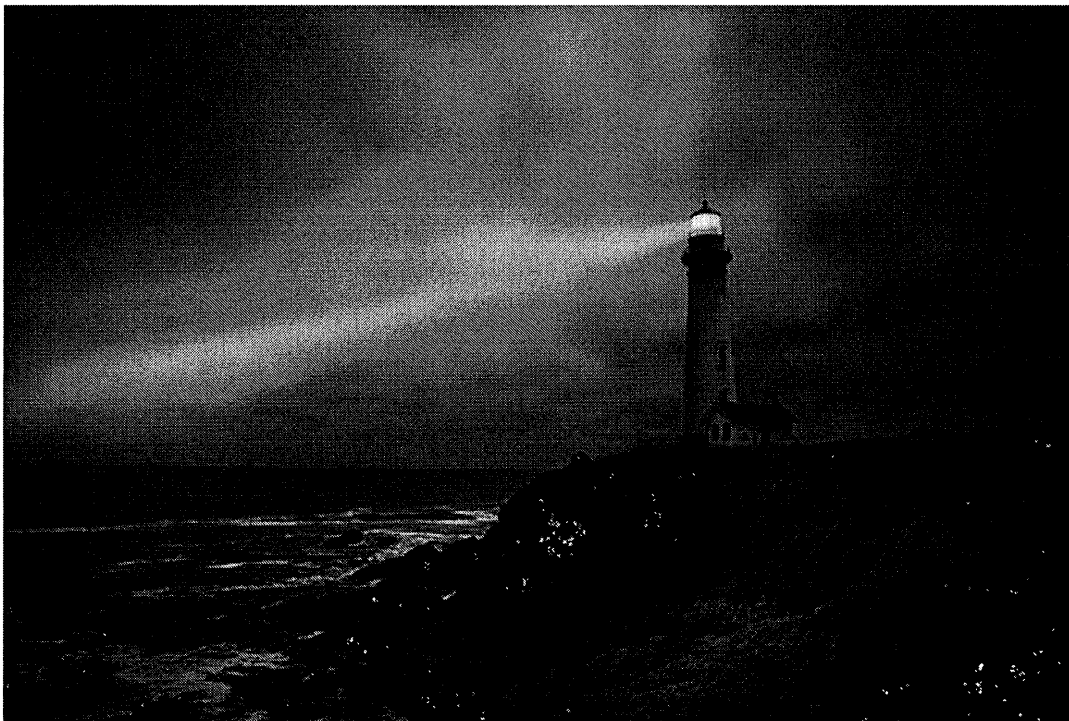
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**Matthew 5:14-16 (NRSV)**

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup> No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

**Matthew 5:14-16 ( *The Message* paraphrase)**

Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.



# **Message Notes**

*The Practice of Community*  
*Part 4—Shining Together*

## Questions to Consider...

The following questions and scriptures are provided for Life Groups and individuals who want to reflect further on today's message.

1. Read Matthew 5:14-16. This is likely a very familiar passage. Anything new that you notice here this time through?
2. Why are Jesus' disciples the light of the world? What do you think he means by this?
3. How might we hide that light? Why would we hide that light?
4. How do you think people can see the good works of Christians and praise God? How is that connection made from one to the other?
5. Are good works ever enough? Or are good words also necessary?
6. We can go out and share Christ by serving others on our own. What changes, however, when we go out *together* to share Christ? Can you answer this question from your own experience?
7. Are you intentional about going out with others in the church to serve together? How might you do so? (For Life Groups: Are you willing to commit together to prayerfully explore ways that you could at least occasionally go serve together?)
8. How can we as a congregation avoid seeing what happened in the Parable of the Lighthouse happen to us?



**Table to Table: Something for kids and adults to consider together**

What does Jesus mean when he tells us that we are the light of the world?

# Meeting With God This Week

## To help you LISTEN to God...

For your continued times of meeting with God daily, we offer the following passages from God's Word for your reflection. If you need a Bible, let us know and we'll give you one. We encourage you to keep a journal at hand to write down what you hear as you listen to God's Word. If you are new to all this, these steps may help you get started:

**Invite** - Find a time and space where you can have at least fifteen minutes of privacy and silence. Begin by taking a moment to simply ask God to meet you. Expect God to answer your prayer and show up.

**Scripture** - Read slowly through the passage for the day (we offer suggestions below). Read it again, if you like. Pay attention to phrases or ideas that particularly strike you.

**Listen and Reflect** - Use a journal to write down what you hear God saying in these verses. What is God telling you about himself? What is God telling you about your life? What is God telling you he wants you to do or to do differently? What questions are raised? What promises are revealed? Write what you hear.

**Respond** - Use the 3 R's. **#1 - Rejoice!** What have I heard from God which causes me to praise God and give thanks? Pray accordingly. **#2—Repent.** What have I heard from God that brings to light sin in my life or change that needs to take place? **#3—Request.** What have I heard from God that informs the way I pray for myself and others? (The guide in the column to the right, "To Help You Speak with God," may be useful as you pray for others this week.)

**Suggested Scriptures for the Week**, as we offer God a portion of each day in His Word.

Monday:	Isaiah 9 & 10 / Psalm 22
Tuesday:	Isaiah 11 & 12 / Psalm 23
Wednesday:	Isaiah 13 & 14 / Psalm 24
Thursday:	Isaiah 15 & 16 / Psalm 25
Friday:	Isaiah 17 & 18 / Psalm 26
Saturday:	Isaiah 19 & 20 / Psalm 27
Sunday:	Isaiah 21 & 22 / Psalm 28

## To help you SPEAK with God...

### ♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Candi Okada ~ Steve & Emily Oren ~ Steve & Lorraine Otani ~ Darcy Owen & Basil Blastos; Owen, Cassidy ~ Jane & Scott Owen

### ♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

*For Healing & Strength:* Carol Keller, Bob Johnson, Clara Murrels, Kristen Bye, Barbara Tracy, Cheryl Chan, Georgina Borton, Beverly Sommerdorf, John Ellis, Sandy Smoley, Nick LaPlaca, Barbara Hull, Skip Watt, Julene Leonard, Kathy Keller, John Ravas, Marvette Swayzer, Renee Larsen.

### ♦Church Leadership:

Mark Tootle	Director, Music Ministry
Linda Olsen-Edgar	Elder, Lay Ministry
Betty McClure	Deacon, Parish 7

### ♦Other Opportunities for Prayer

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Alice Parente at [vsas77@earthlink.net](mailto:vsas77@earthlink.net) to share a prayer concern or to become part of the prayer chain.

**Pre-Service Prayer:** We meet in the Fireside Room every Sunday morning at 8:30 for prayer before worship. All are welcome.

**Prayer After Worship:** If you would like someone to pray with you, our prayer team will be available at the front of the church immediately following worship this morning.

### Tuesday Morning Zoom Prayer Gathering:

All are welcome to join us for prayer on Zoom Tuesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Using a psalm or other scripture as our guide, we pray together—some silently, some aloud. Most of us keep our cameras off. It's wonderful to start our day in this way together. The Zoom ID is **871 3470 6671**.

