



Faith
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

Go!

Part 4—Extending Peace Without Excuses

Matthew 10:9-15

*Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting
for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect.*

-1 Peter 3:15-16

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

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

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**

Grace Chand

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

Psalm 34 (Taste and See)

✠ **Prayer of Confession**

Brett Shoemaker

✠ **Response to Confession**

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

✠ **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

Giving & Receiving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Walter Newport (9:00)

Paul Kinney (11:00)



*After worship, you may place your offering in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.
If you would like to give online, you can do so at faithpresby.org, under the "Give" tab.
This QR code will take you directly there.*

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

Anthem

Faith Chancel Choir

Psalm 16 (My Refuge) (C. Courtney)

Keep me safe, O my God,
For You are my refuge.
You are Lord, You are God,
Apart from You I have nothing.
You alone are my portion,
You make my lot secure.
I will praise the Lord,
Who counsels me even in the night.
I will keep my eyes on the Lord,
With Him I will not be shaken.

Therefore now my heart is glad,
My soul rejoices.
In Your presence is fullness of joy,
My heart, my tongue rejoices.
At Your right hand
there are treasures forever, forevermore.
You are God, You are Lord,
My joy, my hope, my refuge.

Children's Message

Jeff Chapman

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:9-15

Walter Newport (9:00); Paul Kinney (11:00)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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

Prayer of Illumination

Message

Jeff Chapman

Go!

Part 4—Extending Peace Without Excuses

No Donuts & Discussion for 7th & 8th graders today as we'll stay in the sanctuary for Communion.

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

✂Hymn of Faith

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
#276, The Presbyterian Hymnal

✂Benediction

✂Postlude

Eunice Bancu

*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: Karen Chan & Claire Pisor (9:00) and Alice Parente (11:00)*

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.*



As a Reminder...

✓ *Don't have a name tag? Sign up for one today in the narthex. Within a week or two, you'll find your new name tag waiting for you on the name-tag wall. (Tags are arranged alphabetically by last name.)*



✓ *Printed copies of today's sermon will be available this coming week in the Link Hall foyer. Past messages are available on the church website.*

✓ *A reminder to parents: Thank you for picking up your children from Sunday School or the nursery within five minutes of the end of the service.*

Life Groups @ Faith

Life Groups are small groups (4-12) of people who meet weekly for Bible study, prayer and community. These groups have been instrumental in fostering spiritual growth and building friendships for many here at Faith. Not a part of a Life Group? We'd love to tell you more. Contact Pastor Jeff Chapman at jchapman@faithpresby.org or (916) 428-3439.



Presbyterian Women Fellowships in November & December

Please take note of the following "holiday adjustments" regarding our November and December PW gatherings. Our November fellowship will take place on **Wednesday, November 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Link Hall.** Back by popular demand, the Eric Rainwater Children's Choir will be singing for us that day. Bring your lunch; drinks, chips and dessert will be provided.

At this gathering, you will be able to purchase your ticket for our **December 3rd Christmas luncheon at The Izakay Restaurant** (\$25 per ticket). You will be able to choose your meal option then, as well as learn more about our 2025 Christmas Mission Project in support of the Wellspring Women's Center.

Announcements and Events

Family Ministry



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

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 2026. As of October 25, 115 pledges have been submitted totaling \$621,650. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete your pledge card and drop it off, there is still time to do so. (Our Stewardship Team would like to receive all pledge cards by mid-November.) You will find extra pledge cards in the pew racks or Welcome Center. You can also submit your pledge online on our webpage. Look under the "Give" tab.



RSVP Concert at Faith

RSVP (Reconciliation Singers Voices of Peace), a Sacramento-based vocal ensemble, will present a concert here in Faith's sanctuary on **Friday, November 14, at 7:30 p.m.**, with doors opening at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free, but free-will donations will benefit the Firefighters Burn Institute, a local nonprofit that supports the physical, social and emotional well-being of those affected by burn injuries. (Visit ffburn.org for more.) All are invited to come and enjoy RSVP's performance as they give back to their community through music.

GRADES 7-12!

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT

7:00 p.m. Youth Room

AND...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

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.

November 9

Shepherds Ezekiel 33-34

November 16

Restoration Ezekiel 36-37

November 23

Gog and Magog Ezekiel 38-39

November 30

The LORD Is There! Ezekiel 40-48

Feel Free to Join In!

The Way of Jesus: Learning to Do What Jesus Did

Wednesdays through 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. So, understanding what Jesus had in mind when he invited people to follow him would seem to be a key task for us as believers.

You are invited to join us for this class that explores 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.

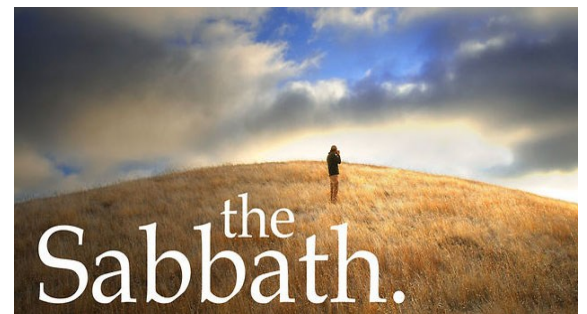
There is no book for this class. We are using articles, podcasts, and videos created by widely renowned apprentices of Jesus, including some who came before us and practiced His way in their day and some who are alive and practicing His way in the here and now.

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

First Sunday Sabbath

Pray and Play This Morning!

This morning between worship services, we will celebrate **First Sunday Sabbath**. All meetings and adult classes are paused this morning (and on the first Sunday of every month) so that we can gather simply to worship and fellowship together. Today's First Sunday Sabbath is extra special because it coincides with the **Big Reveal of our newly remodeled Welcome Center**. Join us at 10:15 a.m. on the patio and in the Welcome Center for a wonderful celebration. Our hosts are Faith's staff members. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship in our new Welcome Center!



Last Week to Sign Up!

Rise Against Hunger

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

Are you signed up for Rise Against Hunger (RAH)? **The last day to register for or donate to this great cause is this Friday, November 7**, and you can do both—register to participate and donate online—via the QR code at right. The event is right around the corner, so if you would like to participate, please register now so as not to forget and miss out.



Besides providing meals for people who are starving, our Rise Against Hunger food-packaging event has many benefits:

- You can participate in an international project without every leaving the comfort of your hometown.
- You can teach your children the importance of service and provide a hands-on opportunity for them to do so.
- You'll meet new people and maybe make some new friends.
- Participating in RAH is just a lot of fun!



Our goal this year is to package 20,000 meals, and we'd love to have you participate, whether by donating or by volunteering to serve or both! Please note that the **deadline to register and/or donate funds is Friday, November 7**. This deadline is needed to allow RAH sufficient time to order and deliver the food prior to our event.

Thank you, Faith Church, for continuing the fight against world hunger!

Sing with the Christmas Choir

If you would like to check out what it would be like to sing with Faith's Chancel Choir, or if you would love to sing with the choir but cannot commit to singing for the whole year, Faith's Christmas Choir may be just the opportunity you have been looking for!

You are warmly invited to take part in this year's Christmas Choir, which begins rehearsing in November and then sings in worship on Sundays, December 7, 14 and 21.

Rehearsals take place on **Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. here at Faith beginning this week on November 6** and continuing through December 18. For more information, please email Mark Tootle, Faith's Director of Music Ministry, at mtootle@faithpresby.org.

Run to Feed the Hungry!

Just when you thought it was safe to put away your running shoes ... It's time to Run to Feed the Hungry! That's right — Team "Faith and Friends," under the captaincy of our own Pastor Brett, will hit the streets of East Sac on **Thanksgiving**

morning, November 27, to raise funds for the Sacramento Food Bank. You may join the team with this QR code, or look for the direct link in tomorrow's "This Week @ Faith" email. To learn more, visit RunToFeedTheHungry.com, or talk with Pastor Brett.



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facebook.com/FaithPresbyterianChurch

Are You Interested in Baptism?

Pastor Jeff Chapman will facilitate a class for those who are interested either in being baptized or in having their children baptized (or who are interested simply in learning more about baptism!). The **class will be held between services (10:15-11:00 a.m.) on Sunday, November 16, in Room 2.** If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Jeff at jchapman@faithpresby.org.



PACT Tree-Planting Event

Saturday, November 15, 9:00—11:00 a.m., Renfree Park

November 15th is shaping up to be a big day for good causes! While our primary mission focus on this day is the Rise Against Hunger event taking place here at Faith (see the previous page for more details), we do want to make you aware of another opportunity to serve our neighborhood. Pocket Area Churches Together (PACT) is hosting a tree-planting event at Renfree Park (54 Cache River Circle). The event is being done in coordination with the Sacramento City Parks & Recreation Department and the Sacramento Tree Foundation. If you or others you know would like to take part, please plan on bringing your own water bottle and work gloves. All tools will be provided, and even better, the holes for the trees are pre-dug, making the process that much easier. Each adult participant will need to sign a waiver of liability on the day of the event. The event will be **postponed in case of rain.**

The Parks & Recreation Department will be checking in to get a head-count of the number of participants from each church. If you would like to participate, **RSVP to Laura by this Thursday, November 6, with the number in your party.** Reach her at landerson@faithpresby.org or at (916) 428-3439.

For those not taking part in Rise Against Hunger, perhaps this PACT event will prove a great opportunity for you to serve our local community through the good stewardship of God's creation.

Advent & Christmas Poinsettias

Available to Order on Sundays, November 9 and 16

Faith has a longstanding tradition of decorating our sanctuary with poinsettias for the Advent and Christmas seasons. If you would like to order one or more live plants this year to contribute to the seasonal beauty of our worship space, you will be able to do so for two Sundays starting next week. On November 9 and 16, after each worship service, a member of the worship team will be available in the narthex to take your order. Each plant costs \$10, cash or check (checks payable to "Faith Presbyterian Church," with "poinsettia" as the memo). You may dedicate each plant in honor or memory of a loved one; these dedications will be listed in the bulletin on November 30, the first Sunday of Advent. You may take your plant home with you after Christmas Eve worship.

You may also place your order online using the QR code at right. The deadline for online orders is Sunday, November 16, at 12:30 p.m.

When you order your plant, there will also be an opportunity to **sign up to water all the poinsettias and the Christmas tree once or twice during Advent.** For more, talk with Paul Kinney or email him at pk@radiofilms.com.



Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (11/2)		Serving Next Sunday (11/9)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Grace Chand	Grace Chand	TBD	TBD
Coffee Hosts	First Sunday Sabbath	Lorraine Otani Sylvia Warner	Karena & Mike Van Duyn	Ken Finch Tanis Toland
Communion Servers	Stan Keasling Janet Leader Fred Noteware Donna Touros	Lucy DaCastello Sally Evey Pam Rock Zarrin Sanchez	N.A.	N.A.
Greeters	Steve & Cathy Healow	Paul Keller	Bob & Cindy DeYoung	Bruce & Jean Kern
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 11/3—11/6</i>	Cynde Keasling	<i>Serving 11/10—11/13</i>	Cheryl Chan
Prayer Team	Karen Chan Claire Pisor	Alice Parente	Laura Anderson Randy Smith	Renee Larsen Ileana Maestas
Teller Escorts	Bill Edgar	Jarvis Arellano	Jennifer Anders	Paul Heaton
Tellers	N.A.	Jarvis Arellano Paul Heaton	N.A.	Bill Edgar Paul Heaton
Ushers	Donna Touros	Julia King	Walter & Audrey Newport	Jarvis Arellano
Welcome Ctr.	Barbara Johnson	Janeil Hogue	Terry Fong	Pam Rock
Worship Asst.	Walter Newport	Paul Kinney	Stan Keasling	Karen Chan

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.

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This Week @ Faith: November 2–8

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- First Sunday Sabbath—10:15 a.m. (Patio, Welcome Center)
- Our Savior's Anglican Church—12 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—4 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Youth Group—7 p.m. (Youth Rm, Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

MONDAY

- Faith Staff Meeting—9 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- BSF Leaders Meeting—9 a.m. (Link Hall, Rms 2, 4, 5, 7)
- 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)
- Family Ministry Meeting—3:30 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Life Group—4 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

WEDNESDAY

- Women's Life Group—10 a.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)
- 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

- Leadership Retreat—6 p.m. (Off site)

SATURDAY

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

2025 Calendar at a Glance

Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

November 12	Operation Christmas Child
November 15	Rise Against Hunger
November 17	Run to Feed the Hungry
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.

Faith Phone Update

You will be happy to hear that our phone issues have finally been resolved, and the Faith phones are once again working. We also made some changes and updates to some of our extension numbers. Here is the current list:

Jeff Chapman	ext. 101
Brett Shoemaker	ext. 102
Kimberly MacArthur	ext. 103
Laura Anderson	ext. 104
Marlys Emery	ext. 105
Lindsay Stanford	ext. 106
Mark Tootle	ext. 109

Eunice Bancu does not have an in-house extension. To leave a message for her, call the church office (916-428-3439) and ask Laura to relay a message to Eunice.

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

November 2, 2025

Matthew 10:9-15 (NRSV)

⁹ “Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.”



Message Notes

Go!

Part 4—Extending Peace Without Excuses

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 10:9-15. Pay attention to Jesus' instructions here. What do you notice?
2. Which part of Jesus' instructions to the disciples seems most applicable to us today? Which part seems least applicable? In general, do you think these instructions apply to us?
3. When the disciples found people who seemed worthy (i.e., receptive), they were called to let their peace come up on those people. What would this look like today? How do we "extend the peace of God's blessing" to others we sense are receptive to receiving it? Be as specific as you can.
4. Describe somebody in your life who, at this point, seems like a "person of peace."
5. Are you known by people you know outside the church as the "Jesus guy" or the "Jesus lady"? Would you like to be known as such? How might you make this happen?
6. Why do you think Jesus tells his disciples to wipe the dust off their feet as they leave those who are unreceptive to the gospel? What would this "wiping of dust" look like in our context?
7. What excuses do you tend to come up with when faced with Jesus' call to go and share the Christian gospel with others? How do you imagine Jesus responding to those excuses?
8. How has this teaching/message changed your view on evangelism?



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

Parents/adults, share with your kids about who it was in the past who first shared the gospel with you. How did that happen? How did you receive it?

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:	Galatians 3 / Psalm 88
Tuesday:	Galatians 4 / Psalm 89
Wednesday:	Galatians 5 / Psalm 90
Thursday:	Galatians 6 / Psalm 91
Friday:	Ephesians 1 / Psalm 92
Saturday:	Ephesians 2 / Psalm 93
Sunday:	Ruth 1-4 / Psalm 94

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Doug Johnson & Nancy Remley-Johnson ~
Bob Johnson ~ Nancy Jones ~ Sam Kamau &
Lilian Wanjau; Liam, Sydney ~ Deb Kanner

♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

For Healing & Strength: Carol Keller, Bob Johnson, Clara Murrels, Kristen Bye, Barbara Tracy, Cheryl Chan, Bob DeYoung, Georgina Borton, Beverly Sommerdorf, John Ellis, Sandy Smoley, Lyndon Thomson, Nick LaPlaca, Barbara Hull, Skip Watt.

♦Church Leadership:

Jeff Chapman	Pastor/Head of Staff
Linda Olsen-Edgar	Elder, Lay Ministry
Benjamin Rodriguez	Deacon, Parish 10

♦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**.



