



Faith

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

Life Is Stewardship
Part 3—Salt and Light: Sharing What We Have Been Given
Matthew 5:13-16

Taste and see that the LORD is good.
-Psalm 34:8

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.
- ~ **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

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5, 2025

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Eunice Bancu

Greeting

Brett Shoemaker

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

✠ Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles

Elysia Fletcher (9:00)
Madelyn Van Duyn (11:00)

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

In the Valley (Bless the Lord)

Prayer of Confession

Brett Shoemaker

Response to Confession

I Boast No More

✠ 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

Moment for Mission: Rise Against Hunger

Barbara Tracy

Anthem

Faith Chancel Choir

Behold the Lamb (K. Getty, K. Getty, S. Townend; arr. A. Albritton)

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us, and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this bread of life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Torn for you, eat and remember;

The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond, and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Jim Houston (9:00); Alice Parente (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

Rev. Kimberly MacArthur

*Life Is Stewardship
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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

A Note to Parents: In our tradition children who have already been nurtured and instructed in the significance of the Lord's Supper are invited to participate fully in this sacrament. If you have questions about the participation of your children, please speak to one of our pastors.

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving & Eucharistic Prayer

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Breaking of the Bread, Communion of the People, & Anointing

Giving & Receiving of God's Tithe, our Offerings, and 2026 Pledges

Lucy DaCastello,
Brett Shoemaker

Offertory

Eunice Bancu

✠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

We All Are One in Mission
#435, The Presbyterian Hymnal

*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: Claire Pisor (9:00) and Georgianne Becker & Alice Parente (11:00)

The flowers this morning are given by Simon Yeh, "In honor of my wife and kids for accompanying me on my journey here on earth, and making it that much more special."

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 **Sunday, November 30, 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.*



PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

"Pursue what makes for peace...." – Romans 14:19

Although many of us long for peace in our world, in our neighborhoods and in our homes, on our own we have no hope of creating true and lasting peace. But in Christ, God has reconciled us to himself, to one another, and to creation (Col. 1:20). In Christ, God calls us to participate in this ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18). And therefore, in Christ, we are able to heed Paul's call to "pursue what makes for peace and mutual upbuilding" (Rom. 14:19).

On World Communion Sunday, our denomination receives the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Participating in this Offering is one way that we can work to extend Christ's peace. Twenty-five percent of all funds received stay at Faith to be used for peacemaking efforts right here in our neighborhoods. The remainder will be directed towards regional, national and global endeavors to pursue peace and justice, efforts such as food programs to make sure school children have meals over the weekend and partnerships to promote friendship and mutual understanding in political hotspots.

In Christ, all believers are commissioned to witness to the Good News of Christ's reconciling love and peace. As we "pursue what makes for peace," please consider giving generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering today, **World Communion Sunday, October 5, 2025.**



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Announcements and Events

Family Ministry



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

Ministry Fair Is Today!

If you've ever wondered who Faith's elders are, what they do, and how you can get involved with one of their ministry



teams, today is your chance to find out! **Join us on the patio today between services for our annual Ministry Fair.** Each elder and their ministry team will have a table with information about what they do and how you can lend a hand. Not only this, but there will be some delicious snacks to enjoy as you wander from table to table. Join us—it makes a difference when you're here!

Come Celebrate Ron Next Sunday!

It's finally time! Next Sunday, October 12, between services, we are going to bless and honor Ron Beams for his many years of dedicated service as Faith's Director of Congregational Care. When Ron officially retired at the end of August, we promised you an opportunity celebrate him and to celebrate with him. The time is now! Or rather **next Sunday, October 12, at 10:15 a.m. in Link Hall.** Come and join us as we remember and celebrate Ron's ministry and enjoy a time of good food and fellowship.

YOUTH TONIGHT

7:00 p.m. Youth Room

3-Week "Friendship" series starts tonight!

Also... ASK TO JOIN THE GROUP APP HERE!



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

Opportunities to Learn & Connect

Adult Sunday School

Visions of the Lord: A Study of Ezekiel

September 14, 21, 28

October 19, 26

November 9, 16, 23, 30

10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Facilitator: Rev. Dennis Montzingo

Ezekiel, the Old Testament prophet to the Exile, communicates God's timeless messages to his people, who find themselves caught up in a life and a world beyond their control. As we study together the time and challenges of God's people in the 6th century B.C. who found themselves living in exile in Babylon, we will consider and discuss God's surprising and enduring presence and promises not only for their time but also for us in our ever-changing lives and world today.

Here is the upcoming schedule. Please read the weekly Bible texts in advance of each session.

September 28

Prophetic Calling Ezekiel 2-3

October 5 and 12 — *No Class*

October 19

God's Judgments Ezekiel 4-7

October 26

God's Judgments Ezekiel 10-12

November 9

Shepherds Ezekiel 33-34

Feel Free to Join In!

The Way of Jesus: Learning to Do What Jesus Did

Wednesdays, October 1 to November 19

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

Facilitator: Alice Parente



Do you find it strange that these days, everybody wants to be a leader, but nobody wants to be a follower? Jesus asked *everybody* to become a follower and didn't ask *anybody* to become a leader.

Maybe we need to re-define the word "follower." We have all kinds of stereotypes about leaders as strong, healthy and courageous, while followers seem compliant, lacking in choice and freedom. And that is not at all what Jesus had in mind when he offered people the opportunity to follow him.

You are invited to an eight-week class exploring specific practices through which we can follow the Way of Jesus. We will practice ways to Be with Him; Become like Him; and Do as He did.

There is no book for this class. We will be using articles, podcasts, and videos created by widely renowned apprentices of Jesus, including some who came before us and practiced His way in their day and some who are alive and practicing His way in the here and now.

For more, contact Alice at vsas77@earthlink.net. The Zoom link will be in tomorrow's "This Week @ Faith" email.

Family Ministry Fun in October!

Kids Club

Wednesdays, October 8 & 22

5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Link Hall, Kids K—6th

Register with the QR Code Below



Presby Pumpkin Patch

Friday, October 24, at Faith, 4:30-7:00 p.m.

More Details Soon!

Memorial Celebration for Ben Bagby

This coming Saturday, October 11, a memorial celebration will be held for Ben Bagby. The celebration will be held at the home of Bob & Tess Bagby (1 Hopland Court). We invite you to come at 11:00 a.m. if you'd like to participate in a time of reflections on Ben's life and God's promises to us. You are also welcome to come later at 12:30 to share lunch. We will conclude around 2:00. Dress is casual. All are welcome. It will be helpful and much appreciated if you RSVP to Bob in advance (robertbagby@comcast.net) so that plans can be made to accommodate everyone who would like to come. Please continue to keep the Bagby family in your prayers at this time.

Registration is now open!

Rise Against Hunger

Saturday, November 15, 2025, in Link Hall, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Rise Against Hunger (RAH) is a fun and fast-paced food-packing event that the whole family can participate in. There are jobs, both sitting and standing, for almost everyone, regardless of age or physical ability. Last year we packaged 10,000 meals with time to spare. This year our goal is bolder—20,000 meals! We hope you will join us as, together, we fight against hunger.



Here is some important and helpful information to know:

- **Registration is now open!** Use the QR code at right to register. (There will also be a direct link sent in Monday's "This Week @ Faith" email.)
- **You must sign up in advance!** The amount of food that RAH sends us to package depends on the number of folks who register. If many people who are not registered show up to help, we finish early and have idle hands that could otherwise be engaged with packaging more food for hungry people. Note that when you register, you can indicate how many members of your immediate household are coming—just one registration for your whole family. Easy!
- Whether or not you can participate in the event, **you may also donate to the cause.** While the South Sacramento Rotary and Faith's own Mission team have both committed funds to this effort, any further funds donated will increase the amount of food that RAH sends us and, therefore, the total amount of food that we can package. If you would like to participate by donating, you may do so on the registration page using the same QR code at right. Or, if you prefer, you may write a check payable to Faith Presbyterian Church, with "Rise Against Hunger" on the memo line.
- **The deadline to register and/or to donate funds is Friday, November 7.** The deadline is needed to allow RAH sufficient time to order and deliver the food prior to our event.
- **Please pray!** In addition to any participation you may be able to offer through packing and/or donating, we would really love for everyone to join us in praying for a smooth and successful event here at Faith, as well as for God's protection and provision for all in our world who suffer the scourge of hunger.



Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (10/5)		Serving Next Sunday (10/12)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Elysia Fletcher	Madelyn Van Duyn	James Houston	Grace Chand
Coffee Hosts	First Sunday Sabbath/ Ministry Fair	Joanne Martin Sylvia Warner	Karena & Mike Van Duyn	Tanis Toland
Communion Servers	Tanya Anderson Janet Leader April Reichert Donna Touros	Jarvis Arellano Cathy Healow Alice Parente Lori Rapier	N.A.	N.A.
Greeters	Dennis & Margie Montzingo	Cathy Healow	Bill Edgar & Linda Olsen-Edgar	Jarvis Arellano Lori Rapier
Lock-up	N.A.	Efua Bannerman	N.A.	Bob Bagby
Media Center Techs	David Nash Andrew Chen	Joe Parente	Dave Anders Paul Kinney	Rick Hom
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 10/6—10/9</i>	Lori Rapier	<i>Serving 10/13—10/16</i>	Cheryl Chan
Prayer Team	Claire Pisor	Georgianne Becker Alice Parente	Laura Anderson Randy Smith	Renee Larsen Ileana Maestas
Teller Escorts	Bob DeYoung	Paul Heaton	Jennifer Anders	Jarvis Arellano
Tellers	N.A.	Jarvis Arellano Kitty Tatro	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy
Ushers	Donna Touros	Julia King	Stan & Cynde Keasling	Terry Fong
Worship Assistants	Jim Houston	Alice Parente	April Reichert	Renee Larsen

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, Dan Pehrson, 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, Dane Huntingdale, 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 and Charlotte Van Wagner.

Faith Staff Members ~ Contact Us

Laura Anderson ~ Office Manager
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 Jeff Chapman ~ Pastor/Head of Staff
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This Week @ Faith: October 5–11

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Ministry Fair—10:15 a.m. (Patio)
- Our Savior's Anglican Church—11 a.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)
- Faith Crafters—1 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Men's Life Group—1:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Discipleship Group—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)
- Life Group—4 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Pocket Little League—7 p.m. (Rm 4)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

WEDNESDAY

- PW Board Meeting—9:15 a.m. (Rm 2)
- Women's Life Group—10 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- 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)
- Life Group—9:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Life Group—10:30 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Choir Rehearsal—7 p.m. (Choir Rm, Sanctuary)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

FRIDAY

- No Scheduled Events

SATURDAY

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

Calendar at a Glance, 2025-26

Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

October 5	Stewardship Commitment Sunday & Ministry Fair
October 24	Presby Pumpkin Patch
November 12	Operation Christmas Child
November 15	Rise Against Hunger
November 30	First Sunday of Advent
December 3	Advent Midweek Worship
December 10	Candlelight Service of Remembrance
December 12	Family Ministry "Christmas Time" Gathering
December 17	Service of Lessons & Carols
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship at 7:00 & 11:00 p.m.
January 11	"Evening of Reflection" Mini-Retreat
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 is open Monday to Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday by appointment.

Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento
“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

October 5, 2025

Matthew 5:13-16 (NRSV)

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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.”



Message Notes

Life Is Stewardship

Part 3—Salt and Light: Sharing What We Have Been Given

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 5:13-16 again, perhaps out loud and slowly. Is there a word or phrase that stands out? Notice and pay attention to what God might be saying to you.
2. What does the image of salt and light represent in this passage? Why do you think Jesus used these particular images?
3. Consider the importance of salt in our lives. What is it used for and why is it so significant? Connect these with our own importance and significance as disciples. How are you “salty”?
4. Consider the importance of light in our lives. What is it used for and why is it so significant? Connect these ... What is your light? How do you shine your light?
5. What doubts arise in you as you think about being the light of the world and the salt of the earth? What fears or worries arise in you when you consider Jesus' words applying to you?
6. Are there ways you are hiding your light “under a basket” or not allowing others to know Jesus through you? How can you increase your salt and light impact in the world?
7. Encourage one another, how do you see others shining their light or adding “salt” to life? Reflect to each other, as in a mirror, how you see love shining and adding salt to the world through them. Give thanks to God for his salt and light shining through us.



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

What did Jesus mean when he said, “you are the salt of the earth; you are the light of the world”? Where do the salt and light come from? What happens when people experience our “salt” and “light”? How can our family add more “salt” and “light” to our 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:	Genesis 29 / Psalm 60
Tuesday:	Genesis 30 / Psalm 61
Wednesday:	Genesis 31 / Psalm 62
Thursday:	Genesis 32 / Psalm 63
Friday:	Genesis 33 / Psalm 64
Saturday:	Genesis 34 / Psalm 65
Sunday:	Matthew 5-7 / Psalm 66

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Fabiola Hernandez-Catalan; Zuri ~ Cheryl Hill ~ Tom & Kim Hiltachk ~ Janeil Hogue ~ Jennifer Holden

♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

For Healing & Strength: Carol Keller, Demetrius Moore, Bob Johnson, Barbara LaPlaca, Clara Murrels, Kathy Keller, Kristen Bye, Barbara Tracy, Cheryl Chan, Bob DeYoung, Georgina Borton, Joe de Illy, Beverly Sommerdorf, John Ellis, Sandy Smoley, Lyndon Thomson, Jackie Casteig, Nick LaPlaca, Barbara Hull.

♦Church Leadership:

Lindsay Stanford	Interim Dir., Family Ministry
Rich Hendricks	Elder, Fellowship
Candi Okada	Deacon, Parish 6

♦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**.



2026 Time & Talents Pledge Card

As we think about how we will share our God-given resources with Faith in 2026, please take time to prayerfully consider how the Lord may be calling you to dedicate your time and talents to the ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church in the coming year. This may involve recommitting to a ministry in which you already serve. Or you may feel drawn to serve in a new way in 2026. We have listed below some areas where we currently have specific needs. If you indicate an interest in one or more of these areas, one of our leaders will contact you with more information. At the bottom of the next page, there is space to indicate your commitment to continue serving next year in an area of ministry where you currently serve. Please bring this completed form with you on Sunday, October 5, which is Commitment Sunday.



If there is more than one person in your family using this form, please indicate the interest(s) of each family member by writing that person's name on the line next to each opportunity.

Current Opportunities to Serve (i.e., where help is needed now!)

- _____ **Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Teachers/Helpers:** Adults and youth to serve in our Sunday morning classes and programs, with children from birth to 6th grade.
- _____ **Vacation Bible School Team Members:** Be a part of next summer's VBS team as we prepare for and lead this wonderful ministry to children and their families.
- _____ **Bless the Ways We Serve Coordinator:** Help the Lay Ministry Team by coordinating these monthly testimonies in worship.
- _____ **Sunday Evening Youth Group Adult Volunteers:** With some changes to our program and a growing group of students eager to build relationships and know Christ, we need more adults to come alongside them during these crucial years of their lives.
- _____ **Acolytes:** Yes, our children are growing up! And so, we're looking for boys and girls who are ready for the responsibility of serving in this important role in worship.
- _____ **Greeter Coordinator:** While we have a good number of wonderful greeters, we are in need of an "organizer" to manage our monthly schedule.
- _____ **Chancel Choir Members:** Join our choir and sing unto the Lord! Rehearsals are Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., and no audition is required. Come and give it a try!
- _____ **Christmas/Easter Choir Members:** If you can't commit to choir for the full year, consider joining in for these special opportunities during Advent/Christmas and Holy Week.
- _____ **Finance Team Members:** We're looking for those with skills in finance, accounting, Excel, etc., to help manage the financial resources of the congregation.
- _____ **Sunday Morning Prayer Team:** Join a rotation of those who pray with others after each Sunday morning worship service.
- _____ **Reaching Out Ministry:** Join the crew that helps out the 4th Saturday of every month when we host a resource fair at Bethany Presbyterian Church, providing clothes, household items, lunch, prayer, and other needed resources.

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- _____ **Jail Ministry:** Men needed to join Pastor Jeff in leading weekly Bible studies at the county jail downtown. Currently happens on Wednesday afternoons.
- _____ **Fall Retreat Team:** Assist others in planning and running our Fall Retreat in Tahoe.
- _____ **Coffee Hosts:** Join a rotation of volunteers who help prepare and serve coffee and treats after worship each Sunday to promote fellowship and friendship.
- _____ **Mission Trip Committee Members:** Seeking adults and youth to serve on a committee to imagine, organize, and bring to life the 2026 summer mission trip.
- _____ **Mission Team Members:** Join the Mission Team and help develop and manage Faith's Mission Program. The team meets once a month for about an hour.
- _____ **Outreach Team Members:** Join a group of others focused on helping us to reach out beyond our congregation to share the gospel with others in our city and beyond.
- _____ **Heart to Heart Ministry:** Be a part of a team that helps meet the needs of others in our congregation. As available and able, team members volunteer to provide rides to the doctor, meals during an illness, simple household repairs, etc.
- _____ **Marriage Course Team:** Join the team that hosts this annual course designed to encourage and strengthen couples in their marriage. Lots of different jobs on the team.
- _____ **Property Maintenance Team:** This team helps care for our beautiful campus. People with a variety of skills are needed.
- _____ **Kenya Vision Team:** Join a team that will travel to Kenya and experience firsthand two of our global mission partners there: the One Child One Hen ministry, and the Angaza Torchbearers Bible School.
- _____ **Life Groups:** These groups meet each week for Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. Groups are always open to welcome new people.

I/We Commit to Continued Service in Ministry

Indicate here the ministry (or ministries) here at Faith in which you currently serve and would like to commit to serving once again in 2026. Use one line per person in your household.

Name: _____ Ministry(ies): _____

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