



Faith

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

Glory. Woe. Fire. Invitation. Go.
Isaiah 6:1-8

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
-Walter Chalmers Smith*

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 in the 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 at the 9:00 a.m. service, 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 also available throughout the 9:00 a.m. 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 – NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Order of Worship

✠ *Those who are able, please stand.*

Please silence all electronics before the start of worship.

Prelude

Eunice Bancu

Greeting

Jeff Chapman

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

✠ Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles

Peyton Cortez (9:00)
Jack Van Duyn (11:00)

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

Everlasting God

Prayer of Confession

Brett Shoemaker

Response to Confession

Send Me

✠ 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.

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Welcome

Brett Shoemaker

Moment for Mission: Family Promise

Marsha Spell

Prayer of Blessing

Emma Stout

Anthem (9:00)

Faith Chancel Choir

Psalms 139 (Ps. 139:1-8, 23-24; A. Pote)

Lord, you have searched me and known me,
You know everything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down,
You are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue,
you know what I will say,
Your presence follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from your spirit?
Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.
Search me, O God, and know me,
Try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

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 up to 6th grade are invited either to be excused to our children's programs or to return and sit with their families. There is no Sunday School at the 11:00 service at this time, so at that service we invite children to return to sit with their parents for the remainder of worship.

Prayer of Illumination

Message

Jeff Chapman

Glory. Woe. Fire. Invitation. Go.

(After the message at 9:00, 7th & 8th Graders are invited to the Youth Room for Donuts and 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 & 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 or by mail.*

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
#263, The Presbyterian Hymnal

✠Benediction

*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: Lorraine Otani (9:00) and Chelle Ellis & Alice Parente (11:00)

The flowers this morning are given by Tanya Anderson in honor of Bob's birthday today.

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 **next Sunday, November 24, 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.



Kids Club in November

This Wednesday, November 20, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., Link Hall

Kids Club will meet only once in November, so we're going to pack it full of a whole month's fun and fellowship! All kids in K to 6th grade are warmly invited to join us. Kids Club is a place for kids to experience and help build Christian community with their peers in a fun, God-centered space. We'll enjoy games, time in God's Word, and dinner (chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, fruit and veggies). For more, connect with Jacob (jzvolanek@faithpresy.org).

Kings Basketball Tickets

Barbara Tracy is once again bringing the opportunity to experience Kings basketball together with other members of the Faith community. She has two groups reserved—Monday, January 6, with the Miami Heat and Thursday, March 27, with the Portland Trailblazers. The seats are located in the lower corner where we've been before, and tickets for each game are \$82 apiece. She has a limited number of tickets reserved for each game and available on a first-come, first-served basis. If interested, you are encouraged to reserve yours now. (You will pay Barbara for the tickets about two weeks before the game.) For tickets, contact Barbara at bjtracy@comcast.net.



Announcements and Events

Family Ministry



For questions about Faith's Sunday morning children's programs, contact Jacob Zvolanek, Director of Family Ministry, at 916-428-3439 (ext. 106) or jzvolanek@faithpresby.org.

Other Happenings

Update about Faith's Stewardship Season

Thanks to everyone who has already submitted their pledge towards God's work in and through Faith Presbyterian Church in 2025. As of November 2, 124 pledges have been submitted totaling

\$687,479. If you have not yet been able to submit your pledge card, it will be a great help to our Stewardship Team if you would do so in the next week or two. You will find extra pledge cards in the pew racks or Welcome Center. You can also submit your pledge online using the QR code above. Thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministry of Faith!



Commissioning Service at Faith

The North Central California Presbytery is commissioning Rev. Karen Sapio as our new Executive Presbyter **today at 2:30 p.m.** right here in the Faith sanctuary. All are invited to join in this special worship service. A reception will follow in Link Hall.

FAITH YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, 7:00—8:30 p.m.

Here at Faith

Stay tuned for INFO about:

Food Bank sorting night (Dec. 8, 2-4 pm)

Progressive Christmas Party

Chilly Chili Bowl

Summer Mission Info Meeting



Contact Brett Shoemaker at bshoemaker@faithpresby.org to get on our email list.

Opportunities to Learn & Connect

Sunday Morning Classes

“Ephesians 2024”:

Living Hope in These Moments

November 10, 17, 24, December 8, 15, 22

10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in **Link Hall**

Facilitator: Rev. Rick Hull

To say that these are troubled times is a serious understatement. To say there is “hope” often sounds like a platitude. This is a time of bitterly contested national elections, of vitriolic divides in western cultures, of entrenched social needs and injustices, of vicious and evil “wars and rumors of wars.” And, the world that God created out of love is tragically broken.

It was 1,962 years ago when the Apostle Paul wrote a letter that has spoken to the hearts of believers in every generation since. And, in this moment, it is the contemporary hope we may draw on for 2024 and beyond. Join us as we listen together for that ancient voice speaking hope through the six chapters of “Ephesians 2024.”

Today, we’ll focus on Ephesians 1:1-23. For next Sunday, November 24, please read Ephesians 3 before class.

Note that the class location has been changed to Link Hall.

Extended One More Week! **Eternity Is Now in Session**

Wednesday, November 20

7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom

Facilitator: Alice Parente

Join us as we enjoy one more week of rich conversation about eternity! We’ll draw to a conclusion—at least for now—our consideration of John’s Gospel in tandem with John Ortberg’s book, *Eternity Is Now in Session*. We’ll also have the opportunity to further reflect upon the reality of “eternal living” with God, both in the here-and-now and in the life to come.

The Zoom link for the class will be included in tomorrow’s “This Week @ Faith” email.

PW November Fellowship

This Wednesday, November 20

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All women of Faith are warmly invited to Presbyterian Women’s November fellowship. Please note that this month’s meeting takes place a week earlier than usual—**this Wednesday, November 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Link Hall.**

Check-in starts at 11:15 a.m.

This month PW is delighted to welcome the Eric Rainwater Children’s Choir, who will ease us into the holiday season with their beautiful voices!

There will also be time to catch up with one another over lunch and to hear from 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.



PW December Fellowship

Wednesday, December 4, 11:30 a.m.

Lucky Jade Restaurant

PW’s Christmas luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4, at Lucky Jade Restaurant. The restaurant is located at 7007 South Land Park Drive, behind Bel Air on Florin Road.

Cost is \$25.00 per person, including tax and tip (cash please). The menu will be provided at our November fellowship, and you may make your reservation there as well. Otherwise, **the deadline to RSVP is Monday, November 25.** (RSVP to Kathy Ellis—see contact info, below.) There will be door prizes, singing and delicious food. Come enjoy the festivities!

All Faith women are warmly invited to join us for these times of Christian friendship. To RSVP or for more information, contact Kathy Ellis at trvlkath@comcast.net or (916) 215-4997.

“Stay-at-Home” Retreat

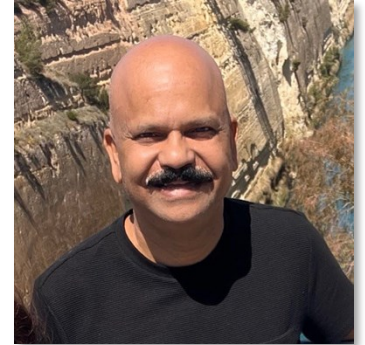
Availability and Faith Life to an Effective Christian Living

A Study in Nehemiah 1-2

Friday to Sunday, November 22 to 24

Satish John is a Bible teacher and conference speaker who lives and ministers in India. He serves as the national director of Torchbearers in India as well as the chairman of the executive council of Torchbearers International. This November, we will have the unique opportunity to host him at a stay-at-home retreat right here at Faith.

Satish’s topic for the weekend will be “Availability and Faith Life to an Effective Christian Living.” Though many of us find it difficult to navigate our Christian lives in this busy and stressful world, we can learn a great deal from Nehemiah’s exemplary model. What would it be like if we were also able to nurture a faith in Christ that was marked by willingness, availability and flexibility? What opportunities might we see the Lord open up for us to serve, lead and encourage one another? Satish is an engaging speaker whose teaching and personal witness will no doubt challenge and encourage us all. If you know of others from outside Faith that you think will be blessed by this time, please feel free to invite them.



Satish’s teaching will be engaging for our youth, who are encouraged to attend the retreat. There will be special, similarly themed programs for younger children, as well as nursery care for Faith’s youngest members.

If you have not yet registered, now is the time! To help cover costs, there is a registration fee of \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth in 7th to 12th grades. There is no cost for children who are 6th graders or younger. You may register online using the QR code below, or you may pick up a retreat flyer with a registration form in the Welcome Center. Drop off the completed registration form, along with any registration fees, in the church office, or mail it in. Scholarships are available; speak with a pastor.

Please note that, to protect believers in places where the Church is persecuted, the retreat will not be livestreamed or recorded. Please plan to attend in person.

Here is the schedule for the weekend:

Friday, November 22

- 5:45 Potluck Dinner in Link Hall—*Bring a delish dish to share with others.*
- 7:00 Worship & Program
- 8:30 Adjourn

Saturday, November 23

- 8:30 Gathering & Refreshments – Come anytime in this timeframe
- 9:15 Worship & Program
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 10:45 Program
- 11:45 Adjourn

Sunday, November 24

- 9:00 & 11:00 Services – Satish John preaching





Kenya Vision Trip Informational Meeting

We are planning to take a small team on a vision trip to Kenya this coming spring, 2025. In addition to seeing some of the beauty and culture of this amazing country, the team will spend significant time with two of our global partners, the Angaza Torchbearers Bible School in Embu, and the One Child One Hen ministry near Kisumu. The trip will also include a trip to Lake Victoria and a one-day game drive (i.e. safari). If you would like



to learn more, please plan on attending an informational meeting on **Sunday, December 8, at 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room**. If you cannot attend, please let either Paul Philleo or Jeff Chapman know of your interest.

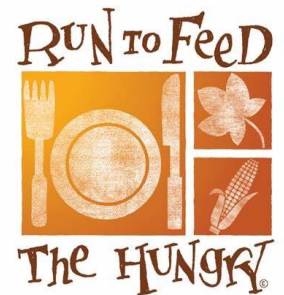
THIS THANKSGIVING MORNING, YOU ARE INVITED TO

RUN TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Team Faith and Friends will once again take part in the Run to Feed the Hungry on Thanksgiving morning, November 28, and we would love for you to join us! We'll be running to raise money to support the Sacramento Food Bank as they fight hunger and food insecurity in our neighborhood.

The race starts at 8:15 a.m. (10K) or 9:00 a.m. (5K) near Sac State. The registration link will be in tomorrow's "This Week @ Faith" email, or go to RunToFeedTheHungry.com. Under "Register," click on "View Teams" and search for "Faith and Friends." Cost to register as part of the team is \$54, and the **deadline to sign up is this Friday, November 22**. After this date, we'll work together to pick up shirts and bibs and distribute them the week of the run.

A fun event for a great cause ... Come walk or run with us!





CHRISTMAS CRAFTS & CHARLIE BROWN LAUGHS

LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED

PLEASE BRING CHRISTMAS TREATS TO SHARE

CHRISMONS & GINGERBREAD HOUSES

MOVIE SHOWING:
A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS

DEC 13TH 6:00-8:00 PM

SIGN UP HERE



SCAN ME

REACHING OUT Resource Fair

Special Information about Our December & January Events

Our combined November and December Reaching Out event will take place on **Saturday, December 14, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** And you are warmly invited to help us make this a festive and joyful occasion for all who will come to the fair!

In case you are not yet familiar with Reaching Out, it is an opportunity for us to offer a ministry of presence and helpful resources to those in our community who may be blessed by a little extra support offered in the name of Jesus. If you have never had the chance to be a part of Reaching Out, our December fair is a great time to join in as we share the meaning and spirit of Christmas with those who come—and they with us! Here are two ways you can participate:



First, join us in helping to **provide hospitality to those who come.** There are lots of different and meaningful ways to serve! You can come by yourself, or invite your whole Life Group. You'll find a direct link to a sign-up doc starting in the November 25th "This Week @ Faith" email.

Second, we are seeking the following **donations in December:**

- Gifts: new or gently used items that people can give as gifts
- Clothing for infants to teens: **new** socks, underwear and pajamas
- Items themed for Christmas/winter holidays: new or gently used books, ornaments, décor, etc.
- Pet toys, pet food and cat litter
- Toiletries & cleaning supplies: New, or opened but clean. For example, some people donate products that they opened but didn't use because they didn't like the smell.

We are also putting out the call for **January donations** now so that folks can take advantage of after-Christmas sales.

- For January: new socks; new or gently used jackets, mittens, blankets and small throws

Items may be placed in the SSIP bin in the narthex by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12.

Thank you for partnering with your Faith family as we share the joy of Christ with those who come on December 14. And ... do consider joining us! The mood will be festive, and even as you extend Christ's blessing to others, you will find yourself deeply blessed.



Advent Poinsettias

Each year for Advent, we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias purchased in memory or in honor of loved ones. The Worship Team invites you to consider placing a sanctuary poinsettia this year.



Plants may be ordered in the narthex after worship today and next Sunday—November 17 and 24. Or, if you prefer, you may order online using the QR code above. Whether in person or online, the **deadline to order is after 11:00 worship next Sunday, November 24.**

Each plant is \$10. Those purchasing a plant will be recognized in the December 8 bulletin. Poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas Eve worship service on Tuesday, December 24. Plants should be picked up by Sunday, January 5, after which they will be "rehomed."

This Week @ Faith: November 17–23

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Donuts & Discussion—10:45 a.m. (Youth Rm)
- Class: Ephesians—10:15 a.m. (Link Hall)
- Fellowship Team Meeting—12:30 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- NCCP Commissioning Service—2:30 p.m. (Sanctuary, Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

MONDAY

- Faith Staff Meeting—9 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Faith Crafters—1 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Men's Life Group—1:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Camellia Symphony—5:30 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Discipleship Group—7 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Mission Ministry Meeting 7 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Women's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- BSF—9 a.m. (All campus)
- Life Group—4 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Girl Scouts—6:15 p.m. (Rm 4)
- Camellia Symphony Meeting—7 p.m. (Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

WEDNESDAY

- Women's Life Group—10 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- PW Fellowship—11:30 a.m. (Link Hall)
- Kids Club—5 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Worship Band Rehearsal—6 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Youth Group—7 p.m. (Link Hall, Youth Rm)
- Class: Eternity Now in Session—7 p.m. (Zoom)
- Life Group—7 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Men's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

This week the Faith office is open

*Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
and Friday, by appointment.*

*Next week, the office will be open Monday and
Tuesday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The office will
be closed Wednesday to Friday, November 27 to 29.*

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)
- Thursdays with Ron & Friends—2 p.m. (Online)
- Family Ministry Leadership Meeting—6 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Property Team Meeting—6 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Choir Rehearsal—7 p.m. (Choir Rm, Sanctuary)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

FRIDAY

- Stay-at-Home Retreat: Potluck Dinner—5:45 p.m. (Link Hall—bring a dish you love to share!)
- Stay-at-Home Retreat: Worship & Program—7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

SATURDAY

- Stay-at-Home Retreat: Gathering & Refreshments—8:30 a.m. (Link Hall)
- Stay-at-Home Retreat: Worship & Program—9:15 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Faith Brass Ensemble—9:30 a.m. (Link Hall)

Calendar Notices

Upcoming Dates in Our Life Together

Here are some dates of note that are coming up in the life of Faith:

November 22-23	Stay-at-Home Retreat with Satish John
Dec 4, 11, 18	Wednesday Advent Services
January 10	Evening of Reflection (Mini-Retreat)
March 5	Ash Wednesday Worship
March 12, 19, 26, & April 2, 9	Wednesday Lenten Worship
April 13-20	Holy Week & Easter
April 25-27	Men & Boys' Retreat
June 23-27	Vacation Bible School
June 27-29	Women's Retreat

Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (11/17)		Serving Next Sunday (11/24)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Peyton Cortez	Jack Van Duyn	Liam Ndichu	Abigail McMahon
Coffee Hosts	John & Stephanie Homen	Cathy Coupal Bonnie Schrader	Clint & Mai Scott	Paul & Betty Keller
Communion Servers	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Greeters	Bob & Tanya Anderson	Cathy Healow Vickie Weaver-Owens	Ron Beams	Jarvis Arellano Marianne Jenkins
Lock-up	N.A.	Jon Coupal	N.A.	Tom Busch
Media Center Techs	David Nash Anthony Shelton	Jon Coupal	Dave Anders Audrey Newport	Rick Hom
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 11/18-11/21</i>	Michele Yarbrough	<i>Serving 11/25-11/26</i>	Jane Owen
Prayer Team	Lorraine Otani	Chelle Ellis Alice Parente	Audrey Newport Anthony Shelton	Lucy DaCastello Pam Rock
Teller Escorts	Bill Edgar	Jarvis Arellano	Jennifer Anders	Jarvis Arellano
Tellers	N.A.	Jarvis Arellano Kitty Tatro	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy
Ushers	Roy Chastain	Doc & Lucy DaCastello	Donna Touros	TBD
Worship Assistants	Dennis Montzingo	Vickie Weaver-Owens	Janet Leader	Lucy DaCastello

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

Faith Chancel Choir: Cynthia Abbott, Gregory Collins, Joe De Illy, Sally Evey, Paul Heaton, Joann Helmich, Dane Huntingdale, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Barbara LaPlaca, Kay Lum, Phil Lum, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Paul Philleo, Ken Pisor, April Reichert, Ron Sprinkle and Charlotte Van Wagner.

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

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Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento
“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

November 17, 2024

Isaiah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”



Message Notes

Glory. Woe. Fire. Invitation. Go.

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. Would you want to meet God face to face in all his glory? Why or why not?
2. Read Isaiah 6:1-8 again. Imagine the scene as you read it. What is most striking? What stands out to you?
3. In this scene the Lord is revealing himself to Isaiah. What things do we learn about God here, about God's identity and character?
4. When was a time in your life when you have been in awe of the Lord, humbled by who God is?
5. Is it true that the closer one gets to God and his holiness and glory, the more one becomes aware of one's own sin? How have you seen this in your own life?
6. Jeff stated that in this passage we see both the transcendence (far-above-us-ness) of God and the immanence (so-near-us-ness) of God all at the same time. How do you perceive the Lord in relation to us? Nearby? Far off? Can the Lord be both at the same time?
7. Read the encounter of Peter with Jesus in Luke 5:1-11. What parallels do you see between this story and the story of Isaiah? What do we learn here about God?
8. Glory. Woe. Fire. Invitation. Go. Do you see these as the five movements of Isaiah's vision? How do you see these five movements rehearsed every week in our gathered worship?



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

How big is God?
Is it true that God holds the whole world in his hands?
How can this be?

Meeting With God This Week

To help you LISTEN to God...

As a follow-up to today's message and for your continued times of meeting with God, 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:	Joshua 12 / Psalm 38
Tuesday:	Joshua 13 / Psalm 39
Wednesday:	Joshua 14 / Psalm 40
Thursday:	Joshua 15 / Psalm 41
Friday:	Joshua 16 / Psalm 42
Saturday:	Joshua 17 / Psalm 43
Sunday:	Joshua 18 / Psalm 44

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

April Reichert ~ Glenn Reiner ~ Shari & Richard Reyes ~ Dave Reynen & Jill Whitney; Alex, Tyler ~ Brian & Alison Reynolds; Collin

♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

For Healing & Strength: Lew Whitney, Carol Keller, Bob Becker, Norma McKay, Larry Tom, Demetrius Moore, Bob Johnson, Barbara LaPlaca, Clara Murrels, Sherry Beams, Tom Yarbrough, Kathy Keller, Kristen Bye.

Prayers of Comfort: For the family of Betty Straight, who passed away last weekend.

♦Church Leadership:

Jacob Zvolanek	Director of Family Ministry
Janeil Hogue	Elder, Outreach
Sally Evey	Deacon, Parish 5

♦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 the service. 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**.

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