

A photograph of a cobblestone path, likely made of dark, rounded stones. A strong, warm, golden light beam from the upper right corner illuminates a diagonal section of the path, creating a high-contrast scene with deep shadows and bright highlights on the stones.

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Pathways



Welcome to Faith!

On behalf of the congregation of Faith Presbyterian Church, welcome to our faith community! We hope you sense the hospitality of Christ here.

To help you get to know our church a little better and to highlight ways you can connect more deeply here, we have prepared this booklet, "Pathways." It provides a brief look at some of the many opportunities at Faith for Christian growth in faith, service, and mission.

If you would like to know more about a specific ministry, please reach out by email to the contact person listed. You may also call the church office during weekday business hours for more information about what's happening in the life of Faith (916-428-3439).

Again, welcome! We are grateful that God has brought you to Faith, and we look forward to getting to know you better.

Faith's Lay Ministry Team

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRY

PROVIDING FOR THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND
SPIRITUAL FORMATION OF ADULTS

Claire Pisor, Elder

The Adult Christian Formation Team encourages the people of Faith, in community, to study God's Word in Scripture, to grow as followers of Jesus Christ, and to reflect the love of Christ to the world.



Retreats: We hold four retreats each year: the All-Church Retreat at Zephyr Point Conference Center, Lake Tahoe (fall), the Reflection Retreat (winter), the Women's Retreat (spring), and the Men & Boys' Retreat (spring). Retreats offer opportunities for extended times of teaching, worship, fellowship, and relaxation in beautiful surroundings. For many, these retreats are annual highlights in our life together as a community.



Discipleship: We offer an ongoing discipleship gathering that incorporates the teachings of Jesus, small-group cohorts, and opportunities to live into the practices of Jesus in mission. Annually there is an opportunity to join this gathering, which is open to all.

Adult Classes and Spiritual Formation Groups: Sunday morning and midweek classes are offered in person and online to further our study and understanding of God's Word. Classes are taught by Faith's pastors and other outstanding teachers from within and outside the congregation.

Life Groups: Life in community is essential to our life as followers of Jesus. Life Groups are small-group communities that meet regularly to discuss the weekly sermon, read Scripture, pray, and serve together.

Library: We maintain a library with Bibles and Christian books available to borrow.

How you can serve: Teach or facilitate a class, assist with retreat planning, or volunteer to work with our library.

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly;
teach and admonish one another in all wisdom...."*

—Colossians 3:16

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

CONNECTING THE FAITH COMMUNITY
THROUGH IMPACTFUL COMMUNICATIONS

Chong Choe-Smith, Elder

Our Primary Communications Resources:

faithpresby.org: The church website is our most utilized form of communication. It offers easy access to numerous church resources.

Facebook: Like us at facebook.com/FaithPresbyterianChurch.

PresbyNews: Our monthly newsletter, which includes a variety of articles about our shared life at Faith, can be found on our website, or you may pick up a hard copy in the church foyer.

This Week @ Faith: This Monday email update provides an overview of what is happening at Faith in the coming week. To be added to the distribution list, email Laura: landerson@faithpresby.org.

Worship Bulletin & The Next Step: The Sunday worship bulletin not only serves as a guide through the worship service, but it also contains timely announcements. The Next Step, included as part of the bulletin, has questions to help you reflect on the sermon, as well as weekly prayer and Bible-reading suggestions.

Audio/Video Operations: The Communications Team partners with the Worship and Adult Christian Formation Ministries to record our worship services and some of our adult Christian formation classes. Available recordings can be accessed via the church website.

How to Get Involved: If you have skills or expertise in writing, editing, graphic design, websites, A-V, or sound, we'd love to talk with you! Please be in touch with Chong Choe-Smith.

FAMILY MINISTRY

EQUIPPING AND SUPPORTING PARENTS AS
THEY TEACH THEIR CHILDREN TO FOLLOW JESUS

Vicky Chastain, Elder

Faith's Family Ministry aims to equip and support parents and other family members as they disciple children and teach them to love, obey, and follow Jesus.

Children learn and are supported through weekly Sunday morning programs. Parents are encouraged to discuss with their children the "Table to Table" question in the Sunday bulletin. Youth Group for Middle and High Schoolers meets weekly on Wednesday evenings.



Monthly and annual events, such as Kids Club, Family Discipleship and Vacation Bible School (VBS) provide additional opportunities for children and youth to learn, work, and grow spiritually together.

Families are also encouraged to participate as a family in mission projects, fellowship activities, retreats, and other events that bring the generations together.

If you have a passion to nurture children's faith through teaching, storytelling, the arts, music, drama, and games, please reach out to Vicky Chastain.



FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

CONNECTING THE FAITH COMMUNITY THROUGH FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY

Kitty Tatro, Elder

The Fellowship Ministry helps the congregation connect by providing intergenerational opportunities for fellowship. We oversee Faith's after-worship coffee hours, Easter breakfast after sunrise worship, desserts after Advent evening services, and all-church dinners on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday.



The Fellowship Team also takes the lead in planning and organizing Faith's biggest fellowship event of the year, the **Harvest Dinner-Auction**. Net proceeds from this event, which takes place annually in the early fall, support the Pat Tatro Memorial Campership Fund, which allows folks to take part in retreats and camps when finances might otherwise make this difficult. The dinner-auction draws in members of our congregation, both old and young, for an evening of delicious food (often Doc's famous BBQ!), polite but determined bidding on auction items, and wonderful congregational fellowship.



The Fellowship Team is always glad to welcome those with the gift of hospitality and those who enjoy creating fellowship opportunities by working behind the scenes or by serving in the middle of the action.

Here are some ways you can get involved:

Special Fellowship Events: Serve at one of Faith's special fellowship events, helping with food prep, food service, or clean-up.

Sunday Morning Coffee Host: Prepare coffee, hot water, and lemonade for Sunday morning refreshments after worship.

Supply Purchaser and Equipment Maintenance: Assist with shopping for kitchen supplies and maintaining equipment in one of our kitchens.

Fellowship Groups at Faith

Here are a few of the fellowship groups that you will find at Faith. To learn more, call the church office (916-428-3439).

Mariner Groups: Faith has two mariner groups for people to gather for friendship and fellowship: the "Castaways" (mostly retirees) and the "Windjammers" (mixed group of retirees and those still working). Members take turns planning social outings.

Faith Crafters: Crafters of all types are welcome to join this dedicated group that meets Mondays in Room 2 at the church from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. In addition to making crafts, they enjoy fellowship, share patterns, and help one another learn new skills as desired. The Faith Crafters sell their goods at the church during Advent, and 100% of the proceeds support Faith missions here in Sacramento and around the world.



Currently on hiatus.

Women's Book Club: This group meets fourth Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Depending on the season and circumstances, they meet either on Zoom or in participants' homes.

(For information about Presbyterian Women, another of Faith's fellowship groups, see page 14.)

FINANCE MINISTRY

TENDING FAITH'S FINANCES

Karen Chan, Elder

The Finance Team oversees the finances of Faith Presbyterian Church by providing the leadership and skills to manage them well. We recognize that each giver's financial gifts represent their hopes and dreams for a world transformed by our Savior, Jesus Christ, and we strive to honor these hopes and dreams by ensuring these gifts are secure for their intended use in the ministry and mission of Faith.

Members of the Faith Finance Team assist with different financial tasks, including recording annual stewardship pledges, tabulating the offering, writing checks, reconciling bank accounts, generating financial reports, inputting financial data, and overseeing the development and implementation of the annual budget.

The Finance Team develops portals for online giving and event registration through our database. This capability is a real benefit to many in the congregation.

The Finance Team is always interested in hearing from folks with specialized financial skills that may be of service to the church. Please contact Karen Chan.



O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.

1 Chronicles 29:16

Lay Ministry

WELCOMING & SERVING OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY AND HELPING THEM SHARE THEIR GIFTS & TALENTS

Linda Olsen, Elder

The goal of the Lay Ministry Team is to encourage and support present ministries, as well as encourage new ideas.

When you feel led to serve, our team will be happy to assist you in finding ways to shine the light of Christ.

Heart to Heart: This ministry matches those with a heart to serve with those in our congregation who may need a little help – perhaps companionship or transportation to a medical appointment. All ages are welcome to participate.



Bless the Ways We Serve: On the last Sunday of the month, people from our Faith family share stories of how they carry their Sunday faith into their Monday through Saturday world.

Time & Talents: On the last Sunday of the month, the "Time & Talents" table in the bulletin provides a list of short-term volunteer opportunities in and around the church. After worship, people can sign up to help fill these needs.



New Member Ministry: When people join the church, we share a celebratory lunch, introduce them to their deacon, and help them connect in meaningful ways with the life of the church.



Mission Ministry

SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS, NEAR & FAR, IN JESUS' NAME

Lilian Wanjau, Elder

God calls us to help those in need. The work of Faith's Mission Team focuses on providing information and guidance about, as well as opportunities for, local and global missions. The team encourages and equips the congregation to serve within and beyond our community. Some highlights include the following partnerships and endeavors:



Abaya, Ethiopia



One Child One Hen



Team World Vision



Summer Mission Trips

The people of Faith also support and serve in partnership with programs for alleviating hunger, addressing homelessness, and educating youth—all right here in Sacramento. With many opportunities to serve, we as the Body of Christ are able to carry out Kingdom work that both glorifies God and cares for others. Won't you join us?

Music Ministry

LEADING THE CONGREGATION IN WORSHIPING GOD
THROUGH MUSIC

Mark Tootle, Director of Music Ministry
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Faith's Chancel Choir leads the congregation in musical worship, singing a variety of genres ranging from classical to contemporary music.



Faith's Worship Band leads the contemporary music of various styles in our worship services.

Faith's Brass Ensemble regularly leads in worship. Those who have experience playing a brass instrument are invited to be involved.

Please contact Mark for more information.



Outreach Ministry

EQUIPPING THE FAITH COMMUNITY
TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH OTHERS

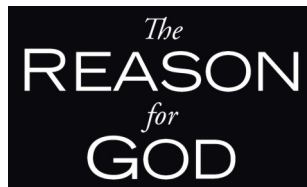
Janeil Hogue, Elder

The mission of the Outreach Ministry is to equip the members of Faith Presbyterian Church to be more intentional in sharing the love of Jesus Christ with others and to provide opportunities to do so.

The Outreach Team oversees and supports the following outreach efforts and activities:

Look @ Faith: On the last Sunday of every month, we host an informal reception for those who are new to Faith and would like to learn more about the church and how to connect.

The Reason for God: This six-session video series by Pastor Timothy Keller addresses common doubts and objections to Christianity. Using literature, philosophy, real-life experiences and the Bible, this series tackles hard questions like, “How can you say there is only one way to God?” and “Why does God allow suffering and evil?” Alpha is designed to foster open conversations about some of the more complex inquiries into Christian faith and belief.



The Marriage Course: This eight-session course offers practical support for couples—married, engaged, or in a long-term partnership—who are seeking to strengthen their relationship, keep the spark alive, and become more intimately connected. Couples enjoy a restaurant-quality meal at a table for two and then engage the course materials together, sharing in conversation only with one another.



Personnel Ministry

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH BY
OVERSEEING AND SUPPORTING FAITH'S STAFF

Stan Keasling, Elder

The Personnel Ministry Team administers the employment relationship with Faith's ordained and lay staff. We encourage and support Faith's staff to utilize their unique gifts and talents in the service of our Lord. We maintain personnel policies, assist in reviews, interpret employment policies and procedures, and make salary and staffing recommendations to Session.

Stewardship Ministry

GUIDING THE CHURCH INTO
FAITHFUL FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Lucy DaCastello, Elder

The Stewardship Ministry Team directs Faith Presbyterian Church's annual financial stewardship campaign and ongoing education focusing on stewardship as giving our time, talents, and treasures in service to God. Savings Banks are provided to our elementary-age children with fun instruction for parents and their children highlighting the importance of giving, saving, and spending. An important component of this ministry's work is to support major fundraising initiatives and ensure their proper coordination with the stewardship campaign.

Presbyterian Women

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH
FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE

Cathy Healow, Board Member

Presbyterian Women (PW) is an independent organization within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that offers women in the church meaningful ways to live out their faith in the midst of a caring community. Since the early 1800s, PW has supported missions, fought social injustice, shared the good news of Jesus Christ, and witnessed to the promise of God's Kingdom.



At Faith, PW promotes lasting friendships and supports the purpose and mission of the church. This is accomplished in part by sponsoring service projects, providing prayers of encouragement, and offering leadership opportunities. It is a blessing to have gotten acquainted with many in our congregation through this unique group.

There are no membership dues, and all women are invited to participate in Faith's PW, which meets the fourth Wednesday of most months, September through June. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the women gather for lunch and fellowship, and listen to a fascinating guest speaker. Information about upcoming PW meetings can be found in the PresbyNews and in Monday's "This Week @ Faith" email. To be placed on the distribution list for either one, please contact the office (916-428-3439).



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MINISTRY

TENDING FAITH'S BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Mark Laybourn, Elder

The **Property Maintenance Team** oversees the care and maintenance of the Faith campus, including its buildings and grounds. The **Building Ministry**, which is a part of this team, plans for facility updates and expansions and manages the construction of facility improvements.



Mini crews help with small maintenance projects at Faith. They meet on a semi-regular basis. Projects can be done on a flexible schedule.

The ministry also has "**Faith Workdays**" at various times throughout the year when the congregation is invited to help in caring for the campus on a variety of projects. It is a great time of fellowship and working together in activities that renew and care for Faith's buildings and grounds.



How you can serve: Watch "This Week @ Faith" for announcements about Faith workdays. If you have any special skills or are available to garden, please contact Mark Laybourn.

Worship Ministry

FOSTERING THE WHOLEHEARTED WORSHIP OF GOD

Lori Rapier, Elder

The Worship Ministry Team coordinates Faith's worship services and oversees many aspects of each service. Our overall goal is to ensure that all is ready on Sunday morning to guide the people of Faith into wholehearted worship of our Lord, knowing that this glorifies God, strengthens the gathered Body of Christ, and nourishes the spiritual life of individual worshippers.



For those with a heart to facilitate or help lead worship, here are ways you can get involved:

Ushers & Greeters welcome people to worship, distribute bulletins, assist people in finding seats, and help with the offering.

Worship Assistants read aloud the weekly Scripture passage and give the Call for the Offering.

Communion Preparers set out and clean up the elements for the Lord's Supper, which is celebrated the first Sunday of every month and on other holy days and special occasions.

Acolytes lead the congregation in worship by carrying the light of Christ into and out of the sanctuary.



Sanctuary decorators transform the sanctuary with beautiful, liturgically themed decorations throughout the church year.

Flower Arrangers work with church members to provide bouquets in honor or memory of loved ones.

Youth Ministry

GUIDING FAITH'S YOUTH INTO DEEPER FAITH IN CHRIST

Brett Shoemaker, Pastor of Family and Youth
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The Youth Ministry Team seeks to guide Faith's youth in deepening their relationship with God through meaningful interactions with peers and adults rooted in Christ with worship, memory-making, playfulness, and sharing our stories.



Currently, our **combined junior-high/senior-high youth group**, for youth in grades 7-12, meets Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Confirmation: This program offers an opportunity for high-school students to explore more deeply the essentials of the Christian faith and their relationship to Jesus. Each youth is matched with a mentor from the congregation, allowing for one-on-one conversation and reflection, in addition to group time with their peers.



Connecting Outside the Church: Regular mission service projects, one-shot opportunities to help with yardwork and moving, seasonal retreats, summer camp and Presbytery-wide youth events are a few key events that inspire growth and build faith.

Faith's Session

Session is the governing body of Faith Presbyterian Church—the church's equivalent to a board of directors. It is made up of pastors and elders. Each elder is elected for a three-year term to oversee specific ministry functions. Session is responsible for overseeing the mission and well-being of the community and for providing governance for the congregation in accordance with our denomination's *Book of Order*. Session meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members of the Faith community are welcome to attend. If you would like to know more about the roles and functions of the elders, talk with any current Session member.

Faith's current elders are:

Class of 2024

Lucy DaCastello, Stewardship
Mark Laybourn, Property
Kitty Tatro, Fellowship
Lilian Wanjau, Mission

Class of 2025

Chong Choe-Smith, Communications
Stan Keasling, Personnel
Claire Pisor, Adult Christian Formation
Lori Rapier, Worship

Class of 2026

Karen Chan, Finance
Vicky Chastain, Family Ministry
Janeil Hogue, Outreach
Linda Olsen, Lay Ministry

Faith's Deacons

Faith's deacons are called to a ministry of "sympathy, witness, and service." They participate in a variety of caregiving ministries, including intercessory prayer, home and hospital visitation, and assistance with memorial services at Faith. Everyone who regularly attends Faith is assigned to a parish. Deacons check in with their parishioners at least twice each year, and more often when times are hard for an individual or family in their parish.

If you know someone who is homebound who would like to receive **home communion**, or if you know of someone who is suffering and may be comforted by receiving a **prayer blanket**, contact Deacon Moderator Randy Smith via the office (landerson@faithpresby.org). If you would like to share a prayer request or join **Faith's Prayer Chain**, contact Alice Parente, Faith's Prayer Chain Coordinator, via the office (landerson@faithpresby.org).

If you regularly attend Faith and are not sure if you have a deacon or who your deacon is, call the church office (916-428-3439). Faith's current deacons are listed below, with each deacon's parish number indicated in parentheses.

Sherry Beams (14)	Audrey Newport (11)
Georgianne Becker (5)	Candi Okada (6)
Roy Chastain (13)	Lorraine Otani (12)
Helen Frisch (1)	Pam Rock (15)
Cathy Healow (4)	Anthony Shelton (8)
Sue Kim (9)	Randy Smith (3)
Winnie Ling (7)	Pat Witzens (10)
Betty McClure (2)	

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