



Faith

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

Next Steps of Faith

Romans 8:1-17

If you have really handed yourself over to Him, it must follow that you are trying to obey Him. But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because He has begun to save you already.

- C. S. Lewis

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), 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 6th 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. 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 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

OCTOBER 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

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

✠ Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles

Elysia Fletcher (9:00)

Ben Chand (11:00)

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

Can I Ascend?

Prayer of Confession

Brett Shoemaker

Response to Confession

Here I Am to Worship

✠ 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

Brett Shoemaker

Prayer of Blessing (11:00) (From Psalm 139 & Luke 3:22)

Claire Ellaris Jimenez

One: It was you, Lord, who knit this child together in her mother's womb.
She is fearfully and wonderfully made.

All: **We praise you, Lord. Wonderful are your works!**

One: Even before her birth, all the days of her life were written in your book.
How weighty are your thoughts concerning us all.

All: **We praise you, Lord. When we come to the end, you will still know us.**

One: We bless this child, Lord, and acknowledge your blessing which is already over her life.
Search her heart and ours as well. Know her thoughts and ours as well.

All: **See whatever may be wrong and lead her, and us, in the way that is everlasting.**

One: May she come one day to know that she was made to be your beloved daughter.

All: **May she come one day to know the favor of God offered us all through Christ.**

Presentation of New Members (11:00)

Larry & Cherilyn Larsen

✠Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed *(On screen)*

Question to the Congregation

Lucy DaCastello

One: Do we, the members of Faith Presbyterian Church, promise to welcome these friends fully into the life and fellowship of this congregation? Do we promise to respect their particular insights and contributions? Do we promise to pray for them, encourage them, support them, challenge them, and love them as our brother and sister in Christ?

All: **We do.**

Anthem (11:00)

Faith Chancel Choir

Lord of All Hopefulness

(J. Struther, SLANE, Irish trad., arr. N. Grundah)

Be with us, Lord; give us your bliss.
Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy;
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Be with us, Lord; give us your strength.
Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Be with us, Lord; give us your love.
Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Be with us, Lord; give us your peace.
Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm;
Be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.
Be with us, Lord; give us your joy!

Children's Message (9:00)

Brett Shoemaker

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:1-17

Dennis Montzingo (9:00); Renee Larsen (11:00)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer of Illumination

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.

Message

Brett Shoemaker

Next Steps of Faith

After the sermon, students in grades 7 & 8 are invited to the Youth Room for Donuts & Discussion.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Brett Shoemaker

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Giving & Receiving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Dennis Montzingo (9:00)

Renee Larsen (11:00)



After worship, you may place your offering and your 2027 pledge cards in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. You may also give online at faithpresby.org under the "Give" tab. This QR code will take you directly there.

Time & Talents Offering

✠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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
#316, 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: Madelyn Chand (9:00) and Lucy DaCastello & Kathy Stern (11:00)*

Presbyterian Women's October Fellowship This Wednesday, October 28, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Link Hall

All women of Faith are warmly invited to join us for PW's October fellowship, taking place this Wednesday, October 28. Check-in begins at 11:15 a.m. and the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Our speaker for October is Felicita Cazares, founder of Our Father's House Outreach. The beginnings of OFHO stretch all the way back to Thanksgiving 2015, when Felicita and her family found themselves feeding hot holiday meals to aged-out and displaced foster adolescents on the streets of Sacramento. Since that time, Felicita's longing to help these youths in a more substantial and consistent way grew into OFHO, which was established as a 501(c)3 nonprofit in December 2024. The organization's core purpose is to offer a hand-up to those in need, especially youths in Title 1 schools, vulnerable seniors, and the unhoused. OFHO has no physical location, which eliminates most overhead costs and allows Felicita and her volunteers to go right where the needs are. We hope you'll join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn more about Felicita's ministry when she shares with us this month.



There will also be time to catch up with one another over lunch and to hear from our board members. The bazaar table will be open — bring any holiday décor and other treasures you are ready to part with. We will also have a raffle, so stop by the bazaar table to buy a ticket. If you would like further information, contact board member Kathy Ellis (trvlkath@comcast.net; 916-215-4997).

Announcements and Events

Family Ministry

Rooted & Growing



Sundays 9:00 AM



Nursery
Newborn-3 yr



Godly Play
TK- 2nd



Worship & Wonder
3rd-6th

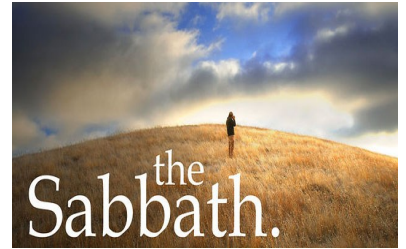
Where we learn to stay rooted in Christ
and always growing in faith

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

First Sunday Sabbath Next Sunday

Please join us next Sunday, November 1, at 10:15 a.m. in Link Hall as we celebrate First Sunday Sabbath.

All meetings and adult classes are canceled that day (and on the first Sunday of every month) so that we can gather simply to worship and fellowship together. Come and enjoy the good food and great company! Don't miss this wonderful time of Christian fellowship, which is being hosted by Faith's youth. Special thanks to them for their hospitality!



Sing with Faith's Christmas Choir

You are invited to join Faith's Christmas Choir. If you love to sing but are not able to commit to the full year of singing with the Chancel Choir, this may be just the right fit for you. The Christmas Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room and sanctuary. **The first rehearsal is Thursday, November 3.** Interested? Contact Director of Music Ministry Mark Tootle for more details. Or, simply show up on the evening of November 3rd as we prepare beautiful music for Advent and Christmastide.

— LIGHTHOUSE —

GRADES 7-12

Tonight, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Our four-week Mural Project starts tonight.
Come and be a part of the work and the fun!

Request to join the Youth Group app:



Contact Pastor Brett Shoemaker for more info and to get on our email list:
bshoemaker@faithpresby.org



Adult Sunday School in October

Lessons in the Storm:

Three Word-Studies

That Will Change Everything

Dates: October 11, 18, 25

Time: 10:15—11:00 a.m.

Location: Grace Room

Facilitator: Rev. Rick Hull

The storms of life rise up and come in many forms. There's a hotly contested election on the horizon. There are wars all around. There is a world order run by men and women with decidedly human foibles and failings. And there are personal burdens – from health issues to community relationships to the challenges of just navigating our daily demands.

Our contemporary culture offers a menu of well-intended, but often deeply flawed, strategies for success and survival. But, our Lord meets us uniquely in the storms to speak words of dependable instruction, course correction, and reassuring guidance. Join us in the Grace Room as we immerse ourselves in the stories of three biblical storms, and the surprising scriptural guidance that can literally change everything.



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Adult Sunday School in November

Great Is Thy Faithfulness:

A Study of Ruth

Dates: November 8, 15, 22, 29

Time: 10:15—11:00 a.m.

Location: Grace Room

Facilitator: Rev. Dennis Montzingo

As Christians, we generally trust God with the “big stuff,” that he is sovereign over all his creation and that he is working out his great plan of redemption through history, culminating in his eternal kingdom under the rule of his Son, Jesus the Christ. But how does that help us in the midst of life's ups and downs when we are struggling just to survive and keep up with all the demands of daily living?

The short book of Ruth can be of great help to us as we wrestle with these questions. The book of Ruth gives us a snapshot of a faithful family, a faithful community and their faithful God living in an unsettled and tumultuous time in Israel's early history. During our study we will ask, along with Ruth, questions like: Does God care? Do we matter? Are we on God's radar? Does faithfulness matter? What is God's plan and what is our part? What is our hope?

Participants are encouraged to read the weekly Bible passages in advance of each session:

November 8 Ruth 1 “Your God, My God”

November 15 Ruth 2 “Finding Favor”

November 22 Ruth 3 “A Righteous Redeemer”

November 29 Ruth 4 “Naomi Has a Son”

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 at Faith reception is **this morning, October 25, 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.*

A Look
at
Faith

2027 Financial Pledge Update

Thanks to everyone who has already submitted their pledge towards God's work in and through Faith Presbyterian Church in 2027. As of Sunday, October 18, we have received 94 pledges totaling \$539,356.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to submit your 2027 financial pledge card, it will be very helpful if you can do so by mid-November. This will help our elders as they finalize Faith's 2027 budget.

If you need a pledge card, there are financial pledge cards in the pew racks. All of our stewardship materials, including pledge cards, are also available on the church website. Visit faithpresby.org/give to access them.

To submit your pledge card, you may:

- Drop it in the basket near the back of the sanctuary.
- Drop it by the office during office hours.
- Mail it to the church to the attention of the Pledge Secretary.
- Complete the online financial pledge form. Access it via the QR code at right or the direct link in tomorrow's "This Week at Faith" email.



As a reminder, financial pledges are confidential and seen only by our pledge secretary, Jennifer Anders. Later this year, she will reach out to you to confirm your financial pledge amount for 2027.

Thank you for your faithful support! We are filled with anticipation for all that God will accomplish for the sake of the Gospel in us and through us as the Body of Christ here at Faith.



October Time & Talents



Ministry Opportunity	Date(s) Needed	Approx. Time Commitment	Contact Person
Confirmation Dinner Team: We would like to put together a consistent team of 2-3 people to provide a meal for our confirmation participants (approx. 25) every second Sunday of the month. Can be homemade or purchased. Simple food to satisfy hungry youths and create more space for fellowship and conversation.	Second Sundays, October to May	Varies depending on # helping each month and type of meal planned	Pastor Brett Shoemaker bshoemaker@faithpresby.org (916) 428-3439, ext. 102

Run to Feed the Hungry

Thanksgiving Morning, Nov. 26

You are invited to **join us Thanksgiving Day for an early-morning run/walk that raises funds for the Sacramento Food Bank and its many local partners.** Join Team Faith and Friends as we walk and run with the thousands of others putting their own feasting on hold for a while in order to help our neighbors who live with food insecurity. To join in the endeavor, use this QR code to register under the team name Faith and Friends. We'll send some info about where to meet up on the morning of the race for a team photo. Deadline to register as part of the team is Friday, November 20. Contact Pastor Brett with any questions (916-428-3439, ext. 102; bshoemaker@faithpresby.org).



Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (10/25)		Serving Next Sunday (11/1)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Elysia Fletcher	Ben Chand	TBD	TBD
Coffee Hosts	Clint & Mai Scott Melanie Scott	Paul & Betty Keller	First Sunday Sabbath	<i>No Coffee Hour</i>
Communion Servers	N.A.	N.A.	Elaine Collins Bob DeYoung Marianne Jenkins Fred Noteware	Lucy DaCastello Barbara Hull Alice Parente <i>1 more TBD</i>
Greeters	Frank DeYoung Marianne Jenkins	Kathy Fields Vickie Weaver Owens	TBD	TBD
Lock-up	N.A.	Tom Busch	N.A.	Efua Bannerman
Media Center Techs	Dave Anders Audrey Newport	Rick Hom	David Nash Andrew Chen	Joe Parente
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 10/26—10/29</i>	Jane Owen	<i>Serving 11/2—11/5</i>	Cynde Keasling
Prayer Team	Madelyn Chand	Lucy DaCastello Kathy Stern	Karen Chan Claire Pisor	Georgianne Becker Alice Parente
Teller Escorts	Bob DeYoung	Paul Heaton	Bill Edgar	Jarvis Arellano
Tellers	N.A.	Jarvis Arellano Kitty Tatro	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy
Ushers	Terry Fong	Jarvis Arellano	Donna Touros	TBD
Welcome Ctr.	Barbara Johnson	Pam Rock	TBD	TBD
Worship Asst.	Dennis Montzingo	Renee Larsen	Rebecca Westmore	Alice Parente

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

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

Faith Chancel Choir: Cynthia Abbott, Wendy Benjamin, 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 at Faith: October 25–31

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Donuts & Discussion—10 a.m. (Youth Rm)
- Look at Faith—10:15 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Adult Sunday School—10:15 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Women's Life Group—10:15 a.m. (Rm 2)
- Our Savior's Anglican Church Worship—12 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—4 p.m. (Link Hall)
- AA Secretary Training—6 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Youth Group—7 p.m. (Link Hall, Youth Rm)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- BSF—9 a.m. (Campus)
- Life Group—2:30 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Life Group—4 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

WEDNESDAY

- Women's Life Group—10 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- PW Meeting—11:30 a.m. (Link Hall)
- Life Group—5:30 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- 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)
- SSIP Partners Meeting—12:30 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Men's Life Group—3 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- FAA Meeting—6:30 p.m. (Rm 4)
- 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—9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)

A Life Empowered by the Holy Spirit— The One Called Alongside to Help

Dates: Wednesday Evenings,
September 23 to November 11

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m., on Zoom

Facilitator: Alice Parente

In the Gospel of John, Jesus promised us a divine Helper, Advocate, and Counselor who would stay with believers forever. What would it be like for us to live with an ongoing awareness of the power and presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit?

You are warmly invited to join us as we continue to explore the rich facets of what Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit means for us today.

If interested in joining, please contact Alice Parente at vsas77@earthlink.net or (916) 212-0803.

Here is the Zoom link for the class:

<https://csus.zoom.us/j/87340011564#success>

Daylight Saving Time Ends Next Weekend

Remember to set your clocks back an hour this coming Saturday night and enjoy an extra hour of sleep or an extra cup of coffee on Sunday morning. Or, come to worship early and spend your extra minutes in the beauty and calm of the sanctuary.

***This week, the Faith Church office is open
Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
The office is closed Friday, October 30.***

Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento

“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

October 25, 2026

Romans 8:1-17 (NIV)

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

Message Notes

Next Steps of Faith

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 **Romans 8:1-17** together. What is your favorite verse or phrase? Where are you still left with questions?
2. How does the image of *standing outside on the courtroom steps* fit with this passage? How is it helpful for you? Where does it fall short?
3. What do you see as the difference between living “in the flesh” and living “in the Spirit” (verse 9)? What do these look like in a person's life? In *your* life?
4. Read **Ezekiel 36:24-27**. How do these ancient words connect to Paul's message here?
5. How would you explain your primary motivation for obedience to God's laws? How does this passage challenge your reasons for following Christ?
6. One more passage: Read together **Psalms 103:8-13**. Does this passage mean that we should forget the sins that have been forgiven? What is helpful about the phrase “forgive and forget”? Would you rephrase it in any way in light of Scripture's overall message?
7. What are some practical ways our “next steps of faith” could look and feel different? What is one step *you* might take this week?



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

Does knowing that God loves us no matter what
make it easier or harder to follow his rules?
Talk about why or why not with your family.

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:	Acts 18 / Psalm 145
Tuesday:	Acts 19 / Psalm 146
Wednesday:	Acts 20 / Psalm 147
Thursday:	Acts 21 / Psalm 148
Friday:	Acts 22 / Psalm 149
Saturday:	Acts 23 / Psalm 150
Sunday:	Acts 24 / Psalm 1

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Virgie Cornelius ~ Wilma Cornelius; Joseph ~ Jason & Lori Cortez; Noah, Peyton ~ Greg & Amy (Bush) Cotta; Clementine ~ Jon & Cathy Coupal

♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

For Healing & Strength: Carol Keller, Bob Johnson, Clara Murrels, Kristen Bye, Barbara Tracy, Cheryl Chan, Sandy Smoley, Nick LaPlaca, Marvette Swayzer, Glenda Arellano, Em Baker, John Warren, Susan Murray, Wally Smith, Frank DeYoung, Joe Teixeira, Barbara Hull, Phyllis Eres, Michele Yarbrough.

♦Church Leadership:

Rachael Tezanos-Pinto Financial Assistant &
Communications Coordinator

Lucy DaCastello Elder, Stewardship
John Ravas Deacon, Parish 15

♦Other Opportunities for Prayer

Prayer Chain: Contact Alice Parente at 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**.

PRAYER
GATHERING

Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento
**Recommendations for Nomination of
Church Officers—Class of 2030**

Your Nominating Committee is interested in receiving recommendations for nominees to the offices of elder and deacon. Please make your suggestion below. You may recommend more than one person. ***Please use a separate sheet for each recommendation.*** (Additional forms are available in the Welcome Center.) You may also submit your own name. ***All nominees must be active members of Faith Presbyterian Church for at least one year.***

“All ministry in the Church is a gift from Jesus Christ. Members and officers alike serve mutually under the mandate of Christ who is the chief minister of all. His ministry is the basis of all ministries; the standard for all offices is the pattern of the one who came ‘not to be served but to serve’ (Matt. 20:28).

“Both men and women shall be eligible to hold church offices. When women and men, by God’s providence and gracious gifts, are called by the church to undertake particular forms of ministry, the church shall help them to interpret their call and to be sensitive to the judgments and needs of others. As persons discover the forms of ministry to which they are called, and as they are called to new forms, they and the church shall pray for the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit upon them and upon the mission of the Church.”

The Book of Order (Our Presbyterian Constitution)

Please use one form for each recommended nominee.

The name of _____ is recommended for nomination to the office of (check one):

_____ **Elder**

_____ **Deacon**

(See reverse side for descriptions of the deacon and elder positions.)

To the best of your ability, please comment in the space below on why you think this person would make a good elder or deacon. Consider prior and current church involvement, personal characteristics, particular qualifications, Christian witness in daily life, etc.

Your Name (optional): _____

Elder

Elders are chosen by the people. Together with Ministers of Word and Sacrament, elders exercise leadership, government and discipline, guiding the church and supporting its mission through their governing body, the session. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world.

As members of the session, elders are elected for a three-year term. They meet the second Monday of each month. In addition to session meetings, elders are assigned to various teams which generally meet monthly to support specific ministries of the church. Elders also help serve Communion and participate in two annual weekend retreats, one in the spring and one in the fall. This coming year we need to fill the following elder positions:

Fellowship, Mission, Property Maintenance, Stewardship

Deacon

Deacons are chosen by the people. The office of deacon is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office.

It is the duty of deacons to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress, both within and beyond the community of faith. Deacons assist with memorial services, arrange for meals for those in need, visit those who are no longer able to attend regular worship services, pray for those in need of prayer, assist in serving Communion, and participate in annual training. Deacons are elected for a three-year term and meet the second Sunday of each month.

Please tear off completed form and turn it in to the church office or to a member of the Nominating Committee, or place it in the designated box in the Welcome Center.

Recommendations are due by Sunday, November 1, after worship.

With thanks from your 2026-2027 Nominating Committee:

Lucy DaCastello (chair)
Doug Johnson
Audrey Newport
Fred Noteware
Candi Okada
Lorraine Otani
Dawn Vollmar