

THE LORD'S DAY

June 21, 2026

8:15 am and 11:00 am Worship Services



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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On the Cover: The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6:19: "We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...." When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.

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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

"Near the Cross"arr. Norman Johnson (1917-2012)

Welcome and Announcements

+Silent Prayer

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you! *Amen.* – from Psalm 84 (ESV)

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise to God:

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

No. 30

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come.
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood,
and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

THE LORD CLEANSSES US

+Confession of Sin

Silent Prayer

Corporate Prayer

Most holy and merciful Father: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; against your holy law by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Declaration of Pardon

Micah 7:18-20 (ESV)

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will show faithfulness to Jacob and steadfast love to Abraham, as you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.”

*Hymn

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

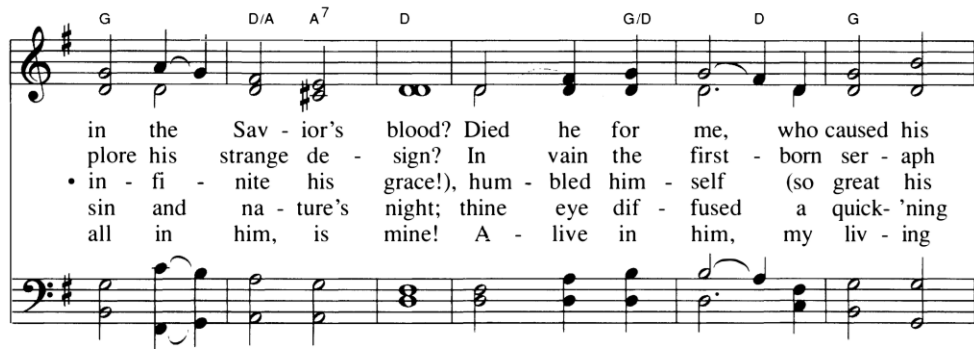
No. 455

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

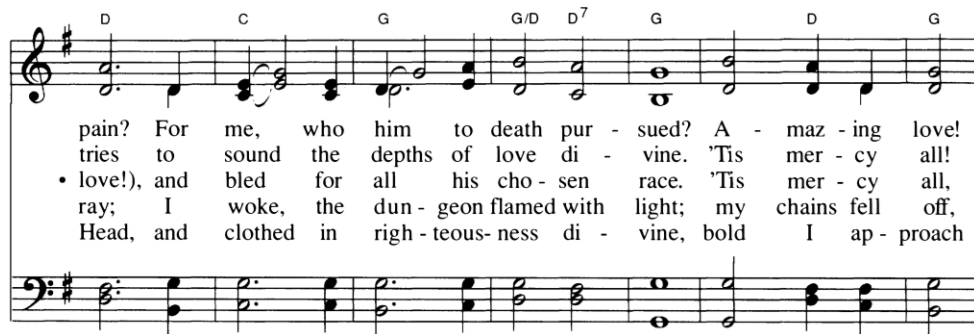
1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and



in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing



pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach



How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth adore, let angel minds in-
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

die for me?
 quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 • found out me.
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How
 Christ, my own.

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,

THE LORD CONVERSES WITH US

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

8:15am Service

“What a Friend we Have in Jesus”Charles Converse arr. by Tedd Smith

11:00 am Service

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand” Christopher Miner

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**

See Handout

***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

Philippians 4:2-3 (ESV)

²I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. ³Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Sermon

“Paths to Unity”

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.

*Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

No. 347

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

*Hymn

“We Will Feast In The House Of Zion”

Words and Music by
Sandra McCracken
and Joshua Moore

♩ = 71 CHORUS

F Dm⁷ B^b F Dm C B^b

We will feast in the house of Zi - on. We will sing with our

4 Gm C F Dm⁷ B^b F Dm C B^b

hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to - geth - er. We will feast and

8 C F VERSE B^b

weep no more.

1. We will not be burned by the
2. In the dark of night, be - fore the
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be -

12 Dm B^b C Dm

fire; He is the Lord, our God. We are not con -
dawn, my soul, be not a - fraid. For the prom - ised
-trayed, You are the faith - ful one. And - from the

15 B^b Dm B^b C Dm C/E

-sumed by the flood; up - held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
gar - den to the grave, bind us to - geth - er, bring sha - lom.

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

*The Charge

*The Benediction

+Silent Prayer

Grant, O Lord our God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through your grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us faith, hope, and especially love, to the honor and praise of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of your tone;
As you have sought, so let me seek
Your erring children lost and lone.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflows
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Your love to tell, your praise to show.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things that you impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many hearts.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as you will, and when, and where;
Until your blessed face I see,
Your rest, your joy and glory share. Amen.

Francis Havergall/Appalachian folk melody arr. Edward H. Wetherill

Postlude

"Pasticcio" from Ten Pieces.....Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

DUTIES & VOLUNTEERS

This Week, June 21, 2026

Welcome & Announcement Elders

Jerry Savage 8:15 am
Adam Skrivan 11:00 am

Deacons Benevolence

Mike Hanks & Scott Bennett 8:15 am

Congregational Petitions Leaders

Bob Somerville 8:15 am
Phil Lewis 11:00 am

Nursery Schedule

Farnoush Katouzian & Linda Seiber 8:15 am
Rachel Kvale & Kathy Lewis 11:00 am

Coffee/Tea Hosts

Jennifer Sullivan 8:15 am
Ali Nichols 11:00 am

Building Monitors

Nate Shelden 11:00 am
Brandon Welch 6:00 pm

Next Week, June 28, 2026

Welcome & Announcement Elders

Ryan Gross 8:15 am
Mark Aown 11:00 am

Deacons Benevolence

Bill Brodersen & Mike Hanks 8:15 am

Congregational Petitions Leaders

Andy Sullivan 8:15 am
Mitchel Hampshire 11:00 am

Nursery Schedule

Farnoush Katouzian & Tammy Hanks 8:15 am
Jami Johnsen & Arrika Rayburn 11:00 am

Coffee/Tea Hosts

Jennifer Sullivan 8:15 am
Ali Nichols 11:00 am

Building Monitors

Ken Kvale 11:00 am
Chad Isenberger 6:00 pm

TODAY
Sunday, June 21, 2026

Morning Worship	8:15 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School	9:45 am – 10:45 am
Choir Rehearsal	<i>on Summer Break</i>
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 Class

This Sunday in the Sanctuary, we will continue our three Book-Based Sunday School Discussion Classes, which will be meeting throughout June and July. If you have not yet joined a class, please see the full announcement later in the bulletin for details and consider participating during the Sunday School hour.

Women’s Ministry Fellowship Sunday School Class

Women’s Ministry Fellowship Sunday School Class is on Summer Break and will resume on Sunday 9/13/26.

Music

Thank you to Heidi Bone, Elsie Dye, Brien Downie, and James Rayburn for singing at both morning services. Thank you to Nico Roberts for playing the cello and Ben Mellott for playing the violin at the 11:00 service.

This Evening

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Robbins will present a ministry report and a sermon titled “A Brief Theology of Prayer” deriving from Acts 6:1-4.

CALENDAR

June 22 – June 28

For details please check the announcements below or the website.

You may contact the church office with questions: office@faithtacoma.org

Monday – June 22

- Vacation Bible School begins 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Better English on 6th *on Summer Break*

Tuesday – June 23

- Women’s Morning Bible Study, Fellowship House *on Summer Break*
- Vacation Bible School 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Young Professionals, Fellowship House 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Wednesday – June 24

- Vacation Bible School 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Prayer Meeting, Old Narthex 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- “Prayer and praises go in pairs; They have praises who have prayers.” --Bishop Taylor Smith*
- Choristers Rehearsal, Choir Room *on Summer Break*
- Junior & Senior High Youth Groups, DeSoto Hall 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday – June 25

- Men’s Prayer & Bible Reading, Conference Room 6:30 am – 7:30 am
- Vacation Bible School 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Friday – June 26

- Vacation Bible School 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- PB&J Ministry, DeSoto Hall 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Sunday – June 28

- Morning Worship 8:15 am & 11:00 am
- Sunday School 9:45 am – 10:45 am
- Choir Rehearsal *on Summer Break*
- Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

- Summer Hymn Sing, July 24
- Seniors’ Munch & Mingle 1950’s Diner, August 17
- Battle of the Books, August 30
- WMF Fall Retreat, October 1-3

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PB&J Ministry Schedule Change

Please note that due to Vacation Bible School, PB&J Ministry is rescheduled for next week to Friday, June 26 at 12:30pm.

19th Annual Faith Presbyterian Church Library Summer Reading Program

The volunteers in the Church Library are happy to announce the start of this year's *Summer Reading Program*. There are two programs:

Grade School (entering K – 5th grade)

Blast off on an out-of-this-world reading adventure! Take-off starts this Sunday, June 21. In the Library sign up for this year's program, make a personalized galaxy poster to hang in the Library, and grab some worksheets. Turn in a worksheet for every 100 minutes you read this summer and add a star to your poster, **and** get candy, and an entry in a prize drawing at the end of the summer!

Middle School (entering 6th – 8th grade)

Get ready for Battle of the Books XVIII! Does your team have what it takes to win this year? On Sunday, August 30, we will again be featuring a spectacular combination of pizza, ice cream, book trivia, prizes, and real game show buzzers. Come to the Library and sign up in groups of three (be sure to think of a good team name.) Library volunteers will be coming to your Sunday School classes to answer questions and help people to find teammates. We need a minimum of three teams to hold the event.

All questions will be based on the following books (you can get a copy of the list in the Library):

1. *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
2. *The Pilgrim's Progress* by John Bunyan
3. *The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
4. *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
5. *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
6. *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy
7. *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery
8. *Old Yeller* by Fred Gipson
9. *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens

So, get started with your teammates reading the books. Each member of the winning team receives \$50!!

Pastor Gutierrez Sabbatical

Pastor Gutierrez began his sabbatical on Monday, June 8th. He will return Monday, August 31st.

If you need assistance with a church-related issue before then, please contact the church office (253-752-7601 or office@faithtacoma.org) or reach out to one of our other pastors here at Faith.

If you think you have an exceptional issue which requires communication with Pastor Gutierrez before his return, please contact Pastor Nicoletti or our church administrator, Derek Whaley.

Men's Breakfast

Men, mark your calendar. On Saturday, July 18th at 8:30 a.m., we will hold our next Men's Breakfast. Peter Chiou will share his testimony. The cost is \$10 per person. You can register and pay online via the QR code below, or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex and pay on the day of the breakfast. Join us for good food, good fellowship, and an inspiring testimony.



Summer Hymn Sing!

Please join us for our Summer Hymn Sing in the narthex on Friday, July 24th at 6:30 PM. If you have hymn requests, please direct them to Elsie Dye. We will also take requests during the event, though receiving them in advance is preferred.

At this event, we also plan to commemorate the piano donated by our own Kathy Case in honor of Bob Case, who shared a deep love for music and worship through hymns. Please come and sing! You won't want to miss it!

VBS is Getting Ready for Lift Off!

June 22 - June 26



Vacation Bible School this summer is this Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26, 9am--noon each day. Classes are available to young "astronauts" Ages 4 through Grade 6 (entering). After our final assembly on Friday we have a VBS Family Picnic in the parking lot! Pick up a flier from the church foyer and invite your friends and neighbors to this exciting ministry event!

VBS Food Donations Needed

Hello Faith family!

With VBS comes many hungry mouths! One vital way to support this ministry is to provide food donations for the students and volunteers.

Drop off boxes will be located in the new narthex and in the kitchen refrigerator on June 14th and 21st. Please refer to the list of food requests found at the QR code below to know what to bring. Contact Mackenzie Mellott with any questions!



4th of July Church-Wide Gathering!

The Johnsen family are opening up their home for a church-wide 4th of July gathering, and everyone is invited!

When: July 4th, starting at 2:00 p.m.

Where: 23909 Entwistle Road, Buckley, WA 98321

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/PEahg8QW6UUiQRDW7>

There are two driveways, one that leads to the house and the other that is further down that leads to a white metal shop. Please use the shop driveway. There will be a sign on the street directing you to the right one.

Parking: There is a large field to park in and some gravel/paved spaces. If you are able please park in the field and leave the gravel or paved spots for the elderly and handicapped. There will be signage that leads you to the back field. It is a bit bumpy so if you have a lowered vehicle, be aware.

Fireworks: We will have a fireworks show at night. You are welcome to bring some of your own but for safety reasons, please refrain from lighting them until our designated time.

Food: Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. They kindly ask that guests bring a side dish, dessert, or drinks to share.

Water Fun: They will have a water slide and a dunk tank, plus a toddler/infant water play pad for the little ones.

Games & Entertainment: There will be a bounce house and a variety of large outdoor yard games.

What to Bring: Don't forget to bring sunscreen, mosquito spray and ear plugs. To stay comfortable, please bring your own chairs and a shade structure/canopy if you have one available. Please remember to bring your own towels!

If anyone has questions, they can reach out to Jami at (206) 450-3999. It will be a great day of fellowship!

**2026 Summer Term Adult Sunday School:
Book-Based Discussion-Format Classes**

It's time for the summer quarter of our new book-based discussion-format adult Sunday school classes! Once again, each class will be based on a book. *Reading the book is not required to participate in the classes*, though it is encouraged. Each class session will be a discussion of a portion of the book. But for those who didn't read (and to refresh the memory of those who did read), the class leaders will spend the first portion of each class giving a 15-minute summary of the section of the book being discussed. Then the rest of the class will be spent discussing that content together as a group. This is a time to give your thoughts, to ask questions, and to wrestle with the content together.

Because we take a Sunday school break in August, this will be a shorter "quarter," running just 6 weeks, from June 21st through July 26th.

This Sunday (6/14), during the Sunday school hour, please join us in the sanctuary, where a leader from each class will be giving a brief summary of what their class will be about, and answering any questions you may have. Then, next Sunday (6/21), you can attend the new class of your choice.

Below is a summary of what each class will be focused on. Please note that all three are open to all.

Select Letters of John Newton
published by Banner of Truth

Led by: Dick Hannula

Open to: All

Location: South DeSoto Hall

Summary: John Newton (1725-1807) became a pastor when he was nearly 40. The difficulties of his early life, his rebellion against God and the lessons learned through decades of ministry gave Newton a thorough knowledge of the workings of the human heart. His greatest strength was his one-on-one ministry of encouragement for those who came to him for counsel. Others sought his help by letter. One church historian said that Newton was: "The letter writer, par excellence of the evangelical revival. His letters are characterized by practical down-to-earth instruction and sanctified common sense." We will spend 10 to 15 minutes talking about some aspect of the life of Newton at the beginning of each class and then discuss several letters. Some of the topics will be - temptation, spiritual blindness, dealing with controversy, love to the brethren, election, the benefits of affliction, how to meet the assaults of Satan and many more.

How to Talk About Jesus (Without Being THAT Guy):
Personal Evangelism in a Skeptical World
by Sam Chan

Led by: Pastor Nicoletti

Open to: All

Location: Room #303

Summary: How are we, as Christians, to approach evangelism in a post-Christian culture? How are we to share our faith with people who have little interest in church outreach programs? How can we prepare people to hear the gospel in a culture where the Bible's message feels so implausible to them? And even if we knew the answers to these questions, where do we start? What do we actually do? How can we tell the non-Christians we know about Jesus without destroying the relationship or becoming "THAT guy" in their eyes?

These are the kinds of questions Sam Chan seeks to address in this short, thoughtful, and practical book on personal evangelism. Setting aside more programmatic approaches to evangelism (which often struggle to be effective in a post-Christian setting), Chan lays out eight "evangelism tips" aimed to help each of us share Jesus with the non-Christians that the Lord has already placed in our personal lives and all around us. Rather than dwelling on theological background, abstract apologetic approaches, or guilt-laden exhortations, Chan helps us to practically consider how we can live out what we already believe, by connecting more deeply with the people the Lord has already placed in our lives, and sharing about our faith with them in meaningful ways that they can understand.

If you also want to grow as an evangelist in the places the Lord has placed you, I encourage you to join us for this class, as we wrestle together with how to put these evangelism tips into action in our own lives and relationships.

The Tech-Wise Family
by Andy Crouch

Led by: Pastor White

Open to: All

Location: Room #303

Summary: In this class, we will read, discuss, and apply the book *The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place*. Writing from the dual perspectives of father and Christian commentator on culture, author Andy Crouch gives us a fresh vision for how digital and screen-based technologies, when constrained by principled parents, can play a positive role in family life. Equally sensitive to technology's potential to enhance or pervert human flourishing, Crouch calls for parents to pursue theologically-informed, God-centered wisdom as they shepherd their family's culture of technological engagement. Crouch sails smoothly between the Scylla of legalism and the Charbydis of license, providing the reader with 10 flexible commitments that he has found helpful in the life of his own family. With a refreshing blend of humility and conviction he explains and argues for his principles, while also admitting that his family sometimes fell short of them, giving a self-evaluation at the end of each chapter. The book manages to be both brief and deep, warm and principled, personal and applicable.

If you are looking for a book that will encourage, stimulate, and inspire you to lead and guard your family more effectively when it comes to technology, this class is for you. Ultimately, Crouch's book isn't about technology: it's about cultivating a joyful and fruitful family, and it is this positive emphasis that makes the book so compelling.

This class is open to all parents of Faith Pres.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Better English

Better English is paused for summer break on Monday nights and will resume on September 14. Better English Sunday mornings will continue weekly throughout the summer during the Sunday School hour (9:45–10:45 AM).

We are still in need of additional volunteers to help during this time. No experience or long-term commitment is needed—it's easy, enjoyable, and a wonderful opportunity to serve! If you are interested, please speak with Kathy Lewis or Jonathan Nichols, or simply come upstairs to Room 301 and give it a try. We think you'll love it!

PB&J Ministry

We are making sandwiches here at Faith each week on Thursday at 9:00 am - 10:30 am in DeSoto Hall for the Tacoma Rescue Mission. Please join us if you are able!

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. We hope to have enough volunteers that each volunteer would only serve a few times per year.

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, as you will need to complete a little paperwork a few days prior to your first time serving at the Mission.

Paid Nursery Attendant Position Available

The church is looking to hire nursery attendants to minister to our covenant children during both the 8:15 am and 11:00 am 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.

WEEKLY ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Women's Ministry of Faith Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible study is on summer break and will resume on Tuesday, September 15, 2026.

We will be studying the book of Isaiah using Kathleen Buswell Nielson's book "Isaiah: The Lord Saves".

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study is on summer break and resume in the Fall. Stay tuned for details.

Young Professionals

If you are a young professional and are single, dating, or married (without kids) we would like to invite you to join us! We meet every second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm for dinner and discussions on topics relevant to Christian professionals. We also host events like hikes, BBQs, and bowling nights. Stay updated on upcoming events by contacting Wyatt McMillan to get in the loop!

Mother's Encouragement Group

The Mother's Encouragement Group (MEG) is on summer break and will resume in the Fall. Stay tuned for details.

Men's Prayer & Bible Reading

We meet on 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.

Seniors' Munch & Mingle

All seniors 75+ are invited to fellowship, encourage, and have some fun together every second Thursday of the month from 12:30 pm -2:00 pm! We will meet at Cogir at the Narrows, just a short hop from church! This time is for men and women and is always an uplifting time. There will be snacks and coffee or tea served. Come on out and meet a most fun group in the church! Contact Jennifer Sullivan with questions or if you need ride arrangements. Those dates for this year are: 7/9

Small Groups

Looking to build Christian community and develop deeper friendships with other families of our church? Our small group ministry seeks to meet this need through hospitality, sermon discussion, and prayer for one another. Please check out our website for a description of this ministry, and to contact Pastor White to get connected to a group!