



Faith
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

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Part 7—On the Lookout for Hospitality

Matthew 10:40-42

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

-Matthew 10:40

Welcome, Guests!

Friends,

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

- ~ **How long is the worship service here at Faith?** Our worship services typically run 60 to 70 minutes.
- ~ **How can I introduce myself?** We'd love to meet you after the service; don't hesitate to introduce yourself! You can also visit our webpage (www.faithpresby.org), and click on the "I'm New" tab and then the "Introduce Yourself" button. This is a great way to let the pastoral staff know who you are and how we might welcome and serve you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center on the way out. We have a gift waiting for you there!
- ~ **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 23, 2025

Order of Worship

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

Prelude Eunice Bancu; Faith Brass Ensemble (11:00)

Greeting Brett Shoemaker

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

✠ **Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles** Madison Stanford (9:00)
Josh Chand (11:00)

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

✠ **Prayer of Confession** Brett Shoemaker

✠ **Response to Confession** *Goodness of God*

✠ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

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

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

Welcome Jeff Chapman

Anthem (11:00) Faith Chancel Choir

O Most High (Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; J. Reid)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to Your name, O Most High:
To declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
And Your faithfulness by night.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to Your name, O Most High:
To the music of the harp and the lyre,
For You have made me glad!

The righteous flourish like the tree,
Planted in the house of the Lord,
They flourish in the courts of God.
They are ever green, at Your works they sing for joy!
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praises to Your Name, O Most High:
To declare that the Lord is upright,
He is my rock, He is Holy!

Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:40-42

David Nash (9:00); Lucy DaCastello (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 7—On the Lookout for Hospitality

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

Prayers of the People

Brett Shoemaker

The Lord's Prayer

Sue Kim & Mark Tootle, cantors

Giving & Receiving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

David Nash (9:00)

Lucy DaCastello (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

✠Hymn of Faith

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service
#343, The Presbyterian Hymnal*

✠Benediction

✠Postlude

Eunice Bancu; Faith Brass Ensemble (11:00)

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

*The flowers this morning are given by Simon Yeh, giving thanks
for all the beauty and color that is around us that we sometimes take for granted and that goes unnoticed.*

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 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.*



RSVP for Our Advent Dinner On December 3 at 5:30 p.m.

You are warmly invited to join us Wednesday evening, December 3, as we begin three weeks of midweek Advent worship services. On this first Wednesday in Advent, we will gather for dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Link Hall. No need to bring anything; our Fellowship Team will provide everything needed for a delicious meal that allows for unhurried fellowship with one another. **Your RSVP will help them as they plan the meal.**

Please sign up in the Welcome Center today.

After dinner, we will gather at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a more contemplative worship service that will include the Lord's Supper. These midweek Advent services are richly meaningful for so many and a welcome respite amidst what is often a busy time of year. We encourage you to set aside the time to join us for this midweek pause and the opportunity it affords us as individuals and as a community to focus our hearts on Christ.

Sign Up for "This Week @ Faith"

Did you know that Faith sends out two or three group emails every week? Monday's email, "This Week @ Faith," offers information about upcoming events in the life of Faith. Wednesday's "House to House" shares pastoral reflections on a variety of topics and often the daily psalm. On Friday, there is a brief message from the coming Sunday's preacher, letting you know the sermon theme and Bible passage, and highlighting important events taking place that Sunday. If there is urgent information to be relayed to the community, such as the death of one of our members, this too is sent out via the group email list.

If you would like to receive these helpful notices, please let our office manager, Laura, know. You can reach her at landerson@faithpresby.org.



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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 November 17, 130 pledges have been submitted totaling \$676,990. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete your pledge card and drop it off, there is still time to do so. 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.



Faith Crafters Sale

Looking for some unique and handmade items to give as gifts this Christmas? The upcoming Faith Crafters Sale may be just what you're looking for! Faith's Crafters will be hosting one final craft sale on **Sunday, December 7, in Room 2**. Stop by any time that morning to browse and shop their amazing array of wares. As a reminder, all proceeds go to support Faith's mission endeavors in Sacramento and around the world. Great crafts for a great cause!



GRADES 7-12!

TONIGHT 7:00 p.m.

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS:

SSIP Food Sorting 11/25, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Meet in the church parking lot at 9:00; includes free lunch. Sign up on the app or email Pastor Brett (bshoemaker@faithpresby.org).

AND...ASK TO JOIN THE GROUP APP HERE —>



Opportunities to Learn & Connect

Concludes This Morning!

Visions of the Lord: A Study of Ezekiel

November 23

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.

Owing to a slight change in schedule, today will be our last class. We will explore Ezekiel 38-48 and the themes "God and Magog" and "The LORD Is There!"

Adult Sunday School in December

What Walmart Can't Tell You: The Theology of Christmas

December 14 & 21

10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Facilitator: Rev. Rick Hull

Just as we find the redemptive plan of God in every aspect of Old and New Testament scriptures, so the theology of our Lord's grace and calling can be found throughout the story of Christmas. In this short study, we rediscover the theological foundations of our culture's most universally celebrated occasion, and claim again the account of a message that transcends presents and poinsettias to transform hearts and change the world. Moving from the loveliness of mere celebration to the cosmic love of God, this is the story that the world needs to hear, and the joy that will lift hearts long after the ornaments go back in the box.



Give Life Groups a Try!

Four-Week "Taster" Is Coming

Many of us here at Faith have found great joy through participating in Life Groups. These are small groups that meet weekly (a few meet every other week) to study Scripture, reflect on the sermons, pray, fellowship, share a meal, and sometimes serve together. At their heart, Life Groups are an opportunity to "do" life together, hence the name.

Here is a chance for you to give Life Groups a try before making a long-term commitment. On Sundays, January 11, 18 and 25, from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in Room 2, we will host a Life Group "Taster." You'll have the chance to experience what has kept so many people coming back week after week, and even year after year, to their Life Groups. At the end of these three weeks, you'll have the option to join an ongoing Life Group or to be a part of starting a new one. Interested? Email Pastor Jeff Chapman to save your spot (jchapman@faithpresby.org).

LifeGroups

Need help with groceries?

We are aware that many in our community have been negatively impacted by the government shutdown, especially the suspension of SNAP benefits. If you have felt the impact in your own family, please speak confidentially to either Pastor Jeff or Pastor Brett, as we have resources set aside to help members of our Faith community during hard seasons like this. If you know families outside the church facing a similar hardship, please tell them about the food resources available at SSIP (24th & Fruitridge), one of Faith's mission partners. The food closet is open weekday mornings from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.



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Reaching Out's Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 13, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Our Reaching Out schedule in November and December is a little different, so we want to be sure you know of the change in our regular schedule well in advance: For these two months, we will host one Reaching Out event on **Saturday, December 13, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** This will be our annual Christmas celebration -- always a joyful and meaningful gathering! There is sure to be a larger-than-usual turnout, so a whole host of volunteers will be a blessing all around. In addition, there will be an opportunity to sing with Mark Tootle and the Faith Carolers. Feel free to join in the musical festivities! For more information about this event, contact Reaching Out's coordinator, Cathy Philleo, at philbertcekp@frontiernet.net.



We will continue to collect donations for this special gathering through Thursday, December 11, at 4:00 p.m. Please drop your items off in the bins in the Donation Center. Here are the donations sought for December:

- Winter clothing, including new or gently used and *clean* jackets, coats, mittens and gloves; warm socks (new only). Also, blankets and throws; toiletries and household cleaning supplies; pet food and cat litter.
- In addition, new and gently used items that guests can give as a gift to someone else, including toys, games, and craft and hobby items. Also, Christmas décor and decorations; and gift wrap, gift bags with tissue paper, tape, and bows/ribbons for decorating gift boxes and bags.

Again, please drop off donations in the Donation Center by Thursday, December 11, at 4:00 p.m. Thank you for caring for these neighbors with God's love!

Heart to Heart Is Here to Serve!

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



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Presbyterian Women

Register for Christmas Luncheon

By This Tuesday

If you would like to attend **PW's Christmas Luncheon** at The Izakay Restaurant on Wednesday, December 3, the **deadline to reserve your ticket is this Tuesday, November 25.** Tickets are



available for \$25, and all Faith women are invited to join us for this celebratory gathering. To reserve your ticket, contact Kathy Ellis (916-215-4997; trvlkath@comcast.net). She will also be able to give you information about PW's Christmas Mission Partner—Wellspring Women's Center. See page 6 of the November PresbyNews for a list of requested donations.

Join Us for Thanksgiving at Faith

You are warmly invited to join us for Thanksgiving dinner here at Faith this coming Thursday, November 27. In the past, we have hosted Thanksgiving dinner here, and it has always been well received. We hope that will be the case this year as well. Many of you likely have other plans already in place, but if not, know that there is room at the table for you here at Faith. Please join us for dinner at 1:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. We will provide the turkey (or turkeys as the case may be) and ask that you bring a side dish to share with others (enough to feed 8-10 people). If you would also like to bring a pie or other dessert in addition to a side dish, you are certainly welcome to do that. No doubt we will have plenty to eat!



We need to know that you are coming. Also, we need to know what you are planning to bring so that we don't end up with 10 bowls of mashed potatoes! Email Pastor Jeff (jchapman@faithpresby.org) to let us know how many are in your party and what you will bring to share. Or, watch for the link to the Google sign-up form in tomorrow's "This Week at Faith" email. In the past we have had entire families come to this gathering. If you choose to do that, you can be seated at your own table. Also, feel free to invite others who are not from Faith to join us. All are welcome! Whether you choose to celebrate here with us, or in your own gatherings of family and friends, we pray that the day will be one where we all are mindful of the countless blessings we have received from the Lord.

Advent Waterers



When you come to worship next Sunday, the sanctuary will be beautifully decorated with poinsettias and a Christmas tree. And we want to keep them beautiful and lush! This means that we'll need a team of folks to water the plants and the tree throughout Advent and the twelve days of Christmas. If you would be willing to serve in this way once or twice, either on your own or with a "buddy," please see Paul Kinney in the Welcome Center after worship this morning. Thank you!



As a Reminder...

✓ *Don't have a name tag? Sign up for one in the Welcome Center. Within a week or two, you'll find your new name tag ready 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.



Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (11/23)		Serving Next Sunday (11/30)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Madison Stanford	Josh Chand	Melina Markarian	Miles Febre
Coffee Hosts	Clint & Mai Scott Melanie Scott	Paul & Betty Keller	Mary Ann Chapman Cindy DeYoung	Kathy Fields Linda Jacobs
Communion Servers	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Greeters	Dennis & Margie Montzingo	Kathy Fields Vickie Weaver Owens	Frank DeYoung Marianne Jenkins	Jarvis Arellano
Lock-up	N.A.	Tom Busch	N.A.	Lee Bush
Media Center Techs	Dave Anders Audrey Newport	Rick Hom	Dave Anders David Nash	Rick Hom
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 11/24—11/26</i>	Jane Owen	<i>Serving 12/1—12/4</i>	Karena Van Duyn
Prayer Team	Audrey Newport Anthony Shelton	Lucy DaCastello Pam Rock	Candi Okada Pat Witzens	Jim & Barbara Tracy
Teller Escorts	Bill Edgar	Paul Heaton	Jennifer Anders	Jarvis Arellano
Tellers	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy	N.A.	Bill Edgar Paul Heaton
Ushers	Bob & Tanya Anderson	Sylvia Warner	Sheila Sanders	Doc & Lucy DaCastello
Welcome Ctr.	Linda Whitney	Kay Lum	Margie Montzingo	TBD
Worship Asst.	David Nash	Lucy DaCastello	Paul Kinney	Vickie Weaver Owens

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 23–29

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Class: Ezekiel—10:15 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Nominating Committee—10:15 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- 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)
- Men's Discipleship Cohort—5:30 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Women's Discipleship Cohort—5:30 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Women's Discipleship Cohort—7 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Mission Team Meeting—7 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Women's Book Group—7 p.m. (Off site)
- Women's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- Youth at SSIP—9 a.m. (Meet at Faith)
- BSF—9 a.m. (All rooms)
- Life Group—3 p.m. (Rm 2)
- 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

- Faith Office Closed
- Thanksgiving Dinner at Faith—1:30 p.m. (Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

- Tai Chi—8:30 a.m. (Courtyard)
- Faith Brass Ensemble Rehearsal—9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Advent Decorating—10 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Calendar at a Glance

Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

November 27	Run to Feed the Hungry Thanksgiving at Faith
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

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

Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento
“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

November 23, 2025

Matthew 10:40-42 (NRSV)

⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”



Message Notes

Go!

Part 7—On the Lookout for Hospitality

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 10:40-42 once again. What is the main point of this part of Jesus' teaching?
2. Personalize what Jesus is saying here. When you go out to represent Jesus in this world, if people, knowing you come in his name, welcome you then they welcome Jesus. And if they welcome Jesus, they welcome God. On the flip side, if they reject you, then they ultimately reject God. What are the implications here?
3. Do you see yourself as an agent of Christ in this world? If so, how so? If not, why not?
4. Who is a person in your life right now who is not a Christian, knows you are a Christian, and regularly extends hospitality to you anyway? How do you apply Jesus' teaching here to that relationship?
5. Are you one of the "little ones" Jesus speaks about here? Though you may not feel significant in this world, is it possible that Jesus might use you to be one through whom others find their reward in him?
6. After having spent the last seven weeks reflecting on what Jesus teaches disciples about going out into the world to bear witness to him, how are you going to think and live differently from now on? What is the main thing that has changed for you?
7. What steps do you think our congregation needs to take to make sure that we are a church that is constantly looking to have Jesus send us out to "ripe fields"? What could we do differently to become more outreach focused?
8. As a Life Group or family, how can you make sure that your focus isn't always primarily inward, and that in your hearts, conversations and prayers, you also keep focused on those outside the church that Jesus wants to reach with the gospel? Be as specific as you can.



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

*What does it mean that we are agents for Jesus out in this world,
that we go out to represent him?*

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:	Song of Songs 1 / Psalm 109
Tuesday:	Song of Songs 2 / Psalm 110
Wednesday:	Song of Songs 3 / Psalm 111
Thursday:	Song of Songs 4 / Psalm 112
Friday:	Song of Songs 5 / Psalm 113
Saturday:	Song of Songs 6 / Psalm 114
Sunday:	Song of Songs 7-8 / Ps. 115

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Carolyn Kubish; James, Bennett ~ Jerry & Sandy Kundert ~ Bill & Roberta Kuntz ~ Nick & Barbara LaPlaca ~ Larry & Cherylyn Larsen

♦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.

Prayers of Celebration: For Roy & Gail Bagby, upon the birth of their twin grandbabies, Willa and Beau, born to their daughter Sophia and her husband Max.

♦Church Leadership:

Brett Shoemaker	Associate Pastor
John Brophy	Elder, Property
Roy Chastain	Deacon, Parish 13

♦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**.

Advent & Christmas at Faith

Give 1% (at least) During Advent

We invite you to dedicate at least 1% of your day each day (about 15 minutes) in Advent to read through Luke's Gospel. See the reading list on the bottom left of the previous page. What a wonderful way to prepare for the celebration of Christmas!



Sunday, November 30 ~ Advent Begins

This first Sunday of Advent, our sanctuary will be beautifully decorated for the season. Our message that day will focus on gratitude, a great way to begin this season!

Wednesday Evening Advent Services (7:00 p.m.)

Each Wednesday in Advent (December 3, 10, 17), we will gather in the Faith sanctuary to worship. These evenings are truly a respite amidst what can be a busy season. Each service will be livestreamed as well. Special services include:

- **Advent Dinner & Contemplative Service (12/3):** Join us in Link Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a time of unhurried fellowship over dinner. Afterwards, we will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 for worship. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper as well.
- **Candlelight Memorial Service (12/10):** This evening is intended as a time to remember and honor loved ones who have passed away. The service will include special readings, a brief meditation, and a time to remember loved ones by lighting a candle. We hope this will be a time of encouragement, strength, care, and healing for all who come. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will follow.
- **Lessons & Carols (12/17):** Our music team will lead us in an evening of carol singing interspersed with Gospel readings celebrating the birth of Christ. Be ready to sing along! Join us at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments by the fire pit will follow.

Wednesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Services (7:00 & 11:00 p.m.)

We will gather by candlelight to celebrate together the coming of Christ into our world. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated. The 7:00 service will include child-friendly elements. This service will be livestreamed. Our 11:00 service will be contemplative in nature.

Sundays, December 28 & January 4 ~ Christmas Worship (9:00 and 11:00 a.m.)

The season of Christmas lasts 12 days, including these two Sundays. Come and continue the celebration with us. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on both of these special Sundays.