



Faith

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

Rule of Life: The Habit of Prayer
Part 2—Speaking After Being Spoken To
Genesis 1:1-8

Prayer is God's breath in man returning to his birth.
-George Herbert

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.
- ~ **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 – AUGUST 24, 2025
Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Eunice Bancu, piano
Mark MacRae, trumpet; Steve Rock, clarinet

A Thousand Tongues to Sing

Greeting

Brett Shoemaker

One: The Lord be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

✠ Call to Worship & Lighting of the Christ Candles

Elysia Fletcher (9:00)
Abigail McMahon (11:00)

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

Made to Worship

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.

Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

Welcome

Brett Shoemaker

Children's Message

Jeff Chapman

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-8

Cynthia Abbott (9:00); Vickie Weaver-Owens (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

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Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Jeff Chapman

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 & Our Offerings

Cynthia Abbott (9:00)
Vickie Weaver-Owens (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.*

Offertory

Eunice Bancu, piano
Mark MacRae, trumpet; Steve Rock, clarinet

Everything to God in Prayer

✠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

Let All Things Now Living
#554, The Presbyterian Hymnal

✠Benediction

✠Postlude

Eunice Bancu, piano
Mark MacRae, trumpet; Steve Rock, clarinet

Ash Grove

*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.*

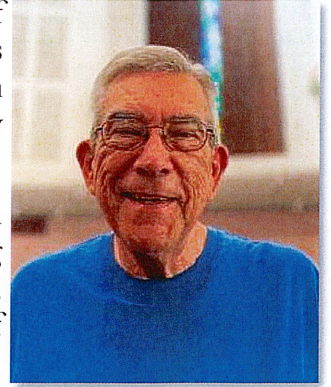
Prayer Team: Audrey Newport & Anthony Shelton (9:00) and Lucy DaCastello & Pam Rock (11:00)

*The sunflowers this morning reflect the joy of Marina and Victor Deschapell's Christ-centered wedding celebration
in Monterey today. Marina is the daughter of Roy and Vicky Chastain.*

Celebrating Ron Beams

Next Sunday, August 31, will be Ron Beams' last day serving as Faith's Director of Congregational Care. Even as you express your personal appreciation to Ron for his years of faithful ministry among us, plans are also in the works for us to thank him as a congregation. **Please join us in honoring Ron and celebrating his ministry on Sunday, October 12, between services.**

If you would like to contribute towards a gift of appreciation to be presented to Ron on that day, you may send your gift to the church office or place it in the offering basket on Sunday mornings. Make checks payable to Faith Presbyterian Church, with "Ron's Gift" on the memo line. To have your contribution included as part of the gift given on October 12, please submit your gift by Sunday, September 28.



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 **this morning 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.*



Come Make a Difference with SSIP!

Come and volunteer with the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP) Food Closet, and be a part of the team that helps feed over 15,000 of our neighbors each month. Whether you are looking to make a change, fulfill community service, pay it forward or serve in the name of Christ, there is a place for you at SSIP! While there are many volunteer options, the Food Closet is in special need of drivers to help with pick-ups of donated food items Monday to Friday mornings. To serve in this way, you must have a good driving record and be able to lift around 40 pounds. This commitment requires less than two hours per morning each time you serve, and it involves driving to local stores in SSIP vehicles.



If you would like to volunteer, or learn more, email volunteers@SSIPFOODCLOSET.ORG to get started. We hope you'll join us and discover what so many others have at SSIP: we come to serve; we stay for the community.

Parking Lot Update

As you may have noticed when you pulled into the parking lot this morning, sections of the lot by Link Hall are still blocked off to vehicles in order to protect the new asphalt as it cools. When the cones are removed in a few days, it will still be a while before parking lines are painted on. So the best word is to use extra care when navigating the parking lot over the next couple of weeks.

Phase two of the parking lot project will take place on **Thursday, September 4. The whole parking lot will be closed for the entire day** and likely for part of Friday as well. Please plan to park on the street if you come by the church that day. And please consider meeting off site.

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.

College/Young Adult Bible Study

Our final gathering of the summer! All young adults and college students are invited to join us **tonight from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** at the home of Jeff & Esther Chapman (356 Bay River Way).

Where Are the Flags?

If you've noted the absence of our U.S. and denominational flags from the narthex, please know that they have been sent out for a much-needed cleaning, after which they will be back in place. Thanks to the women of the narthex design team for taking care of this!

Presbyterian Women in September

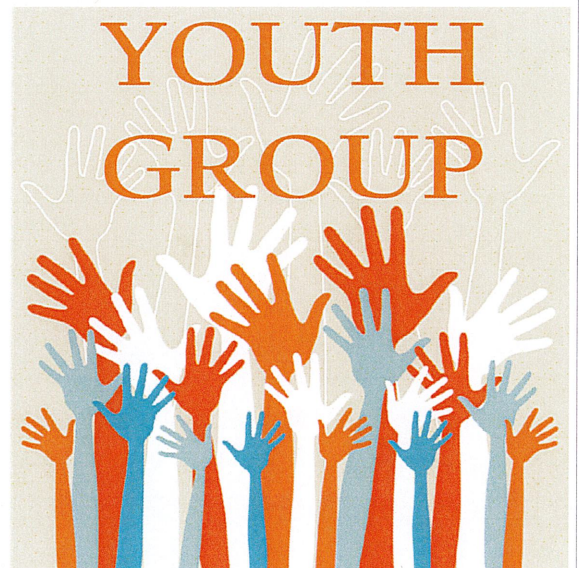
PW's summer hiatus is drawing to a close, and the group will have their first fellowship gathering of the "new year" on Wednesday, September 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Link Hall. More details will come next month, but, Women of Faith, please plan on joining us!

Faith Office Opens Late Tomorrow

Owing to an off-site staff meeting tomorrow morning, August 25, the Faith office will open at 1:00 p.m. The building will be closed until that time. So stop by any time after 1:00 p.m., and we'll look forward to seeing you then.

YOUTH GROUP

**Faith Youth & Friends,
Stay Tuned Here
for News about Our Fall Kickoff!**



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

Opportunities to Connect, Learn & Serve

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.

Adult Sunday School September—November

Visions of the Lord: A Study of Ezekiel

September 14, 21, 28

October 19, 26

November 9, 16, 23, 30

10:15 a.m., Grace Room

Facilitator: Rev. Dennis Montzingo

Ezekiel, the Old Testament prophet to the Exile, communicates God's timeless messages to his people, who find themselves caught up in a life and a world beyond their control. As we study together the time and challenges of God's people in the 6th century B.C. who found themselves living in exile in Babylon, we will consider and discuss God's surprising and enduring presence and promises not only for their time but also for us in our ever-changing lives and world today.

As the start of the course draws nearer, specific themes and passages will be given so that participants may read in advance and thereby be better prepared to engage in our discussions. Of course, you are welcome to start reading now to gain a deeper familiarity with this book.

Come Sing with the Choir!

The Chancel Choir's year has just begun, and it is not too late for you to join them! There are no auditions, and folks of all ages and stages of life are warmly invited to be a part of this ministry that helps lead the congregation in musical worship. Rehearsals are



Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Choir Room and Sanctuary, and the choir sings at one or both services on Sunday mornings.

If you'd like to learn more about the Chancel Choir, contact Mark Tootle, our Director of Music Ministry (mtootle@faithpresby.org). Come and be a part of this fun and supportive community!

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.*

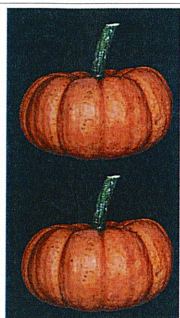
✓ *A reminder to parents: Thank you for picking up your children from Sunday School or the nursery within five minutes of the end of the service.*

PACT BBQ Is Next Sunday

Every year, members of our Pocket Area Churches Together (PACT) get together for a



Sunday afternoon BBQ. This year Faith is hosting. Please plan on joining us after the 11:00 service (12:15-ish) on August 31 to share food and fellowship with our brothers and sisters from the other Pocket congregations. There is no charge for the meal, but donations will be gratefully accepted.



Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction

Sunday, September 28, starting at 4:00 p.m. in Link Hall

Tickets on sale Sundays through September 21

Tickets are available for purchase in the narthex after worship.
The price is \$10 per adult, \$5 per youth 12 to 18, and free for kids under 12.

Seeking Donations of Auction & Raffle Items

If you've attended the Harvest Dinner before, you know that a good part of the evening's fun lies in bidding on the array of items available as part of the silent auction. While many companies donate items, Faith members also contribute significantly. And so, in keeping with tradition, your Fellowship Team is inviting you to consider donating one or more items for the auction and/or raffle.

You'll find more information at the table where tickets are sold, but here are some details in brief:

- Donated items must be new.
- All donations must be dropped off by Sunday, September 14, and must be accompanied by an auction donation form. Pick up the form and get more info about how to drop off your donation from the ticket sales table in the narthex.
- Here are some ideas (but let your creativity run free!): tickets for sporting events or shows, gift certificates for restaurants or experiences, vouchers for timeshare units or vacation homes.... Or, create and fill a basket for people who love tea, coffee, wine, breakfast, pasta, picnics, game nights, stargazing, animals, global flavors, gardening.... Or, share your time and talents by offering to pet-sit, do yard work or handyman jobs, wrap Christmas gifts, cook a gourmet dinner, bake a Thanksgiving pie, teach a skill like wiring a lamp or playing pickleball.... So many possibilities!
- Please note that this year, the Fellowship Team is not able to create baskets from sundry donations as in years past. If you are unable to create and fill a whole basket (or other container) on your own, consider teaming up with others from your Life Group, book club, or other ministry/fellowship group.

Thank you for adding to the fun of our Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction! As you know, all net proceeds benefit the Pat Tatro Memorial Campership Fund, which helps make retreats and camp experiences more affordable. We hope to see you at the dinner-auction on September 28!

Please mark your calendar for

Rise Against Hunger

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Link Hall, Time TBA



Rise Against Hunger is a food-packing event that the whole family can participate in. There are jobs for almost everyone, from preschoolers to seniors. This is a fun and fast-paced mission opportunity, where we challenge ourselves to pack even more food than the previous year. More details will be forthcoming, but please save the date and plan to join us as we package food that will be sent near and far to feed those who are hungry.

Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (8/24)		Serving Next Sunday (8/31)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Elysia Fletcher	Abigail McMahon	Miriam Gilbert	Makayla Van Duyn
Coffee Hosts	Clint & Mai Scott Melanie Scott	Paul & Betty Keller	Mary Ann Chapman Cindy DeYoung	Kathy Fields Linda Jacobs
Communion Servers	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Greeters	Bill Edgar & Linda Olsen-Edgar	Kathy Fields Vickie Weaver-Owens	Frank DeYoung Marianne Jenkins	Jarvis Arellano
Lock-up	N.A.	Tom Busch	N.A.	Lee Bush
Media Center Techs	David Nash Audrey Newport	Rick Hom	Dave Anders David Nash	Rick Hom
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 8/25—8/28</i>	Jane Owen	<i>Serving 9/2—9/4</i>	Karena Van Duyn
Prayer Team	Audrey Newport Anthony Shelton	Lucy DaCastello Pam Rock	Candi Okada Pat Witzens	Jim & Barbara Tracy
Teller Escorts	Bob DeYoung	Jarvis Arellano	Jennifer Anders	Jarvis Arellano
Tellers	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy	N.A.	Jarvis Arellano Kitty Tatro
Ushers	Ken & Marlys Emery	Julia King	Roy Chastain	TBD
Worship Assistants	Cynthia Abbott	Vickie Weaver-Owens	Dawn Vollmar	Barbara Tracy

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, 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
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This Week @ Faith: August 24–30

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Look @ Faith—10:15 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Adult Sunday School—10:15 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Life Together—10:15 a.m. (Rm 2)
- Our Savior's Anglican Church—12 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Lay Ministry Meeting—12:30 p.m. (Fireside 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

- Staff Meeting—9 a.m. (Off site)
- BSF Leaders Meeting—9 a.m. (Link Hall, Rms 2, 4, 7)
- Crafters—1 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Women's Book Group—7 p.m. (Off site)
- Mission Team Meeting—7 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- Women's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- Life Group—2:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- 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)
- Life Group—9:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Life Group—10:30 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Thursdays with Ron & Friends—2 p.m. (Online)
- Choir Rehearsal—7 p.m. (Choir Rm, Sanctuary)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

FRIDAY

- AA Birthday Meeting—8 p.m. (Link Hall)

SATURDAY

- Tai Chi—8:30 a.m. (Courtyard)

Calendar Notices

Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

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
November 15	Rise Against Hunger
November 30	First Sunday of Advent

*This week, the Faith office is open
Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
Tuesday 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
August 24, 2025

Genesis 1:1-8 (NRSV)

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.



Message Notes

Rule of Life: The Habit of Prayer
Part 2—Speaking After Being Spoken To

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 1:1-8 again. If you're up for it, read the whole chapter of Genesis 1.
2. The Lord speaks and creation springs into existence. Why do you think that it is with words that God creates? What does this teach us?
3. What do you think about the idea that prayer is "answering" language, that God speaks first to us in scripture and then we speak back in prayer as a response to what we have heard God first say? Is this the way you have prayed in the past?
4. How is talking to God in prayer different from, or similar to, talking to another person?
5. Writer Eugene Peterson argued, "If we insist on being self-taught in prayer, our prayers, however eloquent, will be meager." Do you agree? Is prayer something that we have to learn? If so, is it God that needs to teach us?
6. What do you think about the practice of "The 3 R's?" Does it make sense? See if you can imagine how this might work. Read together the story of the widow's offering in Luke 21:1-4. Consider what the Lord may be saying to us in this story, and then reflect on how you can respond by rejoicing, then repenting, and then requesting.
7. Consider the three practices Jeff suggested to help us learn how to make our prayers a response to God's initiating Word to us in scripture. Which one seems like it might be most helpful to you? How do you imagine implementing this in your life this week? Be as specific as possible in the details of your plan.
8. Pray together as a group, trying to let your prayers be informed by what the Lord has been saying to you in this message.



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

As a family, take a passage of scripture (Luke 21:1-4 would be a good choice) and, after reading and talking about what God is teaching here, talk together about how you might pray to God based on what you have just learned. Use the 3 R's if that helps. Then take a few minutes to pray together.

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 John 4 / Psalm 18
Tuesday:	I John 5 / Psalm 19
Wednesday:	II John / Psalm 20
Thursday:	III John / Psalm 21
Friday:	Malachi 1 / Psalm 22
Saturday:	Malachi 2 / Psalm 23
Sunday:	Ephesians 1-6 / Psalm 24

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Cheryl Finch ~ Ken Finch ~ Jean Findlay ~
William Fletcher; Elysia ~ Jeremy Fong &
Robyn Moran; Mary, Kenji

♦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, Sandy Smoley, Lyndon Thomson, Jackie Casteig.

♦Church Leadership:

Ron Beams Director, Congregational Care
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John Ravas Deacon, Parish 15

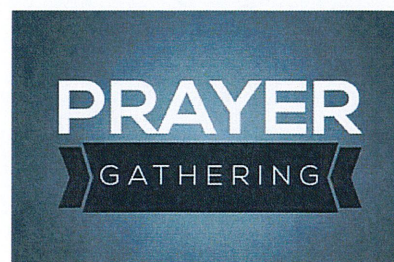
♦Other Opportunities for Prayer

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**.



Simple Guide to Praying the Lord's Prayer

Set aside time to be alone where you can pray the way Jesus teaches us to pray, what we call the Lord's Prayer. You can certainly pray straight through the prayer. Though if you do, try to do so slowly, paying attention to each word and phrase as you speak them to the Lord. It's also helpful to realize that what Jesus may be giving us here are categories for prayer, and an order for those categories. So below you'll find each phrase of the prayer separated out, along with some prompts to help you expand on that phrase. Some have compared this to decorating a Christmas tree. Think about each phrase of the prayer as a bare branch on the tree. Go down the tree and "decorate" each branch, allowing Jesus' words to inspire and inform your prayers. The prompts offered may help. Keep in mind that every pronoun in the prayer is plural, meaning we are praying for others as we pray for ourselves.



Our Father in heaven... *Approach as a beloved son or daughter. Offer prayers of adoration and praise to the sovereign creator and sustainer of all.*

Hallowed be your name... *Pray for God to reveal himself, to make his name revered in all the world, beginning with us. May every knee bow and every tongue confess.*

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven... *Pray for Christ to come back into our world and bring his kingdom and realize his will. Pray for help in submitting our own lives to his will. Pray for our world, especially the places that currently do not resemble heaven. Pray for justice. Pray for healing.*

Give us this day our daily bread... *Ask God for what you and others need for today. Literal bread, yes. But also a host of other needs. Focus on today.*

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us... *Be specific about ways we have failed to love God and others. Pray for those who have not loved you. Receive grace, extend grace.*

Lead us not into temptation (or, the time of trial), but deliver us from the evil one... *Ask for protection from temptations which often trip you/us up. Ask for protection from spiritual attack.*

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever... *End where we began, in praise and adoration.*