

Celebration of Worship

December 29, 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: "God Rest Ye Merry, Christians"

*Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship: from Psalm 90

*God's Greeting

*Song of Praise: "Your Name"

We Celebrate God's Grace

Call to Confession: Psalm 24:3-6

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: from Romans 8:34

Song of Assurance: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

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: "Seek Ye First"

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: "How to Be Blessed"

Prayer of Response

*Song of Response: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

We Leave to Serve God and His World

*God's Blessing

*Parting Song: "Your Name" (Double chorus)

THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH

December 29, 2019

Nashville, TN

WELCOME to Faith Church today!

This morning Elder George Garden will be reading a sermon using two sermons from Martin Lloyd Jones on Matt 5:6 with the text being from Matt 5:1-12. Sermon: "How to Be Blessed"

Next Sunday Pastor Dan Jongsma will be preaching the word to us.

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.

NURSERY: Nurseries, located off the fellowship hall, are available for children under four. A cry room is adjacent to the sanctuary.

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 Bailey's employer was able to reach a proper conclusion.
--Praise God for our ministry partners this last year in particular; Grace Village, Rehoboth Church and Spanish Immersion Preschool.

Please pray for these needs:

--Pray for Richard Breece's healing as he fights an infection.

--Pray for Lou Wallace's healing, now with sepsis - this is a disappointing setback - pray for his health.

--Pray for Sarah Bus' mother's health and that her biopsy results are negative.

--Pray for Sheri's sister, Lori, as she has her second eye surgery on Tuesday.

--Pray for Sheri's sister, Patti, as she has had further setbacks and is now very depressed that after three months there has not been any healing.

--Pray for Joe Cole, he has had a lot of falls lately. Thank God he hasn't hurt himself too badly.

--Pray for Ryan's co-worker Peter, as he goes through isolation in anticipation of the stem cell procedure.

--Pray for the Jongsmas as they transition to Nashville - be with them, keep them safe, and work out details they haven't even thought of.

--Pray for the homeless as the cold weather sets in. Pray for clarity of mind for those living on the streets, keep them from harm and with God's guiding hand lead them to productive decisions and blessings.

--Pray for Faith Church, our past and how it has blessed each of us personally. Pray for the future of Faith Church. Pray how each of us can be used in that future.

--Pray for our local, state and national leaders. Help them to lead and govern with integrity, and may their integrity guide them and keep them on track.

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. Everyone is welcome to join them for this study. For more information call Mike or Laura Purswell at 370-8397. Email Mike at hmstyle@comcast.net, or Laura at lpurswell@comcast.net.

The Donelson Small Group is presently meeting once a month for fellowship. Contact Bart and Brynna for details.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT FAITH:

Special Offerings:

Benevolent Fund: Next Sunday and the first Sunday of each month we encourage offerings to the Benevolent Fund. Please find it in your heart to contribute to this fund so that requests from those in need can be honored where appropriate. Note on your check that the offering is for the Benevolent Fund-or put it in an envelope marked for benevolent.

Second Sunday of the month - Change for Tusculum School.

Happy Anniversary to

Jim & Kat Olson January 4

Happy Birthday to

Joyce Stewart December 29
Ryan Kamper December 30
Princess Anderson January 1

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Adult Sunday School Class: George Garden is leading a devotional discussion on the Sermon on the Mount, starting with Matthew 5.

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

"Money is a spiritual matter and its use is a statement of faith... Jesus said, 'Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34).

Where your checkbook is, there you will find your heart." David Ray

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Nursery today if needed: Laura & Mary

Nursery next week: Larissia & Ann

Responsibilities for Next Week:

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