



Faith
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community loving Christ,
building disciples, serving all

The Great Temptation

Genesis 22:1-14

*God's sovereignty is His freedom to do as He chooses and His total authority over all His creatures.
He is the ruler of everything.*

- Reed Rusnick

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

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Eunice Bancu

Greeting

Ron Beams

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)

Your Words Are Wonderful (Psalm 119)

Prayer of Confession

Ron Beams

Response to Confession

Goodness of God

✠ 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

Ron Beams

Scripture Reading: Genesis 22:1-14

Claire Pisor (9:00); Bruce Kern (11:00)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

*After the Scripture reading 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

Rev. Jack McNary

Message

Rev. Jack McNary

The Great Temptation

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

Claire Pisor

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

Claire Pisor (9:00)

Bruce Kern (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

Eunice Bancu

✠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

Ron Beams (9:00); Rev. Jack McNary (11:00)

✠Hymn of Faith

Trust and Obey

✠Benediction

Rev. Jack McNary

✠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: Sherry Beams (9:00) and Ileana Maestas (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.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 20, after the 11:00 service, we will have a very brief Congregational Meeting to elect this year's Nominating Committee. This is the team that will work to nominate our next slate of elders and deacons. The committee is elected to a one-year term, though their work is generally completed when officers are elected in the winter. The following have been nominated to serve as this year's committee: Lucy DaCastello, chair; Doug Johnson, Audrey Newport, Fred Noteware, Candi Okada, Lorraine Otani and Dawn Vollmar.



Life Groups @ Faith

Life Groups are small groups (4-12) of people who meet weekly for Bible

LifeGroups

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 Janelle Hendricks to learn more (joyfuljanelle@gmail.com; 916-215-7053).

— LIGHTHOUSE —

GRADES 7-12

Lighthouse Kickoff!

Next Sunday, September 20, 6:00—8:30 p.m.

Link Hall & Youth Room

Pizza & T-shirt Making

Invite your friends!

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



Opportunities to Learn, Connect & Serve

Online Class Starts Soon!

A Life Empowered by the Holy Spirit— The One Called Alongside to Help

Dates: Wednesday Evenings,
September 23 to November 11
Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m., on Zoom
Facilitator: Alice Parente

As you walk through your life, do you continually have a sense of Someone walking with you and living inside you? Someone wanting to help you at all times ... giving you the ongoing message, “*Here if you need me.*” In the Gospel of John, Jesus promised us just that: a “Paraclete,” or “one called alongside to help.” Jesus described this Someone as our divine Helper, Advocate, and Counselor who would stay with believers forever.

If this has not exactly been your lived experience, you are not alone. And you are invited to join an eight-week exploration with others wanting to delve into what exactly Jesus’ promise means for each and all of us today. We will explore:

- The Holy Spirit in the Bible: in the Old Testament, the life of Jesus, the book of Acts
- What exactly Jesus promised his disciples
- The roles of “the Helper”: advocate, comforter, counselor, strengthener
- How the Helper works: teaches, prays for us, lives inside us.

There will be no book for this class. Instead, we will utilize teachings, videos, and podcasts of Tim Mackie (*The Bible Project*), Tyler Staton (author of *The Familiar Stranger*), and others.

You are invited to come and see how the Holy Spirit speaks to us today. And what “*Here when you need me*” might mean for you.

If you are interested in joining or have questions, please contact Alice Parente at (916) 212-0803 or vsas77@earthlink.net.

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, September 27, at 10:15 a.m. in the Fireside Rm.**



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.*

Ministry Faire on October 4

Faith’s annual Ministry Faire, which happens in conjunction with Stewardship Commitment Sunday, is taking place this year on Sunday, October 4, between services on the patio. If you’ve ever wondered who Faith’s elders are, what they do, and how you can get involved with one of their ministry teams, the



Ministry Faire is your opportunity to find out more. At the Faire, each elder and their ministry team will have a table with information about what they do and how you can lend a hand. Not only this, but there will be delicious treats to enjoy as you wander from table to table. Come and enjoy this good time of getting to know one another and the ministries of Faith Church better.

Join Us for a Special “Fall Retreat Reprise” on Sundays, September 20 and 27!

Walter Newport warmly invites you to join him in the Grace Room at 10:15 a.m. on these two Sundays as he offers an overview of our speaker’s teachings from the fall retreat. This is also an opportunity to discuss in greater depth the scope and trajectory of the biblical priesthood, which culminates in our great high priest, Jesus Christ. Perfect for both those who did not attend the All-Church Retreat and those who did!

September PW Fellowship
Wednesday, September 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



All Faith women are warmly invited to join us as Presbyterian Women kicks off another great year of Christian sisterhood through service, learning and fellowship. Our inaugural gathering of this new year takes place on **Wednesday, September 23, in Link Hall**. Check-in begins at 11:15 a.m., and **the meeting begins at 11:30 a.m.**

Our speaker this month is Kyle Vanek, a detective with the Elk Grove Police Department. Detective Vanek has been a police officer for ten years. He investigates financial-crime cases including embezzlement, fraud, forgery, financial elder abuse, and theft. He's a longtime Sacramento resident and attends River's Edge Church. Detective Vanek will share with us information about the most prevalent scams currently impacting our communities, and he will provide resources and tips on how we can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of these scams.

We will also have time to catch up with one another over lunch and to hear from our board members. Our bazaar table will be open, and you are welcome to bring fall and Halloween décor for the table, as well as any other treasures you are parting with. There will also be a raffle, so be sure to stop by the bazaar table for a ticket.

We hope you'll join us for this time of Christian friendship. Bring your lunch; drinks, chips and dessert will be provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to board member Kathy Ellis (916-215-4997 or trvlkath@comcast.net).

KIDS CLUB

September 16th 2026

5:00-6:30
in
Link Hall

- Bible Lesson
- Dinner
- Crafts • Games

• Grades - K-6th

Register Here: 

Kids Club Is Back, and we hope to see you there!

Kids Club rides again beginning this **Wednesday, September 16, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in Link Hall**. All kids in Kinder to 6th grade are invited to join us for this terrific time of fellowship and fun. We'll provide dinner this week; all you need to do is show up at 5:00 p.m. ready for a great time of learning about the Bible (the armor of God!), playing games and doing crafts. Advance registration is required; use the QR code above. Questions? Contact Director of Family Ministry Lindsay Stanford at lstandford@faithpresby.org or (916) 428-3439, ext. 106.

Join Us as We Celebrate...

Oktoberfest

Faith's Annual Fall Dinner, Silent Auction & Raffle

Saturday, October 10, starting at 4:00 p.m. in Link Hall

Fall is just around the corner, which means it's time for Faith's annual fall dinner. This year we are celebrating Oktoberfest, and we really hope you will join us for this fun-filled evening. There will be delicious Oktoberfest fare and time to enjoy the fellowship of others in the Faith community. And, of course, there will be plenty of items to bid on in our silent auction, ranging from gift certificates to In 'n Out, the Sac State Aquatic Center, Scribner Bend Vineyard and Scott's Seafood, to baskets of goodies from Trader Joe's and Mrs. Renfro. And more vendor donations are still coming in!

It's a great night filled with laughter, fun, and quietly determined bidding. And don't forget that all net proceeds benefit the Pat Tatro Scholarship/Campership Fund. These funds help make camp and retreat experiences more affordable for individuals and families.

Tickets may be purchased in the narthex after worship this morning. Or, you may purchase yours online using the QR code at right. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 13-18, and free for ages 12 and under. The deadline to purchase tickets in person or online is Sunday, October 4, after the second service. (Note that tickets are not available for purchase in the office during the week.) Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to this fun, intergenerational event.



Call for Auction & Raffle Items

One of the really special aspects of the silent auction and raffle is all the wonderful donations given by members and friends of the congregation. These donations can be physical objects, like tickets to sporting events or a basket full of car-care items, or they can be donations of your time and experience, such as housecleaning, babysitting or yardwork; knitting lessons; a golf outing; or boating on the SF Bay. Use your imagination and share your wonderful skills and resources! Group donations from Life Groups, book clubs, and other groups (PW, deacons, elders) are most welcome. Look for donation forms in the narthex. The **deadline to drop off donations is Sunday, September 27.**

If you have any questions about this year's Oktoberfest celebration, or if you would like to help the Fellowship Team as they put on this multifaceted event, please contact Fellowship Elder Rich Hendricks at ickskiing@gmail.com or 916-798-8393.

The Goal of Clean Water for All Is in Sight!

Partner with Team World Vision as They Run for Clean Water

Team World Vision is hitting the pavement once again, running and walking to bring life-saving clean water to those in need. They would love to have your support as they prepare to run or walk the Sacramento Urban Cow 5K (9/26) or half marathon (9/27). Here are some of the ways you can help them “moove” (cow joke!) toward the finish line of clean water for every human being:



- Pray for the team as they train for and then take part in the race—for safety, health, steadfastness, encouragement, stamina and an unflagging vision of what they are working to accomplish.
- Cheer them on when race day comes (extra points if you bring and ring a cow bell!).
- Make a monetary donation. Their goal this year is to raise funds to provide clean water for 700 children, or \$35,000. Through World Vision, every \$50 raised provides clean water for one person for a lifetime! If you are able to contribute, choose the way that works best for you:
 - * Write your check to **World Vision** and give it to one of our runners.
 - * Donate online via the Team World Vision website. Go to www.teamworldvision.org. In the Fundraiser Search box near the top right, enter our team name—Faith and Friends—and click on the search icon. On the page that opens, you can choose to contribute to the whole team’s effort or to individual team members. Just toggle between the “Fundraisers” and “Teams” tabs to donate as you wish.
 - * Give online using your phone by scanning the QR code at right. This will take you directly to the Team World Vision page for our team, Faith and Friends.
 - * Give via Faith’s website. Go to www.faithpresby.org. Click on the Give tab on the top ribbon and then on the “click here” link for tithes and offerings. On the page that opens, scroll down and enter your donation amount in the “Team World Vision” box. Then complete the payment and billing information, and click the blue Submit button at the bottom of the page.



If you have any questions or would like to learn more, talk with Jill Whitney after worship or reach her at whitneydds@gmail.com or (916) 606-7767.

However you may choose to support Team World Vision, thank you so much! The global goal of clean water for all is in sight, and in partnership, we can cross the finish line together.

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 Bible passage, 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.

STAY
connected

Serving on Sunday at Faith

	Serving Today (9/13)		Serving Next Sunday (9/20)	
	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Jade Smolen	Emily Smolen	Joel Gilbert	Melina Markarian
Coffee Hosts	Karena & Mike Van Duyn	Ken Finch Tanis Toland	John & Stephanie Homen	Lorraine Otani Sylvia Warner
Communion Servers	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Greeters	Steve & Cathy Healow	Jarvis Arellano	Bill Edgar & Linda Olsen-Edgar	Tom Busch
Lock-up	N.A.	Bob Bagby	N.A.	Brian Heiden
Media Center Techs	Andrew Chen Anthony Shelton	Rick Hom	David Nash Anthony Shelton	Paul Kinney
Pew Crew	<i>Serving 9/14—9/17</i>	Michele Yarbrough	<i>Serving 9/21—9/24</i>	Michele Yarbrough
Prayer Team	Sherry Beams	Ileana Maestas	Laura Anderson	Chelle Ellis
Teller Escorts	Paul Heaton	Paul Heaton	Bob DeYoung	Jarvis Arellano
Tellers	N.A.	Erwina Bush Jim Tracy	N.A.	Bill Edgar Paul Heaton
Ushers	Sheila Sanders	Roy Chastain	Stan & Cynde Keasling	Melodi Andersen
Welcome Ctr.	Terry Fong	Pam Rock	Candi Okada	TBD
Worship Asst.	Claire Pisor	Bruce Kern	Jim Houston	Dawn Vollmar

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, Steve Rock, Laura Schneider and Carolyn Tillman (Director).

Faith Chancel Choir: Cynthia Abbott, Wendy Benjamin, 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 at Faith: September 13–19

SUNDAY

- **Worship—9:00 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)**
- Our Savior's Anglican Church Worship —12 p.m. (Link Hall)
- Deacons Meeting—12:30 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Immanuel Indonesian Church—4 p.m. (Link Hall)
- AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

MONDAY

- BSF Leaders Meeting—9 a.m. (Link Hall, Rms 2, 4, 5)
- Faith Staff Meeting—9:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Crafters—1 p.m. (Rm 2)
- Men's Life Group—1:30 p.m. (Choir Rm)
- Session Meeting—7 p.m. (Sanctuary, Choir Rm)
- Women's AA Meeting—7 p.m. (Rm 2)

TUESDAY

- Morning Prayer—7:30 a.m. (Online)
- BSF—9 a.m. (Campus)
- Life Group—4 p.m. (Grace Rm)
- AA Meeting—8 p.m. (Rm 2)

WEDNESDAY

- Women's Life Group—10 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Kids Club—5 p.m. (Link Hall)
- 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)
- Women's Life Group—9:30 a.m. (Fireside Rm)
- Women's Life Group—10:30 a.m. (Grace Rm)
- Men's Life Group—3 p.m. (Fireside Rm)
- PLL Meeting—6 p.m. (Link Hall)
- FAA Meeting—6:30 p.m. (Rm 4)
- 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)
- Faith Brass Ensemble—9:30 a.m.

Calendar at a Glance

Upcoming dates of note in our life at Faith

September 20	Choir Sings in Worship!
September 26	Team World Vision Urban Cow, 5k
September 27	Team World Vision Urban Cow, Half Marathon
October 10	Harvest Dinner & Auction
October 17	Presby Pumpkin Patch
November 29	First Sunday in Advent
February 10	Ash Wednesday; Lent begins
March 28	Easter
April 2-4	Women's Retreat
April 23-25	Men & Boys' Retreat

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

Women's & Children's BSF Begins This Week at Faith

Faith has been blessed to host a Bible Study Fellowship group for women and children here on our campus for years. And BSF is back this year, studying the book of ... Romans! Classes meet on Tuesday mornings. If you'd like to learn more about this in-depth approach to studying Scripture all while enjoying fellowship with other sisters in Christ, you can learn more on the BSF website: bsfinternational.org. You can also request to join the group here at Faith via the website's homepage. Just click on the orange "Find a Group" button near the top right of the page and then follow the prompts.



Faith Presbyterian Church of Sacramento

“The Next Step”

A Resource for Life Groups and/or Personal Application

September 13, 2026

Genesis 22:1-14 (NRSV)

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ² He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?” ⁸ Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

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

Message Notes

The Great Temptation

Questions to Consider...

The following questions and scriptures are provided for Life Groups and individuals who want to reflect further on today's message.

1. Read Genesis 22:1-14 again. What stands out to you as you read it through this time?
2. Are there scriptures passages (like this one) that you avoid reading? What are they and why?
3. Was God's testing of Abraham fair?
4. How would you have responded to God's command?
5. When have you been tested by God? In what ways?
6. How do you demonstrate your trust and obedience to God?
7. Who/What is sovereign in your life?
8. How did God's testing lead Abraham to worship God?



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

Talk together about what it means to trust and obey God.
How can we know if we are trusting and obeying God?

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:	1 Timothy 5 / Psalm 103
Tuesday:	1 Timothy 6 / Psalm 104
Wednesday:	2 Timothy 1 / Psalm 105
Thursday:	2 Timothy 2 / Psalm 106
Friday:	2 Timothy 3 / Psalm 107
Saturday:	2 Timothy 4 / Psalm 108
Sunday:	Titus 1 / Psalm 109

To help you SPEAK with God...

♦Pray for Our Faith Family, Especially...

Matina & Eric Bragas; Anthony ~ Keith Branwhite ~ Dave & Sylvia Brooks ~ Duwayne & Linda Brooks ~ John Brophy & Rebecca Westmore

♦Prayers for Healing & Comfort:

For Healing & Strength: Carol Keller, Bob Johnson, Clara Murrels, Kristen Bye, Barbara Tracy, Cheryl Chan, Sandy Smoley, Nick LaPlaca, Marvette Swayzer, Glenda Arellano, Em Baker, John Warren, Susan Murray, Wally Smith, Frank DeYoung.

♦Church Leadership:

Mark Tootle	Director, Music Ministry
Renee Larsen	Clerk of Session
Benjamin Rodriguez	Deacon, Parish 10

♦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**.



