

Celebration of Worship

December 1, 2019

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: "We Have a Savior"
- *Words of Welcome
- *Call to Worship: Psalm 47:6-9
- *God's Greeting
- *Song of Praise: "Sing to the King"

We Prepare Our Hearts

Advent Reflection: Christ our King

First Sunday in Advent: From Psalm 72

Song of Response: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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: "Speak, O Lord"

Bible Reading: Colossians 1:9-20

Sermon: "Centering Around a Surprising God"

Kat Olson

Prayer of Response

*Song of Response: "I Serve a Risen Savior"

We Leave to Serve God and the World

*God's Blessing

*Parting Song: "Sing to the King"

THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH

December 1, 2019

Nashville, TN

WELCOME to Faith Church today!

This morning, Kat Olson will deliver the sermon: "Centering Around a Surprising God," based on Colossians 1: 9-20.

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 that the new medication Jeriah has started is giving him some relief from his pain. We continue to pray for healing of the whole digestive system for Jeriah.

--Praise God that Sheri's niece, Courtney, has a new job.

--Praise God that Barry's daughter, Jessica, is home from the hospital.

--Praise God that Tony is feeling much better after his surgery.

Please pray for these needs:

--Pray for a positive outcome to Katherine, John and the children, and for a positive agreement for Cecilia's visitation.

--Pray for a family friend of the Spains, "Cat," who had bypass surgery, which went well, but he is having difficulties with recovery – pneumonia, blood pressure, eating and anxiety. Pray for his complete recovery.

--Pray for the family of Kyrie Cox, an 8th grader at Chris' school, who died of an apparent aneurysm in her brain last week. Pray for the students as well as the whole student body and teachers are having a rough time.

--Pray for Josiah's peace and contentment, and that he can find joy in family time, worship, studying and play rather than spending time on his electronic devices.

--Pray for Dan & Gloria Jongsma as they plan their move to Nashville.

--Pray for Sheri's sister, Patti, as she slowly heals from her surgeries.

--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 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

Cecilia Purswell December 3

Cindy Davis December 4

Gayle Breece December 8

Retreat 2020: Church Retreat - Response Needed:

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

General Fund:	\$743.00
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: Laura & Mary

Nursery next week: Larissia & Ann

Responsibilities for October:

Set Up/Clean Up Crew: Lujan, Bratt, Bus, Russell