



Christ in Us
Part 1—The Fruit of His Spirit
Galatians 5:13-26

“It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.”
-Galatians 2:20

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
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 2026

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Simon Amanuel

Greeting

Brett Shoemaker

One: Christ has risen!

All: **Christ has risen indeed!**

✠ Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles

Joel Gilbert (9:00)

Josh Chand (11:00)

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

Everlasting God

Prayer of Confession

Brett Shoemaker

Response to Confession

Good Good Father

✠ Declaration of Forgiveness

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

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

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

Welcome

Brett Shoemaker

Prayer of Remembrance

Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

Sacrament of Baptism (9:00)

Mae and Rex Tezanos-Pinto

Children's Message

Jeff Chapman

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:13-26

Dawn Vollmar (9:00); Ron Beams (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

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After the sermon, 7th & 8th graders are invited to the Youth Room for Donuts & Discussion.

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Stan Keasling

**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 Tithe and Our Offerings

Dawn Vollmar (9:00)
Ron Beams (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

Simon Amanuel

✠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

Be Thou My Vision
#339, The Presbyterian Hymnal

✠Benediction

✠Postlude

Simon Amanuel

*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: Randy Smith (9:00) and Ileana Maestas (11:00)*



Vacation Bible School 2026—Registration Is Now Open!

June 15-19, 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Faith

You may need your sunglasses at Vacation Bible School this summer because we are stepping into the light to find out how it reveals Jesus to us. And **Jesus is BRILLIANT!** Join us for this week of worship, Bible stories, music, games, crafts, and joyful fun as we get to know Jesus better as the True Light of our world.

VBS will take place right here at Faith the week of June 15 to 19, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Children in Pre-K to 6th grade are welcome to be a part of this fantastic time of learning about Jesus, in the good company of caring adults, a few zany characters, and plenty of friends, old and new.

Register using the QR code at right, or see the direct link in tomorrow's "This Week @ Faith" email. Contact Director of Family Ministry Lindsay Stanford with any questions (916-428-3439, ext. 106; lstanford@faithpresby.org).

Register Here:



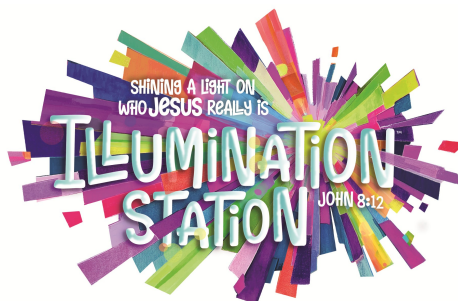
Calling All Adult & Youth VBS Volunteer Leaders...

...because **you know we can't do it without you!** Online sign-up forms are now ready for adults and youth who would like to volunteer as VBS leaders. Scan the appropriate QR code below to get started. We look forward to hearing from you!



Adult Volunteers

Adult Volunteers



Youth Volunteers

Youth Volunteers

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.

Memorial Service for Mary Nabers

There will be a memorial service here at Faith for our dear sister in Christ, Mary Nabers. The service will take place on **Saturday, April 25, at 11:00 a.m.** in the sanctuary. A reception with lunch will follow in Link Hall.

Childcare for Kids of Parents in Adult Sunday School

We are excited to let you know that if you are an adult who would like to attend Sunday school but need childcare in order to do so, Faith has you covered!

Beginning this morning, Lindsay Stanford will be providing childcare between services for children whose parents/guardians are attending Sunday school. Sign

up in advance (during the 9:00 a.m. service is fine!) using this QR code to ensure enough care providers. Then drop your children off with Lindsay, who will be waiting for them outside near the play structure. Please pick up your tots within five minutes of the end of class.



Church Office Opens Late Tomorrow

Owing to an off-site meeting in the morning, the **Faith office will open tomorrow, Monday, April 13, at 1:00 p.m.**

— **LIGHTHOUSE** —

GRADES 7-12!

YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT!

“CAN WE TRUST THE RESURRECTION?”

APRIL 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

JOIN THE APP!



Contact Brett Shoemaker for more info and to get on our email list:

Opportunities to Learn & Connect

Starts This Morning

In Christ Alone: The Colossian Letter

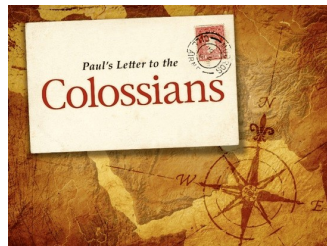
April 12, 19, 26; May 17, 24, 31

10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Facilitator: Rev. Rick Hull

It is a time of social chaos, spiritual confusion, and decaying moral values.

It is a time when an entire culture is struggling, and good-hearted believers are seeking. Who has the power to assure us and fulfill us? Whose call do we follow? Where is there a dependable hope? What are we to do?



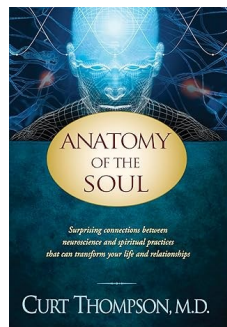
It is a time so very like our own. And to this ancient-yet-modern culture the Apostle Paul pens a letter that speaks assurance, guidance and courage in every generation that has read it. These six practical, compelling segments take us to the very heart of New Testament faith – “In Christ Alone.”

Book Study on *Anatomy of the Soul*

You are invited to attend a book study on *Anatomy of the Soul: Surprising Connections Between Neuroscience and Spiritual Practices that Can Transform Your Life and Relationships*, by Curt Thompson, M.D. Thompson is a psychiatrist who integrates neuroscience and attachment with Christian spirituality so that we might

become more the people God intends us to be. This study is a follow-up to the recent Sunday School class, “In God’s Warm Embrace,” taught by Rev. Lorie Sprinkle. You do not have to have attended the class in order to participate in the book study.

We will meet at the home of Ron and Lorie Sprinkle on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning April 14**. Please contact Lorie at lpfursich@gmail.com to sign up. She will send you further details, including their address. Also, please purchase the book promptly.



Join Us Whenever You Can!

Holy Spirit... The Stranger Within Us

Wednesday Evenings

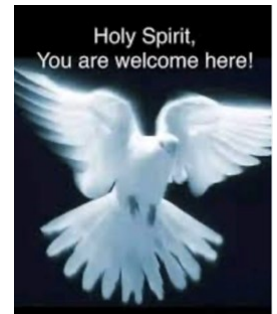
April 8 to May 20

7:00-8:30 p.m., on Zoom

Facilitator: Alice Parente

As Christians, we believe there is a power greater than ourselves—One with the power to rescue us and our world.

And currently, we *yearn* to see God’s power in action amongst us.



According to Jesus, God’s power is reflected in the Holy Spirit, who is the third and not-so-talked-about member of the Trinity.

In John 15 and 16, Jesus tells His disciples that after He leaves, He will send them an Advocate, the Spirit of truth. The book of Acts is filled with testimonials about the arrival and power of the Spirit amongst the people.

But Jesus didn’t send that Advocate, that Spirit, only to that particular time and place, only to those particular people. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with God’s people forever.

Given this truth about the presence of the Holy Spirit with us, how can we, as followers of Jesus today, come to know more fully the *reality* and the *power* of the Holy Spirit in and among us—just as the disciples did way back when? How can we faithfully and courageously live into the experience of Jesus within us here in this place, among today’s people?

Holy Spirit: The Stranger Within Us is a seven-week opportunity to explore Jesus’ invitation into an authentic, lived friendship with the Spirit—the very presence of Jesus himself within and among us.

There is no assigned book for this class. We are using articles, podcasts, and videos created by spiritual formation giants who bring insights and perspectives around the Holy Spirit.

If you’d like to join or have questions, please let Alice Parente know at vsas77@earthlink.net.

Opportunities to Serve

Walk 2 Miles. Change the World!

Walk4Water

Sunday, April 26, at 10:15 a.m.

Around the world, women and children walk miles every day, often in dangerous situations and across dangerous terrain, to find water that isn't even clean. We can help!

In partnership with World Vision's Abaya, Ethiopia, Area Development Program, Faith will hold its annual **Walk4Water on Sunday, April 26, after the 9:00 service.** We'll walk two miles roundtrip, carrying a jug of water on the return, as a way to raise funds for clean water in Abaya. The goal of clean water for all is in sight there!

You can take part in several ways, including donating, walking, helping with the event and, of course, picnicking on the patio afterwards! To register as a walker or to donate to the cause of clean water, use this QR code.



Thank you! This year marks our 16th year of partnership with Abaya. We hope you will celebrate this partnership with us and join us on Sunday, April 26, when we'll Walk4Water so that our global brothers and sisters no longer have to.



Opportunity for Hospitality

In early May we will have a small group of young adults visiting us from one of our global mission partners, Urban Promise. These are young men and women (mostly in their 20s) from various countries in Africa who are studying in New Jersey for two years to be better equipped to return to help lead their various ministries. Among other things, they will help lead us in worship on May 3.

We are looking for hosts who would be willing to house them for a few days, specifically April 30 and May 2-3. (They will be traveling the evening of May 1.) They will, for the most part, be busy during the day, so they just need a place to sleep. They will not need transport. If you are willing, please contact Pastor Jeff Chapman at jchapman@faithpresby.org.



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Sewing Supplies Needed!

Girls Raising Hands is a program under Youth Promise Centre Kenya (and a mission partner of Faith) that seeks to raise a generation of healthy, empowered young women—including by teaching them entrepreneurial skills like sewing. To support this ministry, Esther Chapman is collecting new or gently used sewing supplies, which she will take to Kenya in May. Most helpful will be good quality scissors, pins, needles, measuring tapes and fabric. (No thread is needed at this time.) Please drop donations in the church office or contact Esther for a pickup: 916-384-5596.



New Life Groups Are Starting This Spring

It's a great time to join!

Life Groups are small groups (4-12) of people who meet weekly for Bible study, prayer and community. These groups have been instrumental in fostering spiritual growth and building friendships for many here at Faith. While Life Groups are always open to receiving new members, the time when a new group is forming can be an especially good time to join. The following groups are starting up:



- Sunday morning co-ed group; meets on the Faith campus between services from 10:15 to 11:15.
- Wednesday evening co-ed group in Elk Grove (6:30 p.m.); meets every other week.
- Wednesday evening co-ed group (5:30 p.m.); meets in homes.
- Thursday afternoon men's group (3:00 p.m.); meets in homes.

If you are interested in checking out one of the groups, please contact either Janelle Hendricks (joyfuljanelle@gmail.com) or Jeff Chapman (jchapman@faithpresby.org).

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

If you are new to Faith Church, we would like to invite you to an informal reception so we can get to know you, and in turn you can get to know us. Our next Look @ Faith reception is **Sunday, April 26, 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.*



Presbyterian Women Fellowship

Wednesday, April 22, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Link Hall

All women of Faith are warmly invited to attend the April fellowship luncheon of the Presbyterian Women. This month, we will be welcoming Eve Mar from "Canines for Christ" as our guest speaker. This is a Christian-based, canine-assisted therapy ministry serving the Sacramento area to share God's message of love, hope, kindness and compassion with the community. (And you can bet there will be a furry bundle of love for us to fawn over!)



At our April gathering, we will also take orders for our year-end PW May Fellowship (Selland's box lunches). Check-in for the April meeting begins at 11:15 a.m. Bring your lunch; drinks, chips and dessert will be provided. Please contact Kathy Ellis (trvlkath@comcast.net) for more information.

RSVP Concert at Faith

RSVP (Reconciliation Singers Voices of Peace) is a Sacramento-based vocal ensemble founded in 2000. They will be presenting a free concert in Faith's sanctuary on Friday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. (Doors open at 7:00 p.m.) There is no entry fee, though a free-will donation will be received. In keeping with RSVP's mission of serving the community, 100% of donations received will given in support of a local nonprofit. This spring's recipient is "Bigger Than Us Arts," an organization providing arts education that is inclusive, diverse and transformative. To learn more about this organization, visit their website: <https://www.btuarts.org>. To learn more about RSVP, visit them at www.rsvpchoir.org.



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 is the father of three children. He is currently the director of the Bayside Counseling Center.



Access the online registration form via the QR code. On the form, you'll see 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. Hope to see you at the Woods!



"Tacos and Talents" Youth Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, April 18—6:00 p.m. in Link Hall



With Faith's days of fireworks sales now behind us, we are developing new ways to help support financially the youth and adults who will be taking part in this summer's mission experience in Alaska. Towards this end, you are warmly invited to "Tacos and Talents" on Saturday, April 18, starting at 6:00 p.m. in Link Hall. There will be a taco bar and a not-to-be-missed talent show by our youth, as well as time to fellowship with your Faith friends. Tickets are \$20 per adult (\$5 more at the door) and \$10 per

child 17 or under. Reserve yours using this QR code and then pay the advance-purchase rate at the door. Come enjoy the fun and the food! You'll be supporting Faith's youth as they head to Alaska to serve.



Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (4/12)		Serving Next Sunday (4/19)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Joel Gilbert	Josh Chand	Sydney Ndichu	Madison Stanford
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	Dennis & Margie Montzingo	Jarvis Arellano	Bill Edgar & Linda Olsen-Edgar	Lori Rapiere
Lock-up	N.A.	Bob Bagby	N.A.	Brian Heiden
Media Center Techs	Dave Anders Jon Coupal	Rick Hom	David Nash Anthony Shelton	Paul Kinney
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 4/13—4/16</i>	Cheryl Chan	<i>Serving 4/20—4/23</i>	Michele Yarbrough
Prayer Team	Randy Smith	Ileana Maestas	Sherry Beams Rich Hendricks	Chelle Ellis
Teller Escorts	Jennifer Anders	Jarvis Arellano	Bill Edgar	Paul Heaton
Tellers	N.A.	Jarvis Arellano Kitty Tatro	N.A.	Bill Edgar Paul Heaton
Ushers	Charlie Tucker	Terry Fong	Sheila Sanders Charlie Tucker	Jarvis Arellano
Welcome Ctr.	Janeil Hogue	Pam Rock	TBD	TBD
Worship Asst.	Dawn Vollmar	Ron Beams	April Reichert	Alice Parente

Faith Worship Band: Eunice Bancu, Michaela Bannerman, Shane Bannerman, Esther Chapman, Andrew Chen, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Paul Philleo, Zach Roberts, 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: April 12–18

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)
- Deacons Meeting—12:30 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—4 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Youth Group—7 p.m. (Youth Rm, Link Hall)
- 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 a.m. (Off site—Office opens at 1:00 p.m.)
- Crafters—1 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Men's Life Group—1:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- 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)
- Life Group—4 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Girl Scouts—6 p.m. (Rm 4)
- Marriage Course—6:30 p.m. (Link Hall)
- 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)
- Life Group—7 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- 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)
- VBS Prep Team—10 a.m. (Link Hall)
- Women's Life Group—10:30 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Bethany AC Meeting—10:30 a.m. (Choir Rm)
- Choir Rehearsal—7 p.m. (Sanctuary, Choir Rm)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

FRIDAY

- No Scheduled Events

SATURDAY

- Tai Chi—8:30 a.m. (Courtyard)
- RSVP Rehearsal—9 a.m. (Sanctuary)
- Tacos & Talents Youth Fundraising Dinner—6 p.m. (Link Hall)

Except as noted, the Faith Church office is open Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Friday by appointment.

Reaching Out Resource Fair

Saturday, April 25, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Our next Reaching Out event will take place **Saturday, April 25, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. on the campus of Bethany Presbyterian Church.** We would love to have you join us as we offer free resources and extend peace and encouragement to some of our neighbors in need of a little extra support. For more information about how you can be a part of this endeavor, contact Reaching Out's coordinator, Cathy Philleo, at philbertcekp@frontiernet.net.

Here are the donations sought for April: children's activity and coloring books (to keep kids usefully occupied during the summer!); spring and summer clothing—**we especially need clothes for men**; toiletries and household cleaning supplies; pet food and cat litter; new or gently used Bibles, including story Bibles for children. Please drop off donations in Faith's Donation Center by Thursday, April 23, at 4:00 p.m. Thank you for caring for these neighbors with God's love!



Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento

“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

April 12, 2026

Galatians 5:13-26 (NRSV)

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.



Message Notes

Christ In Us

Part 1—The Fruit of His Spirit

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 Galatians 5:13-26 again. There's a lot here. What stands out to you?
2. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Is this an accurate description of your life today, of your character? Why or why not?
3. To this point, what has been your plan (if you've had one) when it comes to becoming the sort of person who embodies these characteristics, a person more like Jesus?
4. What do you think Paul means when he says in Galatians 2:20, "It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me"? And then later in Galatians 4:19, he says this to the church to which he is writing: "**My little children, for whom I am again in the pain of childbirth until Christ is formed in you...**" Christ in us? Christ formed in us? What is this all about?
5. Consider the claim that there is a war going on inside of you between the desires of your flesh and the desires of the Spirit. Do you agree? How do you experience this battle?
6. Examine your own life. How do you see the fruit of the Spirit growing in you over time?
7. What is one way that you recognize that you might better "keep in step" with the Spirit and with others around you in the church? Be as specific as you can.
8. If somebody asked you, "So how do I become the sort of person described by the fruit of the Spirit?" what would you tell them?



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

Read Galatians 5:22-23. Talk together about each aspect of the fruit of the Spirit. What does each one look like? How do we see these in Jesus?

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 Samuel 15 & 16 / Psalm 99
Tuesday:	I Samuel 17 & 18 / Ps. 100
Wednesday:	I Samuel 19 & 20 / Ps. 101
Thursday:	I Samuel 21 & 22 / Ps. 102
Friday:	I Samuel 23 & 24 / Ps. 103
Saturday:	I Samuel 25 & 26 / Ps. 104
Sunday:	I Samuel 27 & 28 / Ps. 105

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Anthony & Melissa Shelton ~ Pat Shepherd ~ Jeremy & Bless Sheppard; Isabella, Tristan ~ Brett & Wendy Shoemaker; Emma, Ellie, Emelia ~ Jeff Simington

♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

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

For Comfort: For the family and friends of Georgina Borton upon her recent passing.

♦Church Leadership:

Jeff Chapman	Pastor/Head of Staff
Linda Olsen-Edgar	Elder, Lay Ministry
Randy Smith	Deacon, Parish 3

♦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**.

