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Pathways



Welcome to Faith!

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

To help you get to know Faith 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 listed in this booklet, please contact the church office during weekday business hours. Reach Office Manager Laura Anderson at (916) 428-3439 or landerson@faithpresby.org.

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

FORMING THE CHRISTIAN FAITH & IDENTITY OF ADULTS

Kathy Stern, Elder

The purpose of the Adult Christian Formation Ministry is to offer opportunities for the adults of Faith to be informed, formed, and transformed by God's Word. The anticipated outgrowth of this is at least twofold: that we increasingly reflect Christ in our homes, our community, and our world, and that we deepen in our spiritual relationships with other believers in our congregation.

Classes: Sunday morning classes meet between services throughout the year and are taught by outstanding teachers from within and outside our congregation. Midweek classes on various topics can be study-based or more experiential and contemplative, and are offered both in person and online.

Life Groups: Life Groups are small-group communities that meet regularly to dig deeper into the weekly sermon, ponder Scripture, pray for and with one another, and serve together, so as to grow together in faith and spiritual friendship.



Discipleship: We offer an ongoing discipleship group that incorporates the teachings of Jesus, small-group cohorts, and opportunities to live into the practices of Jesus in mission. There is an opportunity at least once each year to join this group, which is open to all.

Retreats: We hold four retreats every year: the *All-Church Fall Retreat* at Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, in the early fall; a *Reflective Retreat* in January to start the year off right; and the *Men & Boys' Retreat* and the *Women's Retreat* in the spring. Retreats are opportunities for great biblical teaching, worship, prayer, fellowship, rest, and fun together with our Faith family.

Library: Our library is open to all in the congregation, and it is well stocked with Bibles, Christian books of all genres, biblical and topical studies, and more. Stop by the Fireside Room whenever the church is open and the room is unoccupied to browse the shelves. Access the online catalog on our website (faithpresby.org) under the "Grow" and "Library" tabs. And, keep an eye out on Sunday mornings for the library's book cart, which has a specially curated selection of books. All materials are available to borrow.

*The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.*

—Psalm 119:130

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

CONNECTING US THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS

For information, contact Laura Anderson
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Our Primary Communications Resources:

www.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: This monthly newsletter includes a variety of articles about our shared life at Faith. You'll find it on our website under the "Media" tab; hard copies are available in the Link Hall foyer.

This Week @ Faith: Our Monday email update provides an overview of what is coming up at Faith. To be added to the distribution list, email Laura Anderson (landerson@faithpresby.org).

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

Audio-Visual Operations: The Communications Team partners with the Worship Ministry to record our worship services. Available recordings can be accessed via the church website, under the "Media" tab.

How to Get Involved: If you have skills or expertise in writing, editing, graphic design, websites, or audio-visual technologies, we'd love to talk with you! Please email Laura (landerson@faithpresby.org), and she will connect you with the team.

FAMILY MINISTRY

EQUIPPING OUR FAMILIES TO DISCIPLE THEIR CHILDREN

Vicky Chastain, Elder

Faith's Family Ministry equips and supports parents and other family members as they teach their children 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 Sunday evenings.



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

Families are also encouraged to participate together 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 US THROUGH FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY

Rich Hendricks, Elder

The Fellowship Ministry helps the congregation connect by providing intergenerational opportunities for fellowship. We provide after-worship coffee hour, the annual Congregational Luncheon, dinner before or dessert after Advent services, Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday dinners, and breakfast after Sunrise Service on Easter. We arrange the Supper Club each year and host the Pocket Area Churches Together (PACT) barbecue every fourth year.



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 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, polite but determined bidding on silent-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, and, optionally, bring treats.

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

Fellowship Groups at Faith

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

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.



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.

Presbyterian Women (PW): For information about this fellowship group, see page 14.

FINANCE MINISTRY

TENDING FAITH'S FINANCES

Karen Chan, Elder

The Finance Ministry 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.

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

Members of the Finance Ministry 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.



LAY MINISTRY

WELCOMING US IN & SUPPORTING US IN SERVICE

Linda Olsen-Edgar, Elder

The goal of the Lay Ministry Team is to encourage and support Faith's existing ministries, as well as to encourage new ministry ideas.

Here are some of the ministries the team oversees and supports:

Heart to Heart: This ministry consists of over 90 volunteers who assist those in our congregation with specific needs. Volunteers help with transportation to doctor appointments, offer companionship, write cards and notes to those who need encouragement, and do odd jobs. New volunteers are always welcome.



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 in the narthex to help meet these needs.

New Member Ministry: When people join the church, we invite them to a celebration luncheon, introduce them to their deacon, and help them connect in meaningful ways in the life of the church.

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. These stories are fascinating and encouraging.

Look @ Faith: Along with the Outreach Ministry, we participate in these informal receptions, which help newcomers learn more about Faith and find ways to connect here. Look @ Faith takes place the last Sunday of most months.

MISSION MINISTRY

SHINING LIGHT IN OUR COMMUNITY & OUR WORLD

Paul Philleo, Elder

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” —Matthew 5:16

With these words, Jesus encourages us to be shining lights and to serve in His name. That’s what the Faith Mission Ministry is all about. This ministry organizes and facilitates a portfolio of opportunities for anyone to offer their time, talent, and treasure toward being a light in the world. These opportunities include running and walking to provide clean water for communities around the globe, meeting with the underserved in South Sacramento each month, alleviating hunger in our city, assisting the un-housed, and traveling near and far to serve in response to Jesus’ call.



Mission Trip 2025

Additionally, this ministry is called to be stewards of tens of thousands of dollars annually, money used to: sponsor missionaries and Bible schools in distant lands; help pay the cost of vision/mission trips by the Faith congregation; and contribute to nonprofits and other servants that are themselves shining lights.



Walk for Water

Mission at Faith is active, vibrant, and generous. Does this sound interesting? Join us, and let your light shine!

MUSIC MINISTRY

LEADING US AS WE WORSHIP 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 the congregation in musical worship. Those who have experience playing a brass instrument are invited to be involved.

Please contact Mark Tootle for more information.



OUTREACH MINISTRY

EQUIPPING US TO SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS

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.

Sharing Our Faith: The Outreach Ministry periodically offers various classes designed to strengthen the members of Faith as they share their Christian witness with others. These classes are open to all, including folks from the wider community, and they offer the opportunity to explore questions related to the Christian faith. We explore our shared beliefs and the hard questions of non-believers by using videos, podcasts, printed materials, and discussion.

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

OVERSEEING & SUPPORTING FAITH'S STAFF

Stan Keasling, Elder

The Personnel Ministry Team administers the employment relationship with Faith's ordained and lay staff. We support Faith's staff in utilizing their unique gifts and talents in the service of our Lord, and we help them with questions and concerns that they may have with our employment practices. We maintain personnel policies, assist in reviews, interpret employment policies and procedures, and make salary and staffing recommendations to Session and the membership.

Stewardship Ministry

GUIDING US INTO FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

Lucy DaCastello, Elder

The Stewardship Ministry Team oversees Faith's annual financial stewardship campaign. This campaign is held each year in the fall and culminates in Stewardship Commitment Sunday and the Ministry Fair. Stewardship involves giving of our time, talents, and treasure in service to God. The team also offers "Smart Saver Banks" to our elementary-age children. These banks provide fun instruction for parents as they help their children understand the importance of giving, saving, and spending. A significant component of this ministry's work is to support major fundraising initiatives and ensure their proper coordination.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

CONNECTING US THROUGH FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE

Kathy Ellis, Board Member

Presbyterian Women (PW) is an independent organization within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that offers women of 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. In addition, the opportunity for sisters in Christ to become better acquainted with one another through this unique group has proved to be a blessing for many who participate.

There are no membership dues, and all women are invited to be a part of Faith's PW, which meets the fourth Wednesday of most months, September through May. From 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the women gather for lunch and fellowship, and listen to an engaging guest speaker.



Information about upcoming PW gatherings can be found in the PresbyNews and in Monday's "This Week @ Faith" email. To be placed on the distribution list for one or both, please contact the church office (916-428-3439).

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE MINISTRY

TENDING FAITH'S BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

John Brophy, 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 hosts seasonal **Faith Workdays**. The entire congregation is invited to bring their work gloves and lend a hand as we tackle a variety of tasks around the campus. As a group, we can get a lot done speedily, and these days are always a great time of fellowship as we work together to care for and renew Faith's buildings and grounds.



How you can get involved: Watch the Sunday bulletin and Monday's "This Week @ Faith" email for announcements about Faith Workdays. If you have any specialized skills or are available to garden, please contact John Brophy.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

FOSTERING OUR CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

Paul Kinney, Elder

The Worship Ministry Team coordinates and oversees many aspects of Faith's worship services. 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 and experience the spiritual fulfillment that comes through serving God and others:

Greeters welcome people to worship and host the Welcome Center after services.

Ushers welcome people to worship, distribute bulletins, and assist people in finding seats.

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

Worship Assistants read the Scripture 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.

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

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

Pew Crew members tidy and stock the pew book racks during the week.

Lock-up Crew closes down the building after the 11:00 a.m. service by turning off lights and heat/air and locking all doors and windows.

YOUTH MINISTRY

GUIDING OUR 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 who are rooted in Christ, and through worship, memory-making, playfulness, and our shared stories.



Youth Group:

Currently, our combined youth group for students in grades 7 to 12 meets Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

30 Hour Famine:

Our annual spring retreat is an opportunity to raise money to fight world hunger through World Vision's youth fundraising program. This also gives us a chance to connect with youth from around the Sacramento area in this combined and purposeful endeavor.

Summer Mission Experience:

Faith's summer mission trip, open to youth and adults alike, takes us to a different location each summer. This experience gives students an opportunity to serve outside of our church and city in meaningful, life-changing ways. Beginning in January, watch for information about our upcoming adventure.



FAITH'S SESSION

Session is the governing body of Faith Presbyterian Church—the church's equivalent of 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 Faith 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 2026

Karen Chan, Finance

Vicky Chastain, Family Ministry

Janeil Hogue, Outreach

Linda Olsen-Edgar, Lay Ministry

Class of 2027

John Brophy, Property Maintenance

Lucy DaCastello, Stewardship

Rich Hendricks, Fellowship

Paul Philleo, Mission

Class of 2028

Stan Keasling, Personnel

Paul Kinney, Worship

Kathy Stern, Adult Christian Formation

Vacant: Communications

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 and 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 Roy Chastain. If you would like to share a prayer request or join **Faith's Prayer Chain**, contact Alice Parente, Faith's Prayer Chain Coordinator. Call the church office at (916) 428-3439 to be connected with these folks.

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.

Bob Bagby (1)

Sherry Beams (14)

Madelyn Chand (12)

Roy Chastain (13)

Bob DeYoung (2)

Sally Evey (5)

Barbara Hull (9)

Betty McClure (7)

Audrey Newport (11)

Candi Okada (6)

John Ravas (15)

Benjamin Rodriguez (10)

Zarrin Sanchez (4)

Anthony Shelton (8)

Randy Smith (3)

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