



Faith

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

Foreshadows of the Cross
Part 3—God Sees To It
Genesis 22:1-19

“The resurrection is the miracle by which God provides new life in a situation where only death is anticipated. . . . The same God who set the test in sovereignty is the one who resolved the test in graciousness.”

-Walter Brueggemann

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
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2026
Order of Worship

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

Prelude Brigitte Portalanza; Faith Brass Ensemble (11:00)

Greeting Jeff Chapman

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

✠ **Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles** Joel Gilbert (9:00)
Ben Chand (11:00)

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

Prayer of Confession Jeff Chapman

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 Jeff Chapman

Moment for Ministry: The Marriage Course

Anthem (11:00) Faith Chancel Choir

Where Charity and Love Prevail

(Ancient liturgical text, trans. O. Westendorf; American hymn tune, arr. D. Forrest)

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found.
Brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.
With grateful joy and holy fear
true charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength
now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
(Let love prevail.)
And let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.
Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
Be Christ the glory that we seek,
be ours His holy peace.

Scripture Reading: Genesis 22:1-19

Dawn Vollmar (9:00); Cynthia Abbott (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

Patrick Vaughn

*Foreshadows of the Cross
Part 3—God Sees To It*

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

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Vicky Chastain

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Giving & Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Dawn Vollmar (9:00)
Cynthia Abbott (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

Brigitte Portalanza

✠**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**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
#276, The Presbyterian Hymnal

✠**Benediction**

✠**Postlude**

Brigitte Portalanza; Faith Brass Ensemble (11:00)

*If you would like to have somebody pray with you for any reason, there will be a prayer team available in the front row immediately after worship this morning.
Prayer Team: Randy Smith (9:00) and Renee Larsen & Ileana Maestas (11:00)*

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.



The Marriage Course—Tuesday Evenings This Spring

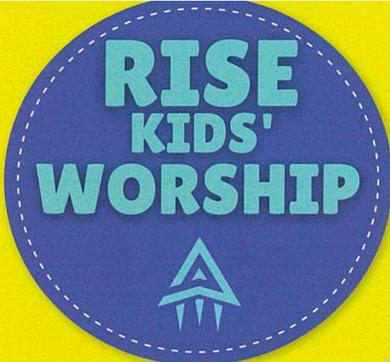
The Marriage Course is an eight-session course that will be held in Link Hall on **Tuesday evenings this spring, beginning April 7 and ending May 26**. Sessions run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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 both into a time of conversation designed to encourage growth in your marriage and to affirm your loving relationship with your spouse. You will not be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your spouse.

Course is limited to 20 couples. Couples from outside Faith are welcome to attend, as are engaged couples. Scholarships and subsidized rates are available. Watch for an email coming out later today with a link to the registration page. If you have any questions, please contact Janeil Hogue (janeilhogue@yahoo.com) or Jeff Chapman (jchapman@faithpresby.org).

Announcements and Events

Family Ministry



**RISE
KIDS'
WORSHIP**

**NURSERY
0-3 YEARS OLD**

**GODLY PLAY
PREK-2ND**

**WORSHIP & WONDER
GRADES 3-6**

**SUNDAYS
9:00 AM**

Let the worship of God rise in the hearts of every child and family

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

Kids Club!

**This Wednesday, March 11
5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Link Hall**

All children in K to 6th grade are warmly invited to join in the faith-filled fun of Kids Club this week. We'll be learning more about fruit—the wonderful fruit of the Holy Spirit! Come and join us as we think together about how we can be fruitful for God!

Parents, please register your children via this QR code.

Kids, we hope to see you there this Wednesday!



March PresbyNews

The March edition of the PresbyNews is now available. You'll find hard copies in the Welcome Center this morning, or read the full-color version online at faithpresby.org. You'll find the News under the blue Media tab near the top of the page.

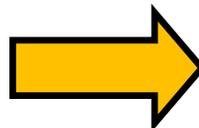
GRADES 7-12!

YOUTH GROUP @ 7:00PM

PART 2 OF "WHAT WE BELIEVE"

30 HOUR FAMINE!

SIGN UP HERE:



Opportunities to Learn & Connect

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.



Volunteer in the PACT Garden

While members of the Pocket area have now purchased by lottery-draw the eight plots available for 2026 in PACT's community garden, we still would love to have green thumbs and expert weeders and willing hands to **serve as volunteers in the garden**. Volunteers help tend the space and even come alongside novice gardeners to help them "grow" as gardeners. If this is something you might be interested in, please email pactgarden@gmail.com.



PACT is also hosting a **Community Garden Work and Education Day on Saturday, March 21**, and they would love for you to attend and learn more about the PACT community garden. Contact Jim Houston (jimwhouston@sbcglobal.net) for more information. The PACT garden is an opportunity for us to connect more deeply with our soil, our food and our community.

"He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and vegetation for the labor of man, so that he may bring forth food from the earth." —Psalm 104:14

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.*



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MEN & BOYS' RETREAT 2026

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

This 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.



There are several housing options at the retreat, from tent camping to the lodge. We also offer subsidized costs and camperships to make this weekend affordable for all. If you need a campership, please reach out to Pastor Jeff or Pastor Brett BEFORE you register online. Watch for an email this week with a link to our online registration page. We will also have a QR code in next Sunday's bulletin.



Opportunities to Support Faith's Mission Partners

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 the details in brief. Follow the links for more information.

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.



Family Promise's Annual Dinner Celebration

Thursday, April 23, 5:30—8:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish

5057 Cottage Way, Carmichael

Tickets are \$65 each; ticket order forms available in Welcome Center. Mail 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.

World Vision's 30 Hour Famine March 20-22

Faith's youth, along with youth from other local congregations, will be spending the weekend of 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 worshiping 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!



Serving on Sunday at Faith

| | Serving Today (3/8) | | Serving Next Sunday (3/15) | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. | 9:00 a.m. | 11:00 a.m. |
| Acolyte | Joel Gilbert | Ben Chand | Emily Smolen | Jade Smolen |
| Coffee Hosts | Karena & Mike Van Duyn | Ken Finch Tanis Toland | John & Stephanie Homen | Sanejo Leonard |
| Communion Servers | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Greeters | Rich & Janelle Hendricks | Kerrilee Blunt | Bill Edgar & Linda Olsen-Edgar | Jarvis Arellano |
| Lock-up | N.A. | Bob Bagby | N.A. | Paul Kinney |
| Media Center Techs | Dave Anders Paul Kinney | Rick Hom | David Nash Anthony Shelton | David Nash |
| Pew Crew | <i>Serving 3/9—3/12</i> | Cheryl Chan | <i>Serving 3/16—3/19</i> | Michele Yarbrough |
| Prayer Team | Randy Smith | Renee Larsen Ileana Maestas | Sherry Beams Rich Hendricks | Chelle Ellis |
| Teller Escorts | Jennifer Anders | Paul Heaton | Bob DeYoung | Jarvis Arellano |
| Tellers | N.A. | Bill Edgar Paul Heaton | N.A. | Erwina Bush Jim Tracy |
| Ushers | Walter & Audrey Newport | Jarvis Arellano | Stan & Cynde Keasling | Roy Chastain |
| Welcome Ctr. | Marianne Jenkins | Terry Fong | Stan Keasling | Janeil Hogue |
| Worship Asst. | Dawn Vollmar | Cynthia Abbott | Walter Newport | Claire Pisor |

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 8–14

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)
- Deacon Meeting—12:30 p.m. (Rm 2)
- 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)
- Camellia Symphony Rehearsal—5:30 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Men's Discipleship Cohort—5:30 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Women's Discipleship Cohort—5:30 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Session Meeting—7 p.m. (Sanctuary, Choir Rm)
- Women's Discipleship Cohort—7 p.m. (Fireside 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—2:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Girl Scouts—6 p.m. (Rm 4)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

WEDNESDAY

- PW Board Meeting—9:15 a.m. (Rm 2)
- Women's Life Group—10 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Kids Club—5 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Worship Band Rehearsal—6 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- **Lenten Worship**—7 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- District 7 Baseball Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 4)
- 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

- Camellia Symphony Rehearsal—5 p.m. (Link Hall)

SATURDAY

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

*The Faith Church office is open
Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
and Friday by appointment.*

Calendar at a Glance

Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

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| March 11 | Lenten Midweek Worship (Also 3/18 & 3/25) |
| April 2 | Maundy Thursday Dinner (5:30) & Worship (7:00) |
| 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 |

Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento

“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

March 8, 2026

Genesis 22:1-19 (NRSVUE)

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹² He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide,” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸ and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.” ¹⁹ So Abraham returned to his young men, and they arose and went together to Beer-sheba, and Abraham lived at Beer-sheba.

Message Notes

Foreshadows of the Cross
Part 3—God Sees To It

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 Genesis 22:1-19 again. What troubles or disturbs you most about this passage? Why?
2. In what ways is the crucifixion of Jesus also disturbing? Where do you feel resistance to it?
3. Have you ever experienced a season that felt like a testing of your faith? What made it feel that way?
4. Looking back, did that season produce loss, growth, clarity, deeper trust — or something else?
5. Abraham responds “Here I am” to both God and Isaac. What does that say about faithful attentiveness?
6. What practices help you remain attentive to God when life feels agonizing or confusing?
7. How does reading Genesis 22 in light of Jesus change — or not change — how you hear it?
8. Where right now in your life can you not see? What would it look like to entrust that place to God?



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

Ask your parents or grandparents these questions:

What is the hardest thing that God ever asked you to do? What happened?

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.

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| Monday: | Mark 14 / Psalm 64 |
| Tuesday: | Mark 15 / Psalm 65 |
| Wednesday: | Mark 16 / Psalm 66 |
| Thursday: | Ruth 1 / Psalm 67 |
| Friday: | Ruth 2 / Psalm 68 |
| Saturday: | Ruth 3 / Psalm 69 |
| Sunday: | Ruth 4 / Psalm 70 |

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

David Robinson & Elena Casey; Molly, Christopher ~ Shirley Robinson ~ Sue Robinson ~ Steve & Pam Rock; Jason, Mike ~ Ben Rodriguez

♦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, Lucy DaCastello.

♦Church Leadership:

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| Brett Shoemaker | Associate Pastor |
| Rich Hendricks | Elder, Fellowship |
| Roy Chastain | Deacon, Parish 13 |

♦Other Opportunities for Prayer

Prayer Chain: Contact Alice Parente at vsas77@earthlink.net to share a prayer concern or to become part of the prayer chain.

Pre-Service Prayer: We meet in the Fireside Room every Sunday morning at 8:30 for prayer before worship. All are welcome.

Prayer After Worship: If you would like someone to pray with you, our prayer team will be available at the front of the church immediately following worship this morning.

Tuesday Morning Zoom Prayer Gathering:

All are welcome to join us for prayer on Zoom Tuesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. Using a psalm or other scripture as our guide, we pray together—some silently, some aloud. Most of us keep our cameras off. It's wonderful to start our day in this way together. The Zoom ID is **871 3470 6671**.



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.