The Lord's Day January 21, 2024

8:15 am and 11:00 am Worship Services



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.

- *Congregation standing
- +The congregation is invited to kneel.

Prelude

"Invocation" César Franck (1822 - 1890), arr. W. I. Nevins

Welcome and Announcements

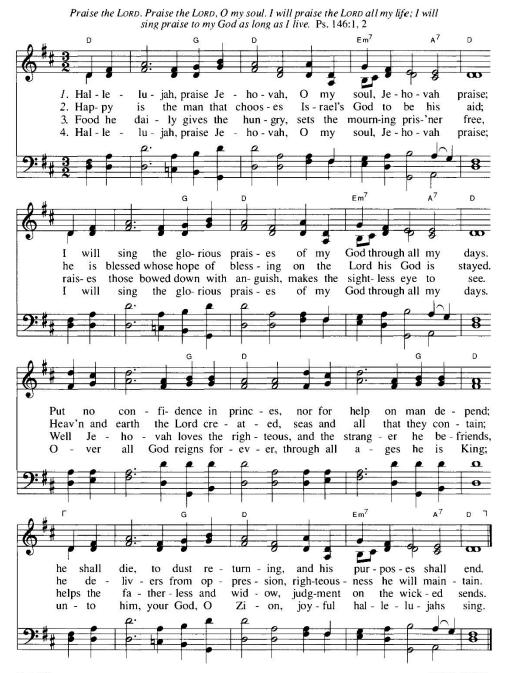
+Silent Prayer

O Almighty God, from whom every good prayer comes, who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in Spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Holy is the Lord, Holy is our God,
Praise the Lord in heaven,
Blessed is his name.
Praise the Lord forever,
Glory be to God.
Franz Schubert /ed. and arr. P.M. Liebergen

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship



THE LORD CLEANSES US

+Confession of Sin Silent Prayer Corporate Prayer

Most merciful God, whose eyes are too pure to behold iniquity, but who has promised forgiveness to all who confess and forsake their sins through Jesus Christ; we come before You, in a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our many transgressions of your righteous laws. We have done those things which we ought not to have done; and we have not done those things which we ought to have done. But, O Gracious Father, who delights to show mercy, look upon us with your mercy, and forgive us all our sins. Make us to feel deeply the great evil of them; and work in us a true penitence; that we may always obtain forgiveness at your hand, for you are ever ready to receive humble and penitent sinners, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Declaration of Pardon

Exodus 34:6-7 (ESV)

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin."

"My Faith Looks up to Thee"

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Heb. 12:1, 2



Ray Palmer, 1830

OLIVET 6.6.4.6.6.4. Lowell Mason, 1832

THE LORD CONVERSES WITH US

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

"Songs Without Words" in A Major Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

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.

*"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below; (Alleluia).

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (Alleluia). Amen.

(Tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen)

*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*.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 6:6b-13 (ESV)

⁶⁶And he went about among the villages teaching.

⁷ And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— ⁹ but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. ¹⁰ And he said to them, "Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. ¹¹ And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. ¹³ And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

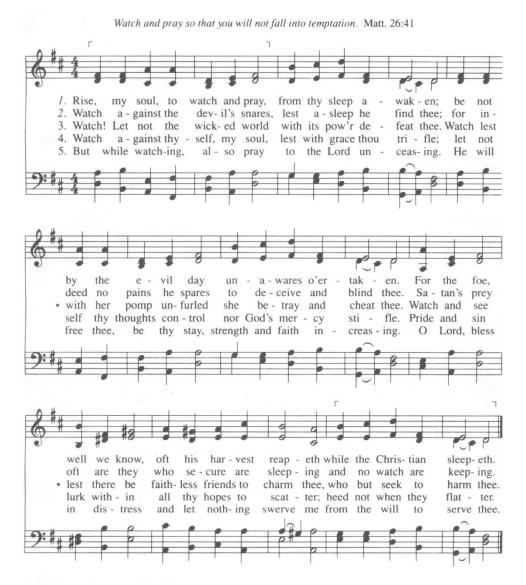
The Lord's Supper

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.



Johann B. Freystein, 1697, cento Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. STRAF MICH NICHT 7.6.7.6.3.3.6.6. Hundert Arien, Dresden, 1694



Trinity Hymnal 92
TEXT: Based on Psalm 46; Martin Luther, 1529; Tr. by Frederick H. Hedge, 1853
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THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

*The Charge

*The Benediction

+Silent Prayer

Lord, we plead with you to give us grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

Which Thou has prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,

And to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen.

Charles Villiers Stanford

Postlude

DUTIES & VOLUNTEERS

This Week, January 21, 2024

Welcome & Announcement Elders Adam Skrivan Micah Tamminga	8:15 am 11:00 am
Deacons Benevolence Nate Shelden & Brandon Welch	8:15 am
Congregational Petitions Leaders Brien Downie Pedro Moura	8:15 am 11:00 am
Nursery Schedule Farnoush Katouzian & Alicia Gutiérrez Elham Sadeghein & Jami Johnsen	8:15 am 11:00 am
Coffee/Tea Hosts Jennifer Sullivan Jonathan & Alison Nichols	8:15 am 11:00 am
Building Monitors Mike Hanks Bill Brodersen	11:00 am 6:00 pm
Next Week, January 28, 2024	
Welcome & Announcement Elders Mike Pfefferle Adam Skrivan	8:15 am 11:00 am
Deacons Benevolence Colin James & Hans Kvale	8:15 am
Congregational Petitions Leaders Jonathan Nichols Brandon Welch	8:15 am 11:00 am
Nursery Schedule Farnoush Katouzian & Sandra Chiou Elham Sadeghein & Alaina Matsuda	8:15 am 11:00 am
Coffee/Tea Hosts Jennifer Sullivan TBD	8:15 am 11:00 am
Building Monitors Bill Brodersen Ken Kvale	11:00 am 6:00 pm

TODAY

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

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.

This Evening Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Our evening service today will focus on the sanctity of human life and the impact of abortion. Dawn Darby will make a brief presentation on the work of Care Net and the sanctity of human life, and Pastor Nicoletti will bring us the Word on that theme as well.

CALENDAR

January 22 – January 28

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

Tuesday – January 23

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

Wednesday – January 24

- 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

"Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer." --John Bunyan

- 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 25

- Men's Prayer & Bible Reading, Conference Room		6:30 am
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- PB&J Ministry, DeSoto Hall 9:15 – 11:15 am

Friday - January 26

- Youth Group Snow Retreat, Tall Timber Ranch

January 26-28

Saturday - January 27

- Saturday Soccer, 1717 S Union Ave.

10:00 am

The Lord's Day - January 28

- 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

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- Annual Congregational Meeting & Dinner	January 31
- Pacific Northwest Presbytery Meeting	February 1-2
- Men of Faith Winter Breakfast	February 3
- 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.

Thank You from Mr. & Mrs. Bentson

The Bentson family wants to tell our dear Faith family how thankful we are and how very much we appreciate their prayers and concerns, especially for Ross as he experienced his recent illness. He is feeling much improved. Also, the gift basket brought by the Deacons was so full of treats and special goodies we have enjoyed for many days, as well as the bouquet of beautiful flowers. We felt your prayers and say, "many thank yous" once again. Ross and Ardith

Thank You from Rick & Lisa DeMass

Dear brothers and sisters,

It has recently come to our attention how financially generous you have been in contributing to an account set up for us. We have received many cards and texts expressing your concern and prayers for us. We are truly grateful. When I first learned of my cancer, our daily bread needs were a big concern. Your financial contribution has meant so much!

An update - I completed my six chemo treatments the day after Christmas and had a pet scan January 4th. My scheduled appointment with my oncologist this past Friday was to go over the results. I will have found out if more treatments are needed or if I'm 'good to go.' I will let you know what I find out.

The Lord has drawn near to us as a family and has dealt gently with me through this affliction. We cannot thank you enough for your prayers and your part in meeting our 'daily bread' needs. Let me sign off with a verse that has taken on new meaning for us. To Live is Christ, To Die is gain. Rick & Lisa

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 signup 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 (samilton1000@gmail.com), 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 meet every 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the Fellowship House. We are doing a ten-part study of Genesis 12-50 by Jen Wilkin: *God of Covenant*. 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 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. 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 fee
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: _____

Need gluten-free pizza? If so, note how many servings: _____

Bringing dessert? (circle one): Yes / No