



# Faith

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**A community** loving Christ,  
building disciples, serving all

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**Philippians 4:10-23**

*"We are not built for mountains and dawns and artistic affinities; they are for moments of inspiration, that is all. We are built for the valley, for the ordinary stuff of life, and this is where we have to prove our mettle. If we cannot live in the demon-possessed valley, with the hold of God on us, by the power of the thing that is in us lifting up those who are down, our Christianity is only an abstraction."*

*-Oswald Chambers*

# 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](http://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.
- ~ **I have kids. Are they welcome here?** Absolutely! We love the sounds of children in the sanctuary. During the children's message at both the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. worship services, kids up to 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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 – JULY 27, 2025**  
Order of Worship

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

**Prelude**

Eunice Bancu

**Greeting**

Abraham Santiago (9:00); Gianna Caniglia (11:00)

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

✠ **Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles**

James Houston (9:00)  
Abigail McMahon (11:00)

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

*Blessed Be Your Name*

**Prayer of Confession**

Abraham Santiago (9:00); Gianna Caniglia (11:00)

**Response to Confession**

*What a Beautiful Name*

✠ **Declaration of Forgiveness**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel

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

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us pass the peace of Christ.

✠ **Confession of Faith: Philippians 2:6-11 (NRSV)**

Jesus Christ, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Welcome**

Jeff Chapman

**Moment for Mission: Summer Mission Team**

**Children's Message**

Jeff Chapman

**Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:10-23**

Cynthia Abbott (9:00); Renee Larsen (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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**Prayers of the People**

**Giving & Receiving of God's Tithe & Our Offerings**

Cynthia Abbott (9:00)

Renee Larsen (11:00)

*After worship, you may place your offering in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.  
You may also give online or by mail.*

**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**

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
#276 The Presbyterian Hymnal

✠**Benediction**

✠**Postlude**

Eunice Bancu

*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 (11:00)*



# July Time & Talents



Ministry Opportunity	Date(s) Needed	Approx. Time Commitment	Contact Person
<b>PACT BBQ Team</b> —Every year the Pocket-area churches get together for a BBQ. We rotate sites and this year Faith is the host on August 31. We're looking for a team to help prepare the meal and welcome our brothers and sisters from our neighboring congregations.	August 31	2-3 hours	Rich Hendricks Fellowship Elder ickskiing@gmail.com 916-798-8393

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

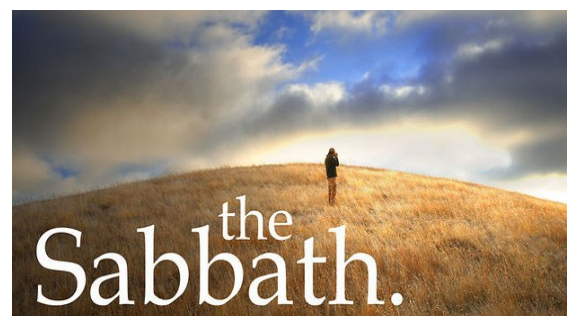
If you are new to Faith Church, we would like to invite you to an informal reception so we can get to know you, and in turn you can get to know us. Our next Look @ Faith reception is **today at 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Room.**

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](mailto:landerson@faithpresby.org).*



## First Sunday Sabbath

Next Sunday, August 3, between worship services, we will celebrate **First Sunday Sabbath**. All meetings and adult classes will be paused that morning (and on the first Sunday of every month) so that we can gather simply to worship and fellowship together. Join us at 10:15 a.m. in Link Hall and on the courtyard for a wonderful Sabbath celebration. Come and enjoy the hospitality and fellowship that await us there!



## Sign Up for "This Week @ Faith"

Did you know that Faith sends out two or three group emails every week? Monday's email, "This Week @ Faith," offers information about upcoming events in the life of Faith. Wednesday's "House to House" shares pastoral reflections on a variety of topics and often the daily psalm. On Friday, there is a brief message from the coming Sunday's preacher, letting you know the sermon theme and biblical text, and highlighting important events taking place that Sunday. If there is urgent information to be relayed to the community, such as the death of one of our members, this too is sent out via the group email list.

If you would like to receive these helpful notices, please let our office manager, Laura, know. You can reach her at [landerson@faithpresby.org](mailto:landerson@faithpresby.org).



# Announcements and Events

## Family Ministry



For questions about Faith's Sunday morning children's programs, contact Lindsay Stanford, Interim Co-Director of Family Ministry, at [lstanford@faithpresby.org](mailto:lstanford@faithpresby.org).

## College/Young Adult Bible Study

This gathering is held on Sunday evenings this summer at the home of Jeff & Esther Chapman (356 Bay River Way). Join us from 7:00-8:30. All are welcome!

## July PresbyNews

The July edition of the PresbyNews is ready for your summer reading. Pick up a hard copy in the Link Hall foyer or in the narthex as you leave worship. Or, enjoy the full-color edition online at [www.faithpresby.org](http://www.faithpresby.org). You'll find it under the "Media" tab.

## Life Groups @ Faith

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. Not a part of a Life Group? We'd love to tell you more. Contact Pastor Jeff Chapman at 916-428-3439 or [jchapman@faithpresby.org](mailto:jchapman@faithpresby.org).



## YOUTH GROUP

**THIS WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 6:00-8:00 P.M.**

## POOL PARTY AT GIANNA'S!

**(A.K.A. THE HOME OF STAN & CYNDE KEASLING,  
7671 GREENHAVEN DRIVE)**

**Bring your pool gear, including a towel, & food for our potluck.  
Easy summer fun — be there!**



Contact Brett Shoemaker for more info and to get on our email list: [bshoemaker@faithpresby.org](mailto:bshoemaker@faithpresby.org)

# Opportunities to Connect, Learn & Serve

## Adult Sunday School in July

### Titus:

#### The Conduct Manual for Church Living

July 13, 20, 27

10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Facilitator: Rev. Jack McNary

All are invited to join us as we study Paul's letter to his colleague, Titus, where Paul gives instruction for leadership formation at the church on Crete. These words still are relevant for our churches today. Bring your Bible and discover what God's Word is saying to the Church and to you.

July 13      Titus 1  
Godliness in the Church

July 20      Titus 2  
Godliness in the Home

July 27      Titus 3  
Godliness in the World

*Coming in August:*

*"Finding Jesus in the Seven Festivals of Israel"*

## Adult Sunday School in August

### Finding Christ in Israel's Seven Festivals

August 17, 24, 31

10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Facilitator: Rick Stern

After leading the Israelites out of Egypt, God commanded them in Leviticus 23 to observe seven annual festivals. He even instituted a new calendar to fix their recurrence. Colossians 2:16-17 tells us that we as Christians do not have to observe these Old Testament festivals, but knowing about them should grow our confidence in, and adoration for, our sovereign Lord. Why? Because the first four festivals prophetically anticipated our Lord Jesus Christ's sinless life, death, and resurrection. And now we live in anticipation of the last three festivals, which promise Christ's triumphant return and reign. Join us as we learn about these seven festivals and consider how they point us towards our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Heart to Heart Is Here to Serve!

Heart to Heart is a group of people here at Faith who are committed to serving those in our congregation who need assistance when a need arises. *Heart to Heart* provides things like rides



to doctor appointments, meals during a difficult season, cards of encouragement, and more. If you have a need and you don't know how it will be met, contact *Heart to Heart* coordinator Kathy Ellis at (916) 215-4997 or [trvlkath@comcast.net](mailto:trvlkath@comcast.net). If you would like to serve on the *Heart to Heart* team, you can also contact Kathy. We would love to hear from you either way!

## As a Reminder...

✓ *Don't have a name tag? Sign up for one today in the narthex. Within a week or two, you'll find your new name tag waiting for you on the name-tag cart. (Tags are arranged alphabetically by last name.)*



✓ *Printed copies of the sermons are available the following 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.*

## Academy of Arts Performance

There will be no adult Sunday school class on Sunday, August 10, so that all may attend the live, one-time-only performance by this year's Academy of Arts participants. Come support these youngsters from Faith



and the surrounding neighborhoods and enjoy the fruits of their hard work. Join us for the show, themed around the Holy Spirit, on **Sunday, August 10, at 10:15 a.m. in Link Hall.**



# FAITH'S ALL-CHURCH FALL RETREAT

Friday, September 5, to Sunday, September 7, 2025  
Zephyr Point Conference Center, Zephyr Cove, Nevada



## *Are You The One We Have Been Looking For?*

Faith's All-Church Fall Retreat isn't until September, but already we are looking forward with anticipation to this wonderful event! Below you'll find details about this year's theme and speaker, along with some general information about how to register. We hope to see you "up the hill" come September!

### **OUR THEME: "ARE YOU THE ONE WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR?"**

For all of human history, beginning in Genesis chapter 3, humankind has been looking and waiting for God's promised Messiah. During our weekend together, we will dive into four events in the life of Jesus which convinced many of the people of his day that Jesus was indeed God's promised Messiah. These are events which still prove convincing in our day!

### **OUR SPEAKER**

Our speaker, Wayne Weissman, has quite a story to tell of how the Lord brought him to faith in Christ. You'll hear parts of that story during the retreat. Since coming to faith, he has served in ministry for 42 years, mostly with Torchbearers International, one of Faith's mission partners. In this capacity he has taught all around the world. Wayne has been married to Patti for 38 years, and they have 4 children and 13 grandchildren. He currently lives in Kimball, Nebraska.



### **GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Registration for the retreat is fully online. To access the online registration form: (1) Click on the registration link in tomorrow's "This Week @ Faith" email; (2) Follow the link on Faith's home page at [www.faithpresby.org](http://www.faithpresby.org); or (3) Scan the QR code at right with your phone. Need help? Contact registrar Janelle Hendricks at [joyfuljanelle@gmail.com](mailto:joyfuljanelle@gmail.com) or (916) 215-7053.

**→Please note that the deadline to register or to request a cancellation refund is Tuesday, August 19, at 11:00 p.m.**

Scholarships: We don't want the cost of the retreat to be a barrier to anyone! If a partial scholarship would help make the retreat more affordable for you, please contact one of our pastors BEFORE you register online for the retreat, and he will send you a special code to use when you register (Pastor Jeff, [jchapman@faithpresby.org](mailto:jchapman@faithpresby.org); Pastor Brett, [bshoemaker@faithpresby.org](mailto:bshoemaker@faithpresby.org)).





FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PRESENTS



**REGISTER HERE**



**MON.-THUR.**

**JULY 28TH-AUGUST 7TH**

**8:30-11:30 AM**

**AUGUST 10 PERFORMANCE**

**3RD-7TH GRADE**

**\$100/ CHILD**

**50% OFF EACH SIBLING**

**20% OFF W/VBS DISCOUNT**

**THEATER | VISUAL ART | MOVEMENT | MUSIC**

*If a partial scholarship will be help make this affordable for your family,  
please email Mark Tootle—[mtootle@faithpresby.org](mailto:mtootle@faithpresby.org).*



# Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (7/27)		Serving Next Sunday (8/3)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>	James Houston	Abigail McMahon	Miriam Gilbert	Jack Van Duyn
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Clint & Mai Scott Melanie Scott	Paul & Betty Keller	First Sunday Sabbath	Joanne Martin Sylvia Warner
<b>Communion Servers</b>	N.A.	N.A.	Jarvis Arellano Paul Kinney April Reichert Zarrin Sanchez	Lucy DaCastello Alice Parente Lori Rapier 1 more server TBD
<b>Greeters</b>	Frank DeYoung Marianne Jenkins	Kathy Fields Vickie Weaver-Owen	Linda Jacobs Lori Rapier	Lori Rapier
<b>Lock-up</b>	N.A.	Tom Busch	N.A.	Efua Bannerman
<b>Media Center Techs</b>	Dave Anders Audrey Newport	Rick Hom	David Nash Andrew Chen	Joe Parente
<b>Pew Crew</b>	<i>Serving 7/28-7/31</i>	Jane Owen	<i>Serving 8/4-8/7</i>	Cynde Keasling
<b>Prayer Team</b>	Audrey Newport Anthony Shelton	Lucy DaCastello	Karen Chan Claire Pisor	Georgianne Becker Alice Parente
<b>Teller Escorts</b>	Bill Edgar	Jarvis Arellano	Bob DeYoung	Paul Heaton
<b>Tellers</b>	N.A.	Bill Edgar Kitty Tatro	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy
<b>Ushers</b>	Ken & Marlys Emery	Doc & Lucy DaCastello	TBA	TBA
<b>Worship Assistants</b>	Cynthia Abbott	Renee Larsen	April Reichert	Lucy DaCastello

**Faith Worship Band:** Eunice Bancu, Michaela Bannerman, Shane Bannerman, Zuri Catalán-Ramírez, Esther Chapman, Andrew Chen, Kathy Keller, Sue Kim, Cindi Kinney, Paul Kinney, Carolyn Kubish, Lana Lee, Paul Philleo, Zach Roberts, Mark Tootle, Makayla Van Duyn, Vickie Weaver-Owens and Jill Whitney.

**Faith Brass Ensemble:** José Hermocillo, Tom McDuffie, Fred Noteware, Dan Pehrson, Steve Rock, Laura Schneider and Carolyn Tillman (Director).

## Staff & Leadership at Faith ~ Contact Us

Laura Anderson ~ Office Manager  
 Eunice Bancu ~ Accompanist  
 Ron Beams ~ Director of Congregational Care  
 Gianna Caniglia ~ Whitworth Summer Fellow  
 Madelyn Chand ~ Interim Co-Director, Family Ministry  
 Jeff Chapman ~ Pastor/Head of Staff  
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# This Week @ Faith: July 27–August 2

## SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Look @ Faith—10:15 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Class: Titus—10:15 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Life Together—10:15 a.m. (Rm 2)
- Our Savior's Anglican Church—12 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Fellowship Team Meeting—12:30 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—4 p.m. (Link Hall)
- College & Young Adults Group—7 p.m. (Off site)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

## MONDAY

- Academy of Arts—8:30 a.m. (Link Hall)
- Staff Meeting—9:00 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- 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)
- Women's Discipleship Cohort—7 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Mission Team Meeting—7 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Women's Book Club—7 p.m. (Off site)
- Women's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

## TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- Academy of Arts—8:30 a.m. (Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

## WEDNESDAY

- Academy of Arts—8:30 a.m. (Link Hall)
- 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)
- Academy of Arts—8:30 a.m. (Link Hall)
- Staff Prayer—9 a.m. (Online)
- Life Group—10:30 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Thursdays with Ron & Friends—2 p.m. (Online)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

## FRIDAY

- No Scheduled Events

## SATURDAY

- Tai Chi—7:30 a.m. (Courtyard)
- Prayer Retreat (Outside Group)—8:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Faith Brass Ensemble—9:30 a.m.
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—5 p.m. (Link Hall)

## Calendar Notices

### Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

Jul 28—Aug 7	Academy of Arts
August 31	PACT BBQ at Faith
September 5-7	All-Church Fall Retreat
September 27-28	Team World Vision/ Urban Cow
September 28	Harvest Dinner & Auction

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

**Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento**  
**“The Next Step”**

*A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application*

July 27, 2025

**Philippians 4:10-23 (NRSV)**

<sup>10</sup> I rejoice in the Lord greatly that now at last you have revived your concern for me; indeed, you were concerned for me, but had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through him who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup> In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.



<sup>15</sup> You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. <sup>16</sup> For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. <sup>17</sup> Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup> To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>21</sup> Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The friends who are with me greet you. <sup>22</sup> All the saints greet you, especially those of the emperor's household.

<sup>23</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.



# **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 Philippians 4:10-23. Focus on verses 11-13. What stands out to you here?
2. Define contentment. How would you describe the person who is truly content? Do you know such a person?
3. When have you been most content in your life?
4. How would you fill in the blank right now in your life: "If \_\_\_\_\_, then I believe I would be content in life." We know the answer is supposed to be Christ. We'll get to that. First, let's be honest about other ways we want to fill in the blank.
5. Paul says that contentment is something that he learned. Do you agree? How can a person intentionally learn to be content?
6. How can times of hardship and scarcity teach us about true contentment? How can times of plenty and comfort teach us true contentment? Speak from your experience if you can.
7. Verse 13 is one of the most hijacked verses in the New Testament, often pulled out of context to mean something it doesn't mean. What do you think it means?
8. What is the main thing that you sense Christ is wanting to teach you here? How will that change the way you think or live?



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

*What sorts of things do we really need in life? What sorts of things do we need to make us happy? What is the secret that Paul is telling us here about all this?*

# 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:	John 1 / Psalm 140
Tuesday:	John 2 / Psalm 141
Wednesday:	John 3 / Psalm 142
Thursday:	John 4 / Psalm 143
Friday:	John 5 / Psalm 144
Saturday:	John 6 / Psalm 145
Sunday:	I Timothy 1-6 / Psalm 146

## To help you SPEAK with God...

### ♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Bill Edgar & Linda Olsen-Edgar ~ Carol Eikermann ~ Jack & Kate Eisel ~ Chelle Ellis ~ John & Kathy Ellis

### ♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

*For Healing & Strength:* Carol Keller, Demetrius Moore, Bob Johnson, Barbara LaPlaca, Clara Murrels, Kathy Keller, Kristen Bye, Barbara Tracy, April Reichert, Cheryl Chan, Bob DeYoung, Georgina Borton, Joe de Illy, Beverly Sommerdorf, John Ellis, Anthony Shelton, Sandy Smoley, Lyndon Thomson.

### ♦Church Leadership:

Lindsay Stanford	Family Ministry Co-Director
Stan Keasling	Elder, Personnel
Audrey Newport	Deacon, Parish 11

### ♦Other Opportunities for Prayer

**Prayer Chain:** Contact Alice Parente at [vsas77@earthlink.net](mailto: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**.



