



Faith

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

Rule of Life: The Practice of Sacrament
Part 1—Lest You Forget Who You Are
Matthew 3:13-17

“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”
-Matthew 3:17

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
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
JUNE 28, 2026
Order of Worship

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

Prelude Eunice Bancu; Faith Brass Ensemble (11:00)

Greeting Ata Ioane (9:00); Abraham Santiago (11:00)

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

✠ Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles Jade Smolen (9:00)
Emily Smolen (11:00)

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

✠ Prayer of Confession Ata Ioane (9:00); Abraham Santiago (11:00)

✠ Response to Confession *All I Have Is Christ*

✠ 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

Alaska Mission Team Commissioning (9:00)

Children's Message (9:00) Jeff Chapman

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 David Nash (9:00); Karen Chan (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

*Rule of Life: The Practice of Sacrament
Part 1—Lest You Forget Who You Are*

Prayers of the People

Jeff Chapman

Giving & Receiving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

David Nash (9:00)
Karen Chan (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.

Time & Talents Offering

✠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

When Jesus Came to Jordan
#72, The Presbyterian Hymnal

✠Benediction

✠Postlude

Eunice Bancu; 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: Audrey Newport & Anthony Shelton (9:00) and Lucy DaCastello & Pam Rock (11:00)*

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.

Save the Date for Our All-Church Picnic!

Faith, we're having a picnic, and you're invited! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 8**. The fun is happening at **Parkway Oaks Park**, 7541 S. Land Park Dr. We'll **gather at 11:00 a.m.**, and there will be a **barbecue lunch at noon**. Please bring a side dish to share.

We have the park reserved for the whole day, so bring whatever you'll need to make a relaxing and enjoyable day of it — blankets, lawn chairs, extra drinks or snacks, games to share. It'll be a blast! Hope to see you there!

College/Young Adult Bible Study

Once again this summer, all college students and young adults (you define young!) are invited to the Chapman house at 7:00 on Sunday evenings starting tonight. Study goes from 7:00-8:30, and we always have food. Address is 356 Bay River Way. Invite others along. All are welcome.



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— LIGHTHOUSE —

GRADES 7-12

NEXT UP:

MISSION TRIP TO ALASKA!

Plus, stay tuned for summer events in July!

JOIN THE APP!



Contact Brett Shoemaker for more info and to get on our email list:
bshoemaker@faithpresby.org

Opportunities to Learn & Connect

Concludes This Morning

A Simple Approach to Homiletics: Assembling the Content of a Bible Passage to Facilitate Understanding

June 14, 21, 28

10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Facilitator: Larry Larsen

The Scriptures are recorded in languages spoken today by few people. Therefore, sermons and homilies serve to facilitate understanding. Very briefly, sermons tend to be longer and explore more deeply, while homilies tend to be shorter and explore more simply.

The simple approach to homiletics that we will explore in this class has been used for decades by leaders in Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). Audrey Wetherell Johnson, the founder of BSF, learned this approach, pioneered by Hudson Taylor, while serving with the China Inland Mission.

We will practice homiletics using John 6:1-21, in three parts.

Let's Celebrate Marlys!

Join us today between services as we celebrate Marlys Emery! After three years as Faith's Financial Assistant, Marlys is retiring from her position in order to pursue some of her hobbies and passions. Though Marlys (and her husband, Ken) will continue to be a part of the Faith community, we want to celebrate her ministry among us. Join us at about 10:15 a.m. on the patio as we thank Marlys for her faithful ministry and wish her godspeed as she steps into all that God has in store for her next.

If you would like to contribute to a gift for Marlys, please make your check payable to Faith Presbyterian Church, with "Marlys' gift" on the memo line. If you would like to write a note of appreciation to Marlys, you'll find supplies available during today's celebration, or drop yours off in the office.



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[facebook.com/FaithPresbyterianChurch](https://www.facebook.com/FaithPresbyterianChurch)

Adult Sunday School in July & August

Why We Worship the Way We Do

July 12, 19, 26 & August 16, 23, 30

10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Our worship service is more than a collection of hymns, prayers, and readings; it is a carefully shaped pattern that has developed over centuries to help God's people worship Him faithfully. It's "the work of the people"—our liturgy.

Join us between services in July and August as we explore the meaning behind our worship and discover how a deeper understanding of the liturgy can help us engage more fully—with mind, heart, and body—in the worship of God together.

Here's the upcoming schedule:

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| July 12 | Gathering, with Mark Tootle |
| July 19 | Confession & Forgiveness, with Brett Shoemaker |
| July 26 | The Word, with Lorie Sprinkle |
| Aug 16 | Response to the Word, with Jeff Chapman |
| Aug 23 | Sacrament, with Jack McNary |
| Aug 30 | Sending, with Laura Anderson |

Introducing Faith's New Financial Assistant

Faith's new Financial Assistant, who will begin on July 1 after Marlys' retirement from the position, will be a familiar face to many of you.

Faith's Personnel Team and Session are pleased to announce that Rachael Tezanos-Pinto will be

stepping into this position. Rachael already serves as Faith's Communications Coordinator; she will continue in this role even as she takes on the duties of the Financial Assistant.

Please join us in welcoming Rachael to this new position. We are excited that her many gifts and talents will now be shared even more widely with our community.



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

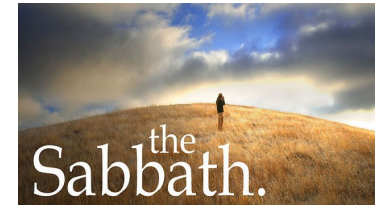
If you are new to Faith Church, we would like to invite you to an informal reception so we can get to know you, and in turn you can get to know us. Our next Look @ Faith reception is **today, June 28, at 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

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.*



First Sunday Sabbath Pray and Play Next Sunday!

Please plan to **join us next Sunday, July 5, at 10:15 a.m. when we celebrate First Sunday Sabbath.** All meetings and adult classes are paused that day (and on the first Sunday of every month) so that we can gather simply to worship and fellowship together. Come and enjoy the good food and great company! We'll gather in Link Hall and spill out onto the patio as weather permits. Don't miss this wonderful time of Christian fellowship!



Announcing Faith's All-Church Fall Retreat 2026 September 11-13 at Zephyr Point

Summer has just arrived, but we're already looking forward to one of the annual highlights in the life of our congregation—Faith's All-Church Fall Retreat! The retreat is from Friday to Sunday, September 11 to 13, at the beautiful Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, located right on the shores of Lake Tahoe. **Online registration opens Monday, July 6, at 8:00 a.m. and closes Monday, August 24, at 11:00 p.m.**

We are delighted to welcome back **Wayne Weissman** and his wife, Patti. Wayne has served in ministry for more than 40 years, primarily with Torchbearers International, one of Faith's mission partners. Through his ministry, he has taught and encouraged believers around the world with his clear, Christ-centered teaching.

Wayne and Patti have been married for 39 years and are blessed with four children and fourteen grandchildren (one more than last year!). They now make their home in Kimball, Nebraska.

We hope you'll join us for this refreshing weekend of worship, fellowship, and growth in God's Word. Retreat details and registration information will be available in next Sunday's bulletin.



June Time & Talents



Ministry Opportunity	Date(s) Needed	Approx. Time Commitment	Contact Person
Coffee Host —Looking for 2 people to serve as coffee hosts once a month after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Make coffee, hot water and lemonade; bring treats as desired; clean up afterwards. A great way to foster fellowship among the Faith community! All supplies and training provided.	Every 3rd Sunday of the month, after the 11:00 service	About 1.5 hours each time	Cindy DeYoung Coffee Host Coordinator cindydeyoung1@gmail.com 916-802-6437

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRESENTS



MON.-THUR.
JULY 27TH - AUGUST 6TH

8:30-11:30 AM

AUGUST 9TH PERFORMANCE

3RD-7TH GRADE

\$100/ CHILD
50% OFF EACH SIBLING
20% OFF W/VBS DISCOUNT



THEATER | VISUAL ART | MOVEMENT | MUSIC

Girls Raising Hands in Kenya

Thank you for your generous support!

Thank you to everyone who contributed sewing supplies to help young women learn to sew as a part of Girls Raising Hands in Embu, Kenya, one of Faith's global mission partners. It was a joy for our team from Faith to deliver a large duffel bag full of fabric, needles, thread, scissors and other helpful tools and to see the girls' joy and anticipation. These supplies will be used to train young women in design and tailoring skills so they can potentially pursue their own business as well as create and mend clothing for themselves and their families.

Here's a message to you from Beatrice Wangi, the founder of Girls Raising Hands:

Dear friends of Faith Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of Girls Raising Hands, we want to extend our sincerest gratitude for your generous contribution to our sewing program. Your generous donation will surely have a significant effect on helping young girls. God bless you!

Girls' Raising Hands is a program under Youth Promise Center Kenya. YPC exists with a mission to raise a generation of healthy and empowered girls. The focus is on keeping girls in school because the drop-out rate for girls before they reach 12th grade is very high. YPC believes that when girls are empowered, they become better women in the society and become part of decision-making, and this contributes to the growth of the society. YPC's programs include hygiene, entrepreneurship, computer training and mentorship. To learn more about Girls Raising Hands, visit <https://urbanpromiseinternational.org/project/youth-promise-kenya-girls-raising-hands/>.



Some of the team from Angaza Torchbearers presenting hygiene kits made by Girls Raising Hands to girls in a local public school, girls who otherwise would have no access to such supplies.



Presenting the donations to the Girls Raising Hands staff at their center outside Embu, Kenya.





Pocket Area Churches Together
invites you to gather together to
learn about Aging Solutions.



Saturday, July 11, 2026
8:45am- 12:15pm

Faith Presbyterian Church
625 Florin Road, Sacramento, 95831

Join us for a morning of education, support, and connection.

Presentations include:

Strategies for Successful Care Planning

by Del Oro Caregiver Resource Center

Communicating Effectively

by Alzheimer's Association

Preparing & Advocating for Your Loved One's Medical Care

by Senior Care Solutions

To Register, contact Senior Care Solutions:
(916) 965-5565 or email info@seniorcs.com



Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (6/28)		Serving Next Sunday (7/5)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Jade Smolen	Emily Smolen	TBD	TBD
Coffee Hosts	Clint & Mai Scott Melanie Scott	Paul & Betty Keller	First Sunday Sabbath	Lorraine Otani Sylvia Warner
Communion Servers	N.A.	N.A.	Elaine Collins Paul Kinney Candi Okada Donna Touros	Bob DeYoung Barbara Hull Susan Murray Alice Parente
Greeters	Frank DeYoung Marianne Jenkins	Georgianne Becker Kathy Fields	Phyllis Eres Charlie Tucker	Georgianne Becker
Lock-up	N.A.	Bob Bagby	N.A.	Efua Bannerman
Media Center Techs	Dave Anders Audrey Newport	Rick Hom	David Nash Andrew Chen	Joe Parente
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 6/29—7/2</i>	Jane Owen	<i>Serving 7/6—7/9</i>	Cynde Keasling
Prayer Team	Audrey Newport Anthony Shelton	Lucy DaCastello Pam Rock	Karen Chan Claire Pisor	Georgianne Becker Alice Parente
Teller Escorts	Bob DeYoung	Jarvis Arellano	Bill Edgar	Jarvis Arellano
Tellers	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy	N.A.	Jarvis Arellano Kitty Tatro
Ushers	Walter Newport	Julia King	Donna Touros	TBD
Welcome Ctr.	Barb Johnson	Georgianne Becker	Stan Keasling	Marianne Jenkins
Worship Asst.	David Nash	Karen Chan	Dennis Montzingo	Alice Parente

Faith Worship Band: Eunice Bancu, Michaela Bannerman, Shane Bannerman, Esther Chapman, Andrew Chen, Victor Contreras, 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.

Faith Staff Members ~ Contact Us

Laura Anderson ~ Office Manager
 Eunice Bancu ~ Accompanist
 Ron Beams ~ Director of Congregational Care
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All Members of the Church ~ Ministers

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This Week @ Faith: June 28–July 4

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Look @ Faith—10:15 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Adult Sunday School, “Homiletics”—10:15 a.m. (Rm 2)
- Women’s Life Group—10:15 a.m. (Rm 2)
- Celebrating Marlys!—10:15 a.m. (Patio)
- Our Savior’s Anglican Church Worship —12 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—4 p.m. (Link Hall)
- AA Secretary Training—4 p.m. (Rm 2)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

MONDAY

- Faith Staff Meeting—9 a.m. (Off site)
- Faith Crafters—1 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Men’s Life Group—1:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Discipleship Dinner Gathering—6 p.m. (Off site)
- Women’s AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

WEDNESDAY

- Women’s Life Group—10 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Life Group—5:30 p.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)
- Men’s Life Group—3 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- FAA—6:30 p.m. (Rm 4)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

FRIDAY

- Office Closed for Fourth of July

SATURDAY

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

Calendar at a Glance

Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

July 27-30	Academy of Arts, Week 1
August 3-6	Academy of Arts, Week 2
August 8	All-Church Picnic, Parkway Oaks Park
August 9	AOA Performance
September 11-13	All-Church Fall Retreat
October 10	Harvest Dinner & Auction

With Thanks from Family Promise

Recently Family Promise put out a call for help for a family transitioning from life in a tent by the river to one of Family Promise’s tiny homes. The family arrived with only the clothes on their backs, so Family Promise asked if anyone would be willing to contribute gift cards or other resources to help jumpstart this family towards wholeness in their new, safe home. Did anyone rise to answer the call? Here’s what Family Promise has to say:



“Wow! You’re an amazing community. Between the gift cards that have been sent in and the resources shared, you have really shown up for our new family. Thank you!

“The mom was very touched by your support, and she cannot thank you enough. She said that she doesn't have a family outside of her children, and she was overwhelmed to know that so many people were showing up to support her and her kids.

“The family is getting settled and we’re looking forward to what they’ll achieve over the next few months.”

Thank you again for your kindness towards this family and your generous support of the mission of Family Promise!

*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, July 3.*

Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento
“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

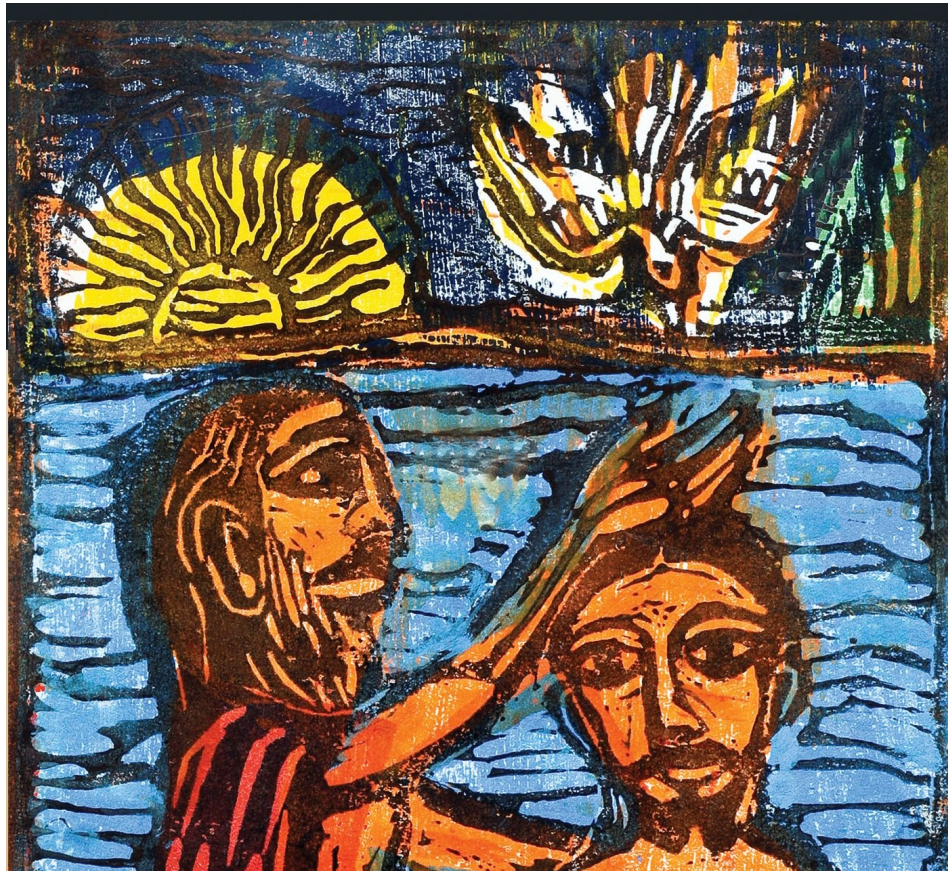
June 28, 2026

Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”



Message Notes

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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 the passage from Matthew 3:13-17 again. You might even read the fuller context by reading verses 1-17. What stands out to you from this story?
2. If baptism was a sign of repentance for people who wanted to turn from their sin and turn back to God, why did Jesus get in line to be baptized?
3. Consider the three things that happen when Jesus is baptized: the heavens open, the Spirit descends in the form of a dove, and the Father speaks words of love and favor. What does each one of these mean? What's going on here?
4. When somebody asks you to tell something about yourself, how do you usually respond? What are the most important things in your identity you want others to know about you?
5. Consider how Martin Luther answered this question of identity: "I am a son of God. I am baptized. I believe in Jesus Christ crucified for me." What would it be like for you to respond in a similar way when asked to speak about your identity? Would these words feel genuine as you said them?
6. If you have been baptized, do you remember your baptism? What was special about it? How was it significant in your life? How often do you think about that event?
7. It was also Martin Luther who once said this about Jesus' baptism and the words the Father spoke over him:
"It's as if the Father looked around and yet found no one except this One, and exclaims, 'This is it!'; as if to say, 'Here is finally one person who pleases me and is my dear Son; the others are altogether out.' Now we must see that this glorious praise and honor is said of Christ for our sake. He doesn't need it. So it applies to us, not [just to] Christ."
Do you believe it? Do you really believe that the same words the Father spoke over Jesus that day are words that he now speaks freely and regularly over you: "You are my beloved son/daughter, and in you I am well pleased"?
8. How can the sacrament of baptism be a part of our Rule of Life as individuals and as a congregation? How might we make it a part of our regular practices and rhythms in ways which helps us grow in Christ?



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

*What does baptism mean? Talk about your own baptism and what it means to you.
Why was Jesus baptized?*

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:	Daniel 9 / Psalm 26
Tuesday:	Daniel 10 / Psalm 27
Wednesday:	Daniel 11 / Psalm 28
Thursday:	Daniel 12 / Psalm 29
Friday:	Romans 1 / Psalm 30
Saturday:	Romans 2 / Psalm 31
Sunday:	Romans 3 / Psalm 32

To help you SPEAK with God...

◆Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Sylvia Warner ~ John Warren ~ Lillian Waters ~ Skip Watt ~ George Wellner.

◆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, Marvette Swayzer, Lucy DaCastello, Glenda Arellano, Em Baker, Carol Eikermann, Barbara Tracy, Kathy Keller, John Warren, Darlene Ghiorso.

Prayers of Comfort: For Marc and Lisa Holland and their family at the recent passing of Marc's father.

◆Church Leadership:

Jeff Chapman	Pastor/Head of Staff
Renee Larsen	Clerk of Session
Ron Sprinkle	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**.

