



Faith

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

Foreshadows of the Cross
Part 4—Putting God on Trial
Exodus 17:1-7

“The rock was Christ.”
—1 Corinthians 10:4

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
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 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**

Emily Smolen (9:00)

Jade Smolen (11:00)

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

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Prayer of Confession

Brett Shoemaker

Response to Confession

Give Thanks

✠ **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.

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Welcome

Brett Shoemaker

Moment for Mission: Young Life

Kim Rodriguez & Daisy Martinez

Anthem (9:00)

Faith Chancel Choir
Sarah Espinoza, violin

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord
(Based on Eph. 4:4-6, 13; C. Courtney)

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died.

One voice, one song we lift in praise

To Him Who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.

One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, Who is in you all.

Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,

We are given to each other for the unity of faith,

That we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Walter Newport (9:00); Claire Pisor (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

*Foreshadows of the Cross
Part 4—Putting God on Trial*

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

Prayers of the People

Jeff Chapman

The Lord's Prayer

Giving & Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Walter Newport (9:00)
Claire Pisor (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**

What Wondrous Love Is This
#85, The Presbyterian Hymnal

✠ **Benediction**

✠ **Postlude**

Eunice Bancu

*If you would like to have someone 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 Marriage Course—Tuesday Evenings This Spring

The Marriage Course is an eight-session course that will be held in Link Hall on **Tuesday evenings this spring, beginning April 7 and ending May 26**. Sessions run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Marriage Course is designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. Each Tuesday you will be served a restaurant-quality meal, after which a video and guidebook will lead you and your spouse into a time of conversation designed to encourage growth in your marriage and to affirm your loving relationship. You will not be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your spouse.

Online registration is now open; access the registration form via the QR code at right. Course is limited to 20 couples, so those desiring to participate are urged not to delay in signing up. Couples from outside Faith are welcome to attend, as are engaged couples. Scholarships and subsidized rates are available. If you have any questions about The Marriage Course or how to register, please contact Outreach Elder Janeil Hogue (janeilhogue@yahoo.com) or Pastor Jeff Chapman (jchapman@faithpresby.org).



Good Friday Journey to the Cross

Friday, April 3 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. — Sanctuary



This Good Friday, you are invited to journey to the cross with Jesus by participating in a reflective and interactive “walk” through the stations of his life, from the annunciation to the crucifixion. Visit every station or just one or two, or simply linger in the silence of the sanctuary on this holy day. Come alone or with others; suitable for children if accompanied by adults. Instructions and guided reflections available.

Come and remember the depths of Christ's love for us.

Announcements and Events

Family Ministry

Rooted & Growing



Sundays 9:00 AM



Nursery
Newborn-3 yr



Godly Play
TK-2nd



Worship & Wonder
3rd-6th

Where we learn to stay rooted in Christ
and always growing in faith

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

Maundy Thursday Dinner

We hope you are planning to join us for our Maundy Thursday Dinner on **April 2 at 5:30 p.m. in Link Hall**. To help our Fellowship Team with their meal planning, please sign up today in the Welcome Center. Worship follows at 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate Family Promise!

Family Promise of Sacramento will hold their annual fundraising dinner celebration on Thursday, April 23, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event will take place at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, 5057 Cottage Way in Carmichael.

This event is Family Promise's largest fundraising effort of the year. It is also a time to celebrate the fruit of their work, which helps to equip families with everything needed to find and remain safely housed. The evening will feature delicious food and entertainment, as well as the opportunity to hear from adults whose lives have been changed for the better because of Family Promise's vital support for them and their children. It's an inspiring evening in support of an impactful ministry.

You're invited to join the celebration! Tickets are \$65 each; ticket order forms are in the Welcome Center. Mail your check, payable to Family Promise of Sacramento, to: PO Box 1378; Sacramento, 95812. To purchase by credit card, call Cheryl at Family Promise at (916) 443-3107.

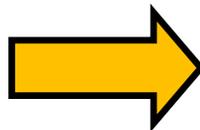
GRADES 7-12!

YOUTH GROUP @ 7:00PM

PART 3 OF "WHAT WE BELIEVE"

30 HOUR FAMINE!

SIGN UP HERE:



Opportunities to Learn, Connect & Serve

Adult Sunday School in March

In God's Warm Embrace

March 8, 15, 22, 29

10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Facilitator: Rev. Lorie Sprinkle

Our deepest longings are to know that we are loved and to know that we are not alone. We need to feel safe and secure in our connections to others and to God.

Do you see me? Do you love me? When I reach out to you, are you there? When I need comfort, do you comfort me? The way these implicit questions were answered in our childhood formed our sense of ourselves and others. And it determined how our brains are wired, profoundly impacting the way we navigate life today.

In this four-part series, we will discover how the Triune God answered these questions for four Old Testament characters through his very being as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will look at how modern brain science and ancient spiritual practices offer us ways to form healthier attachments. And we will practice ways to deepen our connection to God, that we might truly feel His warm embrace.



March PW Fellowship

All women of Faith are invited to join us for Presbyterian Women's March Fellowship, coming up on Wednesday, March 25, in Link Hall. The event runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with check-in starting at 11:15 a.m.



Our guest speaker this month is a "perennial" favorite—Greg Grayton from Green Acres Nursery & Supply. Greg will share spring planting tips with us. He is also prepared to answer your gardening questions, so come prepared with any green-thumb concerns you may have.

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.

Bring your lunch; chips, drinks and dessert provided by our board members. Don't miss this wonderful time of Christian friendship! For more information, contact Kathy Ellis, board member, at trvlkath@comcast.net.



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World Vision's 30 Hour Famine Coming Up Next Weekend—March 20-22

Faith's youth, along with youth from other local congregations, will be spending next weekend, March 20 to 22, fighting world hunger by participating in World Vision's 30 Hour Famine. This year's Famine is taking place at Westminster Woods, where our youth will spend time worshipping God, learning more about the plight of the hungry, and NOT eating for 30 hours. In addition they will serve together at the Redwood Gospel Mission in Santa Rosa. The weekend will conclude when they break their fast with Communion on the beach. This is always a spiritually impactful weekend for our youth.

You are invited to support our youth in this endeavor through gifts of your finances and your prayers. To support one or more youth financially, use the QR code here to go to the "Team Sac Presby Youth" page of World Vision's website. As you enter your giving information, **please be sure to check the "Add a message" box. In the message box that opens, type in the name(s) of the youth you are sponsoring.** Thank you so much for supporting our youth and remembering them in your prayers as they fast in the hope that others will soon be able to feast.



2026 Women's Retreat

"Sisters in Christ"

April 10—12 at Mercy Center Auburn

Commuter Option & Waitlist Still Available

While we are delighted that all on-site spaces for our upcoming Women's Retreat are full, we do recognize that some who wish to attend the retreat as overnight lodgers are not able to do so. Please know that the commuter option is still available. To learn more about this option, or to register for it, use this QR code. We also have a waitlist available. To be placed on the list, please email Renee Larsen, registrar, at reneelarsen@comcast.net.



Our theme this year is "Sisters in Christ," and we hope you will be able to join us for this weekend that will not simply be "about" Christian community but also a deep experience of such community that we will build together as sisters in Christ. Our time will be filled with the wonderful activities that make our Women's Retreats so special, as well as with more opportunities for us to connect in intentional ways that strengthen our bonds as sisters in faith. Laura Anderson will be our speaker, and she will turn our attention to biblical sisters Rachel and Leah who, along with their infant sons, have a lot to teach us about how we can nurture the bonds of community that join us.

This year, we are pleased to include an affordability discount of 30% off the cost of the retreat, as well as scholarship funds in cases of greater need. To read more about each option, follow the QR code above.

Whether you come as a lodger or a commuter, we hope you can be with us for what promises to be an uplifting weekend of growing together as Sisters in Christ!



Pointers for Using Faith's Hearing-Assist Devices

The wonderful audio-tech folks who maintain Faith's hearing-assist devices would like to share some "pointers" for using them. Putting these simple steps into practice will help to keep our hearing-assist devices working well for all who need them. When using a device, please be sure to:

- Turn off the device when you are done using it. The light should go out and you should feel a "click" when you fully turn the dial to the "Off" position.
- Leave the jack connected to the device to minimize wear and tear on the wires and connector. To indicate that the device has been used, simply put it in the "Used Aids" basket.
- Treat with care the hearing bud (the part inserted into the ear). Some devices have recently come back with the hearing bud crushed, requiring costly replacement.
- Drop off the device off before you leave the church. A few of our devices have recently gone missing. They are not easily replaced, so keeping the supply on site is important. If you discover one at home, no need to feel embarrassed! Just bring it back and drop it in the "Used Aids" basket or leave it in the office.

Many thanks for helping us keep our hearing-assist devices available and in good working order for all who need them!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

MEN & BOYS' RETREAT 2026

MAY 1-3 ~ WESTMINSTER WOODS ~ AGES 5 TO 105

Registration is now open for our not-to-be-missed Men & Boys' Retreat. This weekend retreat is designed for men of all ages. It is not a father-son retreat, though we love it when dads bring their sons, or granddads their grandsons! It's a weekend filled with opportunities for rich fellowship, much-needed rest, great food, lots of laughter, and practical teaching that will inspire us in our walk with Christ.

Our speaker this year is Jeremy Bouris. His theme will be "The Inner Man: Understanding the Core Desires of Every Man's Heart." Every man's heart longs for acceptance and respect, strength and courage, confidence and self-worth. We are hardwired to pursue these things. Jeremy will help us better understand how together, and in Christ, we can journey towards seeing these realized in our lives. Jeremy is married to his wife of fifteen years, Lisa, and the father of three children. He is currently the director of the Bayside Counseling Center.



To access the online registration form, follow this QR code. On the form, you'll see that there are several housing options available, from tent camping to the lodge. You'll also notice that there are several different cost options available, from full price to subsidized. We don't want finances to keep anyone from participating! Look over the options, and if further financial help would make it possible for you to attend, we also have generous campership funds available. If you would like to **request a campership, reach out to Pastor Jeff or Pastor Brett before you register online.** He will give you a special code to enter when you register.



New to Faith? We'd like the chance to meet you!

If you are new to Faith Church, we would like to invite you to an informal reception so we can get to know you, and in turn you can get to know us. Our next Look @ Faith reception is **Sunday, March 29, 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.*



Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (3/15)		Serving Next Sunday (3/22)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Emily Smolen	Jade Smolen	Liam Ndichu	Ben 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	Jarvis Arellano	Frank DeYoung Marianne Jenkins	Kathy Fields Vickie Weaver-Owens
Lock-up	N.A.	Paul Kinney	N.A.	Tom Busch
Media Center Techs	David Nash Anthony Shelton	David Nash	Dave Anders Audrey Newport	Rick Hom
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 3/16—3/19</i>	Karena Van Duyn	<i>Serving 3/23—3/26</i>	Jane Owen
Prayer Team	Sherry Beams Rich Hendricks	Chelle Ellis	Audrey Newport Anthony Shelton	Pam Rock
Teller Escorts	Bob DeYoung	Jarvis Arellano	Bill Edgar	Paul Heaton
Tellers	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy	N.A.	Jarvis Arellano Kitty Tatro
Ushers	Stan & Cynde Keasling	Roy Chastain	Sheila Sanders	Sylvia Warner
Welcome Ctr.	Stan Keasling	Janeil Hogue	Erin Gilbert	Chelle Ellis
Worship Asst.	Walter Newport	Claire Pisor	David Nash	Jim Tracy

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: March 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)
- Life Together Course—6 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Youth Group—7 p.m. (Link Hall, Youth Rm)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

MONDAY

- BSF Leaders Meeting—9 a.m. (Link Hall, Rms 2, 4, 5, 7)
- Faith Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Crafters—1 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Men's Life Group—1:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Discipleship Group—7 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Women's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- BSF—9 a.m. (All rooms)
- 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)
- **Lenten 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)
- Easter Choir Rehearsal—7 p.m. (Sanctuary, Choir Rm)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

FRIDAY

- Youth 30 Hour Famine (Off site)
- Office Closed

SATURDAY

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

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

ALMOST TIME TO FILL THE EASTER EGGS!

One of our traditions here at Faith is to hold an Easter egg hunt for children between the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services on Easter morning. As we get ready to fill the eggs, Faith's Family Ministry invites your donations of goodies to the effort. We would love to receive donations of:

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| Small candies | Small toys & trinkets | Resurrection-themed items for kids |
| Stickers | Key chains | Any little surprise that can fit in a plastic egg |

Donations may be dropped off with Lindsay Stanford or in the Donation Center closet. (Just ask in the Welcome Center if you don't know where this is.) Please drop off donations by Sunday, March 29. Thank you for adding to the joy of Easter morning for Faith's children!



Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento

“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

March 15, 2026

Exodus 17:1-7 (NRSV)

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?”

³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”

⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵ The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”



Message Notes

Foreshadows of the Cross
Part 4—Putting God on Trial

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 Exodus 17:1-7 again. What do you notice here? What stands out to you?
2. After all that the Lord had recently done to deliver his people Israel when there didn't seem to be a way out, how is it that they so quickly lose faith when the next obstacle comes up in the wilderness of Sin? Are their complaints valid?
3. When was a time in your life when you realized God had allowed you to come to a place where you were stuck with no way forward? How did you respond?
4. The Israelites put God on trial here, wanting him to prove to them that he is good and trustworthy. Do you/we do the same thing? When have you come to a point in your life when you questioned whether God could be trusted?
5. Why does God allow himself to be put on trial?
6. In referring back to this passage, Paul declares in I Corinthians 10:4, "**The rock was Christ.**" Is he right? How can this be?
7. Is God good? Whatever your answer, how can you be sure you are right? And if we believe that God is good, how can we make sure we don't forget this is the case?
8. What is one thing you believe that Christ is teaching you here through this message? How will that change the way you think or live?



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

*Can we trust God? Can we trust that everything God does is good?
What makes us believe that God is good?*

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:	I Timothy 1 / Psalm 71
Tuesday:	I Timothy 2 / Psalm 72
Wednesday:	I Timothy 3 / Psalm 73
Thursday:	I Timothy 4 / Psalm 74
Friday:	I Timothy 5 / Psalm 75
Saturday:	I Timothy 6 / Psalm 76
Sunday:	Lamentations 1 / Psalm 77

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Cole Rodriguez ~ John & Kim Rodriguez;
Sutter, Lauren ~ Esther Romero; Ian ~ Mark
& Mary-Beth Roop ~ Tali Rosario

♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

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

♦Church Leadership:

Linday Stanford Director, Family Ministry
Janeil Hogue Elder, Outreach
Sherry Beams Deacon, Parish 14

♦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.