

Celebration of Worship

January 5, 2020

Welcome to Faith Church! We come to worship our great God for his grace shown to us in Jesus Christ and for the gift of the Holy Spirit. A special welcome to those who are our guests today. We hope that you may see the love of Christ active among us today. If you are visiting today and are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider Faith Church.

We Gather to Worship

*Gathering Song: "Time Is Filled with Swift Transition"

*Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship: Psalm 27:1

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: "The God of Abraham Praise"

We Celebrate God's Grace

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Song of Assurance: "We've Come This Far by Faith"

We Respond in Gratitude and Faith

Prayer of Dedication

We Offer Our Gifts

We Pray for One Another

We Receive the Word of God

*Song of Preparation: "Open My Eyes, that I May See"

Bible Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Sermon: "Going without Knowing"

Rev. Dan Jongsma

Prayer of Response

*Song of Response: ""My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

We Gather around the Lord's Table

Our custom is to wait until all are served, then to eat and drink together.

We Leave to Serve God and His World

*God's Blessing

*Parting Song: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH

January 5, 2020

Nashville, TN

WELCOME to Faith Church today!

This morning, Pastor Dan Jongsma will deliver his first official sermon as the new pastor of Faith CRC Nashville. His sermon will be "Going Without Knowing" based on Genesis 12: 1-9.

We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning. Anyone worshipping with us today who is a professing member of another Christian church is welcomed and encouraged to join with us in the celebration of Communion. As we do so, let us remember Scripture's encouragement to examine ourselves before coming to the table (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

Immediately after the service this morning, you are all invited to the Communion Lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

Please take the opportunity on Sunday evenings to enjoy the fellowship with other believers. Consider inviting others to your home so that we may get to know one another more and grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE FAITH CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests: If you have a request for prayer, either intercession or thanksgiving, please complete the yellow insert in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the worship service. Please note on the prayer request form if you would prefer that the request not be placed in the bulletin the following Sunday.

Thank God for answered prayers!

--Praise God for the Jongsma family as we welcome them to our church home.

Please pray for these needs:

--Pray for Tom's health, he is experiencing extreme pain in his back and knee. Pray for healing and relief from this pain.

--Pray for Sheri's sister, Patti. She is waiting on the results of an MRI to determine the next step for recovery from gall bladder surgery.

--Pray for Bart's recovery and total healing from his surgery.

--Pray for Lou Wallace - he is now home, but has no mobility. Pray for healing for Lou and pray for his wife as she cares for him.

--Pray for Katherine, John and the children for God to provide for their needs. Also Pray for Katherine's healing after a bad cut which required stitches.

--Pray for the homeless, pray for those who provide services for the homeless. Pray that those who are living on the streets can find a way to provide for themselves and manage an apartment or some type of housing and become self-sufficient. Pray for those who cannot manage this, those that are caught between the mental health system and the legal system, but end up on the streets trying to find shelter and a meal. Pray for understanding and compassion by those who don't understand the plight and situations of the homeless.

--Pray for Pastor Porte and our Reformed brothers and sisters in Valencia, Venezuela as they deal with significant poverty and financial challenges there.

--Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Kenya and for Rev. Joseph Murupus and the other pastors as they work with the Reformed Churches in East Africa.

--Pray for our President and Congress as they lead our nation. Pray that God may grant them wisdom and direction.

FAITH CHURCH'S VISION

Faith Church, Nashville is a dynamic and diverse community of God's family, striving to faithfully proclaim and teach the whole word of God and to apply it to all of life. We celebrate God's grace in Jesus Christ through our worship and ministry, seeking out families and individuals whom God is calling to grow with us.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today:

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 am Morning Worship

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

The **Brentwood Small Group** meets every second and fourth Wednesday night at 6:45 pm for an excellent dinner and study at the home of Mike and Laura Purswell. For more information call Mike or Laura Purswell at 615-370-8397. Email Mike at hmstyle@comcast.net, or Laura at Impurswell@comcast.net.

The **Donelson Small Group** is reorganizing its meeting time. Contact Bart and Brynna Spain for the details.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT FAITH:

Special Offerings:

First Sunday of the month - Offering for Benevolent Fund

Second Sunday of the month - Change for Tusculum School.

Happy Birthday to

Stanley Rivers

January 7

John Mason

January 13

Retreat 2020: Church Retreat: Joy Sayers needs to know how many people plan to attend the upcoming retreat May 1-3 at Lake Barkley State Resort Park (same location as 2018.) If you plan to attend please let her know so Faith can continue to hold the accommodations.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Adult Sunday School Class: George Garden is leading a devotional discussion on the Sermon on the Mount.

Last two week's offering: The deacons gratefully acknowledge the offering received the last two weeks:

12/29/19

General Fund: \$1703.25

12/22/19

General Fund: \$1193.00

Benevolent Fund: \$25.00

"A checkbook and financial statements are theological documents; they will tell you who and what you worship." Brian Kluth

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Nursery today: Larissia & Ann

Nursery next week: Sheri & Jenny

Responsibilities for January:

Set Up/Clean Up Crew: Purswell, Kamper, Sayers