



Faith

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

The Way of Blessing

Psalm 1

“Blessed are those...”

-Psalm 1:1

Welcome, Guests!

Friends,

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

- ~ **How long is the worship service here at Faith?** Our worship services typically run 60 to 70 minutes.
- ~ **How can I introduce myself?** We'd love to meet you after the service; don't hesitate to introduce yourself! You can also visit our webpage (www.faithpresby.org), and click on the "I'm New" tab and then the "Introduce Yourself" button. This is a great way to let the pastoral staff know who you are and how we might welcome and serve you. Also, stop by the Welcome Center on the way out. We have a gift waiting for you there! And if you need a Bible, we can offer you one there as well.
- ~ **I have kids. Are they welcome here?** Absolutely! We love the sounds of children in the sanctuary. During the children's message at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, kids up to 6th grade are invited to come up front to listen in. Having them stay with you to listen is also fine. After the children's message, children are invited down the hall to Room 4 (grades 3 to 6) and Room 5 (Pre-K to 2nd grade) with our children's staff. Nursery care is available throughout the 9:00 a.m. worship service in Room 7.
- ~ **Are there classes for adults?** Yes. Check the bulletin and listen for announcements in worship about upcoming classes. We currently have in-person and online classes.
- ~ **What if I have trouble hearing the service?** If you have difficulty hearing, please ask one of our ushers for a personal receiver for the hearing impaired. Also, a T-Loop hearing-assist system is available in the back four pews on the right side of the sanctuary. Set your hearing aid to the "T" setting.
- ~ **How can I find out more information about Faith?** Feel free to speak to any of us and if we can't answer your questions, we'll find somebody who can. Our website is a great source of information: www.faithpresby.org. Also, *This Week @ Faith* is a weekly email that goes out on Mondays with information about upcoming opportunities and activities. Email Laura Anderson in our office at landerson@faithpresby.org if you'd like to be included on the email distribution list.
- ~ **What if I'm interested in exploring membership or deeper involvement at Faith?** If you'd like to know more about becoming a member at Faith, or want to understand how you can begin or continue to grow in your Christian faith, we encourage you to contact one of our pastors. You can call the church office at (916) 428-3439 or email one of our staff members. (Email addresses are available on our webpage and further on in this bulletin.) We'd love to meet you and find out how we can be of help.

Again, we are glad you are here with us today!

Grace and peace—The People of Faith



Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Eunice Bancu

Greeting

Brett Shoemaker

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

✠ Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles

Amara Markarian (9:00)
Madison Stanford (11:00)

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

Better Is One Day

✠ Prayer of Confession

Brett Shoemaker

Response to Confession

Lord, I Need You

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

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

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

Welcome

Brett Shoemaker

Moment for Mission: World Vision 30 Hour Famine

Anthem (9:00)

Faith Chancel Choir

Reflections of Peace (J. M. Martin)

Dona nobis pacem, grant us peace O Lord,
we pray.

Dona nobis pacem, grant us peace today.

Give peace to those in pain.

Give peace to all who mourn.

Give peace to the world again.

Bring an end to war.

When peace like a river attendeth my way,

Be still my soul, for God is on your side.

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

When sorrows like sea billows roll,

Leave to your God to order and provide.

In every change God faithful will remain.

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Be still my soul, the waves and winds still know

The voice that rules them, oh, be still my soul.

Dona nobis pacem, grant us peace O Lord, we pray.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1

Rebecca Westmore (9:00); Bruce Kern (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

The Way of Blessing

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

Prayers of the People

Jeff Chapman

The Lord's Prayer

Giving & Receiving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

Rebecca Westmore (9:00)

Bruce Kern (11:00)



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

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

How Firm a Foundation
#361, 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: Sherry Beams & Rich Hendricks (9:00) and Chelle Ellis (11:00)

The flowers this morning are in memory of Bob Westmore, devoted husband to Lilia, wonderful father to Rebecca and Tim, and loving brother to Malcolm.

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.

Sign Up Today for Ash Wednesday Dinner

Ash Wednesday is this week. As is our tradition here at Faith, we will gather for dinner at 5:30 in Link Hall, after which we will worship at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. To help our Fellowship Team as they prepare a delicious meal for us, please sign up in the Welcome Center today.

Per Capita 2026

The 2026 per capita apportionment is \$33.48 per member. As a reminder, this is the amount that Faith pays per member as a means of contributing towards the shared ecclesiastical costs of our denomination. If you are a member and able to do so, please consider covering your share of the apportionment. You will find a per capita envelope in your pledge box. If you have any questions about the per capita, please contact Pledge Secretary Jennifer Anders at jfsmith20@comcast.net.

Picture Giveaway Continues

In the Welcome Center today, you will find framed photos that are in need of a new home. If your friends or family members are pictured, please feel free to take one home with you. Enjoy this trip down Faith's Memory Lane!



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GRADES 7-12!

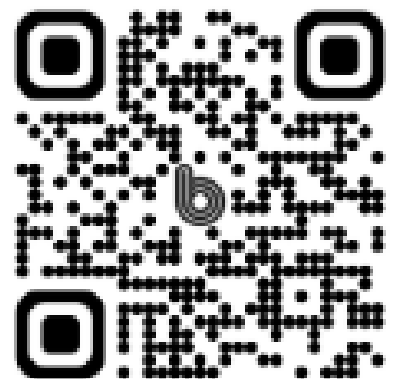
NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT

GAME & MOVIE DAY TOMORROW!

FEB 16, NOON TO 5 PM

BRING LUNCH, A SNACK TO SHARE, AND YOUR FAVORITE GAMES // JOIN THE APP! ➡

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



Opportunities to Learn & Connect

Adult Sunday School

The Word, Out Loud

February 8, 15, 22

10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Facilitator: Kathy Stern

Reading the Bible together turns a personal practice into a shared adventure that points our hearts toward God. As we gather around the same stories, questions spark laughter, wisdom flows freely, and new insights rise from every voice. When Scripture is shared aloud, we don't just learn—we worship, honoring God by listening together and living out His Word in community. Warm, welcoming, and surprisingly fun, this practice offers a beautiful way to grow in faith while glorifying God side by side.

Join us (and bring your Bible!) in February as we take part in the historic practice of reading **The Word, Out Loud**—together!



PW Fellowship in February

Wednesday, February 25, in Link Hall

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

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

A sweet treat awaits us at Presbyterian Women's February fellowship gathering: Kathy Kobasic, from Kobasic's Candy, will be our guest speaker. Since 2003, Kobasic's has been specializing in handcrafted chocolates and candies, including a variety of allergy-friendly options such as dairy-free, gluten-free, and nut-free treats. In addition to their confections, they also have a large selection of small gifts including Funko Pops, Beanie Babies & figurines. There will be samples!



We will also have time to catch up with one another over lunch and to hear from our board members. There will be a raffle, and the bazaar table will be available for your donating/shopping pleasure. Your gently used or new Christmas decorations are still welcome for the "Holiday Corner" of the bazaar table.

All Faith women are warmly invited to join us for this time of Christian friendship. Bring your lunch; drinks, chips and dessert will be provided. Contact Kathy Ellis at trvkath@comcast.net for more information.

Come to the first meeting for our Summer Mission Experience in Skagway, Alaska

Faith's 2026 summer mission experience is coming up the week after the Fourth of July. We will be heading to Skagway, Alaska, with a group that will include adults from Faith, youth from Faith and other local congregations, and ... maybe you!

Owing to the complexity of travel—by planes, cars and ferries—we need to finalize plans well in advance of the trip. Thus, we'll need to know soon how many folks will be participating. Whether you are "all in" or "on the fence" about being a part of this experience, **plan to join us for a mission trip meeting on Sunday, February 22, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 2.** We'll enjoy a potluck lunch (bring a dish to share) and talk more about the upcoming experience, leaving room for any questions you may have. At the meeting, we will be asking people to indicate their commitment to participating. Come give your "definite yes" or get the information you need to make a final decision. Have questions? Speak with Pastor Brett. We'd love to see you there!

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.



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Would You Like to Find a Way to Grow More Deeply in Your Faith?

Christians are formed, not born.

~Tertullian



What is Life Together? Life Together is a five-week interactive course geared toward bringing together people who want to grow with one another to be formed more fully as devoted followers of Jesus Christ here in this community of Faith. The course will include a balance of group gatherings and individual spiritual practices. The application to everyday life will be intensely practical. We explore both key doctrines and disciplines of the Christian faith, both of which are essential for spiritual growth.

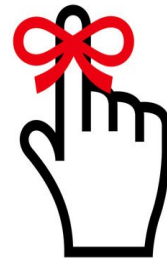
Is this course for you? Ask yourself the following questions:

- Have you found yourself recently interested in Jesus and how you can have a personal and vibrant relationship with him as Savior and Lord?
- Are you tired of feeling “stuck” or “stalled” in your Christian faith?
- Are you finding it difficult, if not impossible, to become the sort of person you sense God made you to become?
- Are you new (or maybe not so new) to this congregation and eager to connect with others in this faith community at a deeper level?
- Are you interested in considering the commitment of membership here at Faith?

When is this course offered? Life Together will be offered on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. on the following dates: **March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.** A celebration dinner will be held at the end (date TBD). Though participants are encouraged to be present for every session, teachings can be recorded when needed. Sign-ups are taken well in advance. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, contact Pastor Jeff at (916) 428-3439, ext. 101, or jchapman@faithpresby.org.

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.
- ✓ Unless you are taking it home with you, please recycle your bulletin in the narthex on your way out.



Reaching Out Resource Fair

Saturday, February 28, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Our next Reaching Out event will take place on **Saturday, February 28, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** For more information about this event, contact Reaching Out's coordinator, Cathy Philleo, at philbertcekp@frontiernet.net.

Here are the donations sought for February: New socks and underwear; toiletries and household cleaning supplies; pet food and cat litter. **Note:** we are unable to receive donations of clothing this month as we need to clear out winter items to make way for spring and summer. Thank you for your understanding!

Please drop off donations in the Donation Center by Thursday, February 26, at 4:00 p.m. Thank you for caring for these neighbors with God's love!



Save the Dates for SSIP and Family Promise

Two of Faith's longtime mission partners—SSIP Food Closet and Family Promise—have their annual fundraisers coming up soon. If you would like to support these vital local ministries by attending these events, here are some preliminary details:

SSIP Full Plates, Full Hearts Fundraiser

"An Evening in Tuscany"

Saturday, March 14, 4:30—8:00 p.m.

St. Anthony Church, 660 Florin Rd

Tickets are \$85 each.

For more info or to purchase tickets, use this QR code.



Save the Date for

Family Promise's

21st Annual Dinner Celebration

Thursday, April 23

5:30 p.m.—Social Hour

6:30 p.m.—Dinner

7:30 p.m.—Program

Our Lady of the Assumption, Carmichael

More details to follow soon!

AED Training

You may have noticed Faith's two new AEDs — **Automated External Defibrillators**. One is located in the Welcome Center, and the other is in the Link Hall foyer. We would like to train as many people as possible to use these devices so that we are better prepared as a congregation to save a life if ever that is needed.

Our Worship Team is offering a two-hour, video-based training session **next Sunday, February 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Grace Room**. You are encouraged to attend and learn how to use this life-saving equipment. Invite members of your ministry team or Life Group to come with you. If interested in attending, your RSVP to Paul Kinney (pk@radiofilms.com) is requested.

Sing With Faith's Easter Choir!

If you would like to check out what it is 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 Easter Choir may be just the opportunity you have been looking for!

You are warmly invited to take part in this year's Easter Choir, which will rehearse every Thursday evening in March. The Easter Choir will sing in both services on Palm Sunday, March 29, and also at both services on Easter Sunday, April 5.

If interested, rehearsals take place here at Faith on **Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. beginning March 5**. For more information, please email Mark Tootle at mtootle@faithpresby.org.

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, February 22, 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.*



Announcing the 2026 Women's Retreat "Sisters in Christ"

April 10—12 at Mercy Center Auburn

Registration Opens Next Sunday

We are delighted to announce our 2026 Women's Retreat, once again at the beautiful Mercy Center in Auburn. Our theme this year is "Sisters in Christ," and we are excited to invite you to be a part of this weekend that will not simply be "about" Christian community but will hopefully be a deep experience of Christian community that we will build together as sisters in Christ.

The weekend will be filled with the wonderful activities that make our Women's Retreat so special: Prayer walks in the labyrinth. Special times of worship and teaching. Morning stretches, afternoon crafts and evening hula. Lingering over meals with our Faith sisters. Time alone and time with others. Play and laughter. Rest and renewal. And this year, more opportunities for us to connect in intentional ways that strengthen our bonds as sisters in faith. Something special awaits us!

Registration will begin next Sunday, February 22. Space is limited, so once you receive the email with the registration link, you are encouraged to register promptly.

The cost for overnight attendees is \$285.50 per person, and there is a commuter option for \$225.50 (includes 5 meals plus all retreat activities; no lodging). Faith has a generous scholarship fund, so don't let the cost keep you from attending. To request a scholarship, please speak confidentially with one of our pastors ***before you register***. He will give you a discount code that you will enter when you register.

More details will follow next Sunday. In the meantime, we hope you are planning to join us for what promises to be an uplifting and meaningful retreat. Let's grow together as Sisters in Christ!



Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (2/15)		Serving Next Sunday (2/22)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Amara Markarian	Madison Stanford	Miles Febre	Josh Chand
Coffee Hosts	John & Stephanie Homen	Sanejo Leonard	Clint & Mai Scott Melanie Scott	Paul & Betty Keller
Communion Servers	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Greeters	Bill Edgar & Linda Olsen-Edgar	Phyllis Eres Jean Kern	Frank DeYoung Marianne Jenkins	Kathy Fields Vickie Weaver-Owens
Lock-up	N.A.	Madelyn Chand	N.A.	Tom Busch
Media Center Techs	David Nash Anthony Shelton	Paul Kinney	Dave Anders Audrey Newport	Rick Hom
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 2/16—2/19</i>	Michele Yarbrough	<i>Serving 2/23—2/26</i>	Jane Owen
Prayer Team	Sherry Beams Rich Hendricks	Chelle Ellis	Audrey Newport Anthony Shelton	Pam Rock
Teller Escorts	Bill Edgar	Paul Heaton	Bob DeYoung	Jarvis Arellano
Tellers	N.A.	Bill Edgar Paul Heaton	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy
Ushers	Stan & Cynde Keasling	Terry Fong Doc & Lucy DaCastello	Sheila Sanders	Roy Chastain
Welcome Ctr.	Candi Okada	Janeil Hogue	Barb Johnson	Janeil Hogue
Worship Asst.	Rebecca Westmore	Bruce Kern	April Reichert	Alice Parente

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, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Paul Philleo, 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, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Barbara LaPlaca, Kay Lum, Phil Lum, Betsy Pehrson, Dan Pehrson, Paul Philleo, Ken Pisor, April Reichert, Edna Rush, Ron Sprinkle and Charlotte Van Wagner.

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This Week @ Faith: February 15–21

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Adult Sunday School—10:15 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Our Savior's Anglican Church—12 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—4 p.m. (Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

MONDAY

- Office Closed
- Youth Game Day—12 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Discipleship Group—7 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Women's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

- Women's Life Group—10 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Ash Wednesday Dinner—5:30 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Worship Band Rehearsal—6 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- **Ash Wednesday Worship—7 p.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Men's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

THURSDAY

- Men's Life Group—7:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Staff Prayer—9 a.m. (Online)
- Women's Life Group—9:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Women's Life Group—10:30 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Choir Rehearsal—7 p.m. (Sanctuary, Choir Rm)
- Pocket Little League—8 p.m. (Rm 4)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

FRIDAY

- No Scheduled Events

SATURDAY

- Tai Chi—8:30 a.m. (Courtyard)
- Faith Brass Ensemble Rehearsal—9:30 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Camellia Symphony Juniors Concert—2 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Calendar at a Glance

Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

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 will be closed on Monday, February 16.

The office will be open Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Friday by appointment.

Connecting with Ron Beams

We hear from reliable sources (Ron himself!) that Ron is absolutely delighted to be once again serving the people of Faith as our Director of Congregational Care. And he loves hearing from members of the congregation! However, he does have one request for us:

When reaching out to Ron by text, please be sure to identify yourself by name in your text message. Otherwise, Ron has no way to know who is contacting him. Similarly, when you leave a voicemail or send an email, please be sure to include your name with your message. This makes it easier for Ron to connect with you promptly, which he very much wants to do. It also prevents him from mistakenly thinking the communication he received is spam and thus to be deleted.

Please know that Ron is grateful for your help with this and looks to hearing from you!



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Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento
“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

February 15, 2026

Psalm 1 (NRSV)

¹Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

²but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.



Message Notes

The Way of Blessing

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 Psalm 1 again. Read it slowly. Remember that this Psalm is the gateway to all the Psalms. What stands out to you? What image strikes you here?
2. What does it mean to be blessed? How does one know he or she is blessed? How is being blessed different from being happy? Or is it different?
3. Consider the pathway that starts by following the advice of the wicked and ends with sitting in the seat of mockers. Is this a progression? How have you seen this play out in your own life?
4. Have you found it true for you that the longer you listen to a lie, the more you come to believe it? Before jumping to how you see this in others, examine your own life and your own vulnerability here.
5. Reflect carefully on verse 2. What are we being told here? How does a person come to delight in the law/Word of the Lord?
6. The psalmist declares that the blessed person who learns to delight in God's Word will become like a flourishing tree which bears fruit in season. What do you think that fruit symbolizes?
7. As you look out on the world today, do you remain a person filled with hope? Why or why not?
8. What is the main thing you sense that Christ is teaching you through this message? How will that change the way you think or live?



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

Read Psalm 1 together again as a family. Remember that the Psalms are a book of prayers. How can you turn this Psalm into a prayer?

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:	Isaiah 51 & 52 / Psalm 43
Tuesday:	Isaiah 53 & 54 / Psalm 44
Wednesday:	Isaiah 55 & 56 / Psalm 45
Thursday:	Isaiah 57 & 58 / Psalm 46
Friday:	Isaiah 59 & 60 / Psalm 47
Saturday:	Isaiah 61 & 62 / Psalm 48
Sunday:	Isaiah 63 & 64 / Psalm 49

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Barbara Powell ~ George & Margie Procida;
Santi, Theo ~ Therese Procida ~ Lance &
Rose Pyle ~ Greg & Lori Rapier

♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

For Healing & Strength: Carol Keller, Bob Johnson, Clara Murrels, Kristen Bye, Barbara Tracy, Cheryl Chan, Georgina Borton, Beverly Sommerdorf, John Ellis, Sandy Smoley, Nick LaPlaca, Barbara Hull, Skip Watt, Julene Leonard, Kathy Keller, John Ravas, Marvette Swayzer, Renee Larsen, Mary Nabers.

Prayers of Comfort: For Vickie Weaver-Owens and her family at the recent passing of her father, John.

♦Church Leadership:

Ron Beams	Director, Congregational Care
John Brophy	Elder, Property
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**.



LENT & EASTER AT FAITH

Lent is the 40-day period of renewal and preparation before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday. For hundreds of years Lent has been an important season for Christians to meditate, study, pray, participate in spiritual disciplines, and renew their vows to the Lord as they strive to increase their understanding of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection. Our hope is that you, and others you invite, will participate fully in the Lenten activities offered here at Faith. May God



renew us and prepare us to celebrate again all that he did for us on the cross and at the empty tomb! All worship services will be in person, and all those at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. will be livestreamed.

Ash Wednesday Dinner & Worship (February 18 — dinner at 5:30 p.m., worship at 7:00 p.m.)

Join us for dinner in Link Hall at 5:30 and then worship in the sanctuary at 7:00. This service initiates the season of Lent and includes the imposition of ashes and the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Wednesday Evenings in Lent: Immersion in Scripture (February 25 to March 25 at 7:00 p.m.)

We will gather these Wednesday evenings in Lent for a time of contemplative worship together. Each Wednesday, we will take time to read through all (or most) of a book of the Bible together. Readings will be interspersed with silence, song and prayer. This year we will read through Ruth (2/25), I Timothy (3/4), Lamentations (3/11), James (3/18), and the Gospel of Mark (a special 2-hour service on 3/25). We will also share the Lord's Supper together each week.

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship (March 29 — 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.)

We celebrate the beginning of Holy Week together in worship.

Maundy Thursday Dinner & Worship (April 2 — dinner at 5:30 p.m., worship at 7:00 p.m.)

This service, commemorating the Last Supper, is an important time to gather around the Lord's Table. We will gather for dinner in Link Hall at 5:30. Worship begins in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service (April 3 — 7:00 p.m.)

Tenebrae (Latin for "darkness, shadows") is a traditional service often held on Good Friday that rehearses the passion of Christ and is characterized by the gradual extinguishing of light. Though an ancient tradition, it is still quite new to us here at Faith, and we are looking forward to experiencing it again this year.

Easter Sunday Worship (April 5 — 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m.)

We will gather for Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. on the church patio. Services in the sanctuary will follow at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for this celebration! We will have special refreshments on the patio between the 7:00 and 9:00 services.