The Lord's Day January 14, 2024

8:15 am and 11:00 am Worship Services



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Upon entering the sanctuary, please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.

Prelude

"Sheep May Safely Graze" J. S. Bach (1685-1750), arr. Jack Schrader

Welcome and Announcements

+Silent Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now, our hearts in true devotion bow, Thy Spirit send with grace divine, and let thy truth within us shine. Unseal our lips to sing thy praise, our souls to thee in worship raise, Make strong our faith, increase our light that we may know thy name aright. *Amen*.

"Alleluia".....Wm. Boyce/ed. & arr. by P. Leibergen

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship

^{*}Congregation standing

⁺The congregation is invited to kneel.



THE LORD CLEANSES US

+Confession of Sin Silent Prayer Corporate Prayer

Most merciful God, we confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; not only in outward transgressions, but also in secret thoughts and desires that we are unable to understand, but which are all known to you. For this reason, we flee for refuge to your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we can delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. *Amen*.

Declaration of Pardon

Isaiah 44:21-22 (ESV)

²¹Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you; you are my servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.
²²I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7 1. Thou hid thou all den source of calm re pose, suf might - y 2. Thy name sal va tion is. and keeps my 3. Je sus, all in all thou art; my rest in my 4. In plen ful ply, weak - ness want my ti sup in fi cient love di vine, my help and ref uge from my foes. hap soul pow'r and peace bove; com - fort it brings, and ру a pain, the med-i-cine of toil, my ease in my bro - ken heart, pow'r, in bonds my lib al might - y per fect er - ty, my cure Ι if thou mine: and lo! from sin and se art and and er - last ing love: me, with thy dear joy to in war my peace, in loss my gain, smile be neath the my my light in Sa - tan's dark - est hour, my help and stay when -

Charles Wesley, 1749

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THE LORD CONVERSES WITH US

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

"Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul" Kevin Twit (1964)

Procedure

- If you are new with us this morning, we would love to have a record of your visit and would appreciate it if you would fill out one of the little white visitor cards in the pew rack in front of you, and place that and only that in the offering plate as it is passed.
- Members and adherents can give by placing checks or cash in the plate.
 Envelopes can be used to designate ministries or, when giving cash, for contribution records.
- For online giving, text "faithtacoma" to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) for a link to our online giving portal, or visit faithtacoma.org/give.

*The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father; By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man: And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried: And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures: And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father: And he shall come again, with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets: And I believe one Catholic and Apostolic Church: I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins: And I look for the Resurrection of the dead: And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

*Congregational Petitions and the Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV) Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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*.

Mark 6:1-6 (ESV)

¹He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." ⁵ And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

Sermon

"Familiarity & Caricature"

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord's Supper

Procedure

- The order will generally be the balcony, and then the main floor starting in the back.
- There will be two lines, with congregants entering via the inside aisle and returning to their seats via the outside aisles.
- There are two options for bread: regular bread on the plate or packaged gluten free bread marked "GF" in the basket. There are two options for the cup: wine in colored cups or juice in clear cups.
- The mobility impaired will be served in their seats after the line ends. Please be sure to alert one of the servers if you have that need.
- You are welcome to participate in the Lord's Supper if you are a baptized Christian, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a faithful member or adherent of this or some other congregation, recognized as belonging to the fellowship of Christian believers. If this does not describe you, the pastors or elders would love to talk to you further about this after the service. Please introduce yourself to one of them. We are glad you are here and commend to you this prayer for your use during the time of the Lord's Supper.

Lord Jesus, help me to see that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but that through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering me forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, help me now to trust in you as my Savior and my King. Amen.

As our covenant children are able to express their faith in Jesus Christ, we want to encourage them to seek admission to the Lord's Table (Book of Church Order 57-1). Our denominational constitution requires that baptized children be able to articulate a credible, age-appropriate confession of faith to the elders in order to be admitted to the Table. If you have a child who would like to begin taking the Lord's Supper, please reach out to the pastors, elders, or the church office to schedule a time when you and your child can meet with a couple of our elders.

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend



I am the way and the truth and the life. John 14:6



E. Margaret Clarkson, 1957, 1985

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8. John Darwall, 1770

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

*The Charge

*The Benediction

+Silent Prayer

O Lord, our God, send down upon us your Holy Spirit, to cleanse our hearts, strengthen our faith, and to make perfect the offering of ourselves to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given,
And the government shall be upon His shoulder;
And His Name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor,
The Mighty God,
The everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.
George Fredric Handel, from Messiah

Postlude

Grand Chorus in Gregorian Tonality, Op. 52, No. 1 Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

DUTIES & VOLUNTEERS

This Week, January 14, 2024

Welcome & Announcement Elders Micah Tamminga Jeff David	8:15 am 11:00 am
Deacons Benevolence Chad Isenberger & Ken Kvale	8:15 am
Congregational Petitions Leaders Max LeFebvre Ian Gebhardt	8:15 am 11:00 am
Nursery Schedule Farnoush Katouzian & Kathy Somerville Elham Sadeghein & Kathy Hannula	8:15 am 11:00 am
Coffee/Tea Hosts Jennifer Sullivan Jonathan & Ali Nichols	8:15 am 11:00 am
Building Monitors Nate Shelden Colin James	11:00 am 6:00 pm
Next Week, January 21, 2024	
Welcome & Announcement Elders Adam Skrivan Micah Tamminga	8:15 am 11:00 am
Deacons Benevolence Brandon Welch & Nate Shelden	8:15 am
Congregational Petitions Leaders Jonathan Nichols Pedro Moura	8:15 am 11:00 am
Nursery Schedule Farnoush Katouzian & Tammy Hanks Elham Sadeghein & Jami Johnsen	8:15 am 11:00 am
Coffee/Tea Hosts Jennifer Sullivan Beth James	8:15 am 11:00 am
Building Monitors Mike Hanks Bill Brodersen	11:00 am 6:00 pm

TODAY

The Lord's Day - January 14

- Morning Worship	8:15 & 11:00 am
- Sunday School	9:45 - 10:45 am
- Choir Rehearsal	4:45 – 5:45 pm
- Evening Worship	6:00 pm

Children's Sunday School

A Sunday School map with class information and locations is available on the website (faithtacoma.org/Sunday-School) and on the bureau in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary.

Adult Sunday School

Over the next several weeks, we will return to our study of the Westminster Confession of Faith in the Sanctuary, as Pastor Knox White teaches on chapters 27-29 (Sacraments, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper). Although Dr. Rayburn recently gave an overview of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in the Foundations class, Knox plans to cover somewhat different ground, wading into some of the controversies surrounding the sacraments, investigating the supporting exegesis, and giving attention to additional argumentation not included in the recent overview.

Women's Ministry Fellowship Sunday School

We are reading the Chronicles of Narnia with book 7, The Last Battle. Michael Ward in *The Narnia Code* says, "In *The Last Battle*, Father Time extinguishes the Sun by squeezing it in his hand like an orange. This reminds us of what Lewis wrote in the Saturn section of 'The Planets,' where he speaks of the Sun being 'daunted with darkness.' And it is not just the Sun that disappears in this story. All the other stars fall from the sky too. Saturn was responsible for 'disastrous events,' ... [T]he world of Narnia and all the characters in it have to cope with disastrous events from the very start of the story. Everyone who is alive at the beginning of this tale is dead by the end of it." And yet, the book that begins with Saturn, ends with Jupiter/Jove. "And so we see that Saturn has brought about the very best thing, the return to the Jovial spirit of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. Saturn enables the children to see beyond sorrow.... Jovial happiness is at the heart of the Narnian universe, and in the end, the characters who appear in The Last Battle have to decide which they prefer: Jovial happiness or Saturnine sorrow." Join us as we finish reading the Chronicles together. We meet in the Fellowship House.

High School Sunday School

We all want to grow into who God has made us to be. But how do we do that? Come join us for a Sunday School based on Mason King's "Spiritual Disciplines: How to Become a Healthy Christian." We will be focusing on developing basic spiritual practices and developing what it means to have a full and flourishing life with God. High schoolers (9th-12th grade) are encouraged to join Pastor Gutiérrez, Mr. & Mrs. Funches, and Mrs. & Mrs. Moura Sundays 10:00 – 10:45 am, in the library.

Music

Thank you to Nico Roberts for playing the cello for our 11:00 service this morning.

This Evening

Pastor White will preach "A Cautionary Tale for the Church" from Acts 5:1-11.

CALENDAR

January 15 – January 21

For details please check the announcements below or the web site. You may contact the church office with questions: fpc@faithtacoma.org.

Monday - January 15

- Memorial Service for Paula Garcia de Hernandez

10:00 am

Tuesday - January 16

- Women's Ministry Morning Bible Study, Fellowship House 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

- Women's Ministry Evening Bible Study, Fellowship House 7:00 pm

Wednesday - January 17

- Mother's Encouragement Group, Fellowship House	9:30am – 12:00 pm
- Girls' Discipleship Group, DeSoto Hall	2:20 – 3:20 pm
- Guys' Discipleship Group, Library	2:20 – 3:20 pm
- Prayer Meeting, Old Narthex	7:00 – 8:00 pm
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"More praying and better is the secret of the whole matter. More time for prayer, more relish and preparation to meet God, to commune with God through Christ – this has in it the whole of the matter." --E. M. Bounds

- Choristers, Music Room	7:00 – 8:00 pm
- Junior High Youth Group, Room 301	7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Senior High Youth Group, DeSoto Hall	7:00 – 8:30 pm

Thursday - January 18

- Men's Prayer & Bible Reading, Conference Room	6:30 am
- PB&J Ministry, DeSoto Hall	9:15 – 11:15 am
- Women's Ministry of Faith Meeting	7:00 pm

Saturday – January 20

- Saturday Soccer, 1717 S Union Ave. 10:00 am

The Lord's Day – January 21

- Morning Worship	8:15 & 11:00 am
- Sunday School	9:45 - 10:45 am
- Choir Rehearsal	4:45 – 5:45 pm
- Evening Worship	6:00 pm

Upcoming Events

- Snow Retreat	January 26-28
- Annual Congregational Meeting & Dinner	January 31
- CHS Admissions Test	February 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting & Dinner

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 31, at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Prior to that, beginning at 6:00 pm in DeSoto Hall, all are welcome to come for a pizza dinner. Please find the form at the back of your bulletin to fill out and place in the drop box in the narthex today so we may have a count of how many will attend.

Memorial Service for Paula Garcia de Hernandez

Angel Hernandez's mother died in the early hours on December 17th. A memorial service will be held for her on Monday, January 15th at 10:00 am here at Faith Presbyterian Church. A reception immediately follows in DeSoto Hall. You may recall that Angel lost his father in 2022. All are invited to attend the service and reception, supporting and encouraging our brother at this time of grief and loss.

Women's Ministry of Faith Meeting: When Girls Don't Want to Be Girls

This month we will address the issue of transgender ideology in our culture and in our lives. We might think this would never apply to us, but unfortunately this may not be true. How are we prepared to answer questions from young people in our own lives and how can we minister to our sisters who are facing these hard realities themselves? Please join us on Thursday, January 18 at 7pm in DeSoto Hall for this difficult, yet relevant topic.

Men of Faith Winter Breakfast

The Men of Faith, ages 13 and up, will be having a Winter Breakfast February 3rd at 8:30 am. Bob Case will be giving his very interesting testimony. You don't want to miss it! The cost will be minimal...yet to be determined, and we will have a sign up sheet in the narthex. If you have questions or are eager to help, contact Jeff David or Tadd Bentson.

Covenant High School's Admissions Test

Covenant High School's admissions test for incoming freshmen is on Wednesday, February 7 at 3:30 pm. If you would like to learn more about Covenant, tour, shadow a current student, or sign up for the admissions test, contact Malisa Munoz at mmunoz@chstacoma.org or (253) 759-9570.

It is recommended you complete your application by the day of testing so you can receive an admissions decision within one week. After February 7th, it is rolling admissions if seats are still available.

Covenant High School Spanish 24-25 Opening

Covenant High School has an opening for a Spanish teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. For more information, please email Principal David Miller, dmiller@chstacoma.org or visit chstacoma.org/employment to apply.

Bible Reading Plans Available:

Various Bible reading plans, including Craig DesJardins' thematic plan, the Biblical Foundations Int.'s chronological plan, and the M'Cheyne Daily Bible Reading Plan are available in the narthex, and on our website at faithtacoma.org/biblereading.

Men of Faith Presbyterian:

We started a new plan on Jan. 1st, but it is not too late to join the reading plan via the You Version App, the You Version website, or via PDF. To join in scan the QR code, or contact Pastor Gutierrez for a PDF copy.

Youth Ministry Challenge (Jr. High & Sr. High invited)



The youth will be taking on their own challenge to read the whole Bible...in a year! It is ambitious, but it only takes around 10 minutes each day! We started this new plan on Jan. 1st, but you can still join through the You Version App, the You Version website or via a PDF. To join in scan the QR code! If you prefer a PDF copy, please contact Pastor Gutierrez!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Night Suppers - Seeking Volunteers!

Hello, Church family! We are looking forward to another year of worshiping, praying, and serving together. One of the delightful aspects of our church life is the monthly dinners before prayer meeting/youth groups/choristers...the first Wednesday of every month. We've had some fantastic volunteers doing this, and are hoping to recruit "many hands" to make "light work" for this upcoming year. If you are able to commit to preparing and serving one meal this coming year, and if you have a particular month that you would like to be in charge of, please message Sandra Chiou at sandrachiou@outlook.com.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are seeking additional volunteers to help care for the children in our nursery during the services. This is one way in which we can keep our baptismal vows, and also help provide young mothers with the ability to attend worship. If you are willing to help, please contact Farnoush Katouzian, our Nursery Supervisor, at fkjanuary6th@gmail.com, or (253) 397-7136. We hope to have enough volunteers that each volunteer would only serve a few times per year.

Paid Nursery Attendant Position Available

The church is looking to hire a nursery attendant to minister to our covenant children during both the 8:15 and 11:00 services. Applicants should be at least 18 years old, have experience with childcare, be able to follow safety and security policies and procedures, and should be regularly attending the alternate morning service. (We do not wish for this position to hinder someone from regular Sunday morning worship!). Please contact the church office if you are interested in applying.

Tacoma Rescue Mission Meal Service

We serve a meal at the Tacoma Rescue Mission on the second Saturday of each month. Look for a bulletin announcement with details two weeks ahead of our turn to serve in the following month. If you are hoping to help us serve, please contact Sandy Milton (<u>samilton1000@gmail.com</u>), as you will need to complete a little paperwork a few days prior to your first time serving at the Mission.

PB&J Ministry

We are making sandwiches here at Faith each week on Thursday at 9:15-11:15 am in DeSoto Hall for the Tacoma Rescue Mission. Please join us if you are able!

WEEKLY ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Young Professionals

Open to those age 18 to 30's. Would you like to know of future events? Text Pastor Gutiérrez to get on the list: 253-448-1823.

Women's Ministry of Faith Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Ladies, all women are welcome to join us on Tuesday mornings as we study the book of Revelation together. We meet every Tuesday from 9:30 am - noon in the Fellowship House, and we are using Nancy Guthrie's book *Blessed: Experiencing the Promise of the Book of Revelation*. Any questions? Please contact Dawn Darby.

Women's Ministry of Faith Tuesday Evening Bible Study

We resume Tuesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm to discuss Week 8 of *God of Covenant* by Jen Wilkin. Contact Tammy Hanks for more information.

Mother's Encouragement Group (MEG)

Mothers of young children, you are cordially invited to come join us at our biweekly MEG (Mothers Encouragement Group) where we fellowship, read & discuss a book about parenting our children in the Lord, and pray for one another. We gather at 9:30 in the Fellowship House and begin our book reading by 9:45, and we finish our morning by noon. Please see Hilary Kvale for more information. The dates for the first half of 2024 are: Jan 3, 17, 31, Feb 14, 28, March 13, 27, April 10, 24, May 8 and 22. Come join us!

Seniors' Book Club

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm in the Conference Room. Fresh-baked goodies, good books, and great company is what you can expect! Contact Jennifer Sullivan for more details at 253-225-2516, jajlsullivan@hotmail.com, or in person!

Choristers

Choristers is open to children ages 4-12. We meet every Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the choir room. Please join us as we learn music for the Christmas Eve service and as we have fun learning how to better use our voices, the wonderful instrument God has given each one of us. Have questions? Please contact Melissa McMillan.

Men's Prayer & Bible Reading

We meet Thursdays at 6:30 am in the Conference Room. We are currently reading in the New Testament. Please join us as we read and pray for each other and the world.

Saturday Soccer

Come join us for some fellowship and fun on Saturdays at 10:00 am. We have a great soccer location at 1717 S Union Ave. Tacoma, WA 98405! Guys and gals are welcome, and we play rain or shine, but we do ask that you be a teenager or older! Contact Nathaniel Gutiérrez at (253) 448-1823 for questions and to receive updates on cancellations.

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Annual Congregational Meeting Dinner Sign-Up 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31st

We always look forward to gathering together for dinner in DeSoto Hall before the Annual Congregational Meeting. Please fill out this form and place it in the Drop-Box in the new Narthex to help us make sure that we have enough pizza for all! If you are able to bring a dessert, that would be appreciated, but don't feel obligated - there's always more than enough. There is also a sign-up sheet next to the Drop-Box if you are able to help out. Please contact Sandra Chiou with any questions.

Name:
Number of family members attending:
Bringing dessert? (circle one): Yes / No
Need gluten-free pizza? If so, note how many servings: