

Celebration of Worship

December 8, 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: "Joy to the World"
- *Words of Welcome
- *Call to Worship: Psalm 130:5-7
- *God's Greeting
- *Song of Praise: "Great Is the Lord God"

We Prepare Our Hearts

Advent Reflection: Christ our Savior

Second Sunday in Advent: From Psalm 18

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: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Bible Reading: Luke 2:21-32

Sermon: "No More Waiting"

Rev. Jerry Hoek

Prayer of Response

*Song of Response: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

We Gather Around God's Table

The Lord's Supper

It is our custom to wait till all are served, then to eat and drink together.

We Leave to Serve God and His World

*God's Blessing

*Parting Song: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Chorus)

THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH

December 8, 2019

Nashville, TN

WELCOME to Faith Church today!

This morning Pastor Jerry Hoek will deliver the Sermon titled "No More Waiting" based on Luke 2:21-32.

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.

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 for Maudelle and Sheri for collecting and delivering the donated coats, blankets, gloves and other items to the Rescue Mission.

Please pray for these needs:

--Pray for the court's decision for Cecilia's visitation agreement.

--Pray for Sheri's sister, Lori, as she recuperates from eye surgery.

--Pray for Jaden as the doctors monitor his Crohn's.

--Pray for the Remke family as they mourn the loss of their father and grandfather.

--Pray for healing for Tracy Lujan after an ER visit on Thanksgiving with what tests showed as viral meningitis. She is feeling some better. Pray for her complete and quick recovery.

--Pray for others struggling with health issues - Richard and Cindy Davis, Claire Hoek, Ruth Jasperse, John and Joyce Stewart.

--Pray for Tusculum School, that their needs are met, having so many refugee families, and that teaching can progress while family situations are assisted smoothly.

-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 local government leaders. Pray that they may make good decisions for the people in our communities.

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 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:

Change for Tusculum: Today and then the second Sunday of every month we will take a special offering for Tusculum School and its important education of children.

Retreat 2020: Faith 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.

Happy Birthday to:

Gayle Breece	December 8
Josiah Walker	December 15

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

12/15 Congregational Meeting

12/22 Lessons and Carols

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

General Fund:	\$ 3354.00
Benevolent Fund:	\$ 45.00

“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 Next Week:

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