

Celebration of Worship

March 31, 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.

The People of God Gather

- *Gathering Song: "We Come, O Christ to You"
- *Call to Worship - From Hebrews 12:1-2 (Unison)
- *God's Greeting

To Praise God

- *Framing our Worship
- *Song of Praise: "In Christ Alone" (Lift 770:1,2,4)
- *Prayer of Praise

To Remember the Cost of God's Grace

- God's Law: The Ten Commandments (Read responsively)
- Prayer of Confession
- Our Assurance in Christ: Isaiah 53:7-9
- Song of Reflection: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Lift 175:1,3,4)

To Give and Pray to God

- Prayer of Dedication
- Offering
- The Prayers of God's People

To Proclaim the Word of God

*Song of Preparation: "Be Thou My Vision"

Bible Reading: Luke 23:32-34, 44-49; Romans 3:25-26

Sermon: "Behind the Cross: A Demonstration of God's Justice and Love"

1. Why do we make such a big deal out of Jesus' death on the cross?
 - Plenty of other people were crucified
 - A look behind the outward events

2. Why did Jesus have to die to save us?
 - To satisfy God's perfect justice
 - It is a fundamental principle of God's universe that wrong deserves punishment.
 - Romans 3: God presented Jesus as a sacrifice... to demonstrate his justice.
 - The cross foreshadows final justice at the Judgment Day.

3. Why was Jesus willing to die for us?
 - Sheer love
 - Romans 3:26: to be the one who justifies us
 - I John 3:16: This is how we know what love is: Jesus laid down his life for us.

Prayer of Response

*Song of Response: "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire" (Lift 828:1,2,4)

To Part in God's Service and Grace

*God's Blessing

*Parting Song: "We Are People On a Journey" (Lift 142:1-2)

THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH

March 31, 2019

Nashville, TN

WELCOME to Faith Church today!

This morning Pastor Neil's Sermon: "Behind the Cross: A Demonstration of God's Justice and Love" based on Luke 23:32-34, 44-49; Romans 3:26-26

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.

Please pray for these needs:

--Pray for Cindy Davis - Thanks to God that she has healed well and her ability to walk has not been impacted. Continue to pray for her hip and that she can and will use the walker or cane.

--Pray for Joyce Stewart as she mourns the passing of her mother. Pray for her family and for the Spirit to work in and through them to show Jesus' love. Pray for safe travels for John and Joyce.

--Pray for Alice Rivers, she has three more chemo treatments left, then surgery. Pray for strength in the homestretch.

--Pray for Lana Sims' last days at Daymar College in Clarksville. Daymar was suddenly bought out and most faculty let go. Lana is looking for a job in the Nashville area, but it is not easy in one's early 60s.

--Pray for the Spirit's guidance and God's wisdom for our council as they meet and discuss many pressing issues.

--Prayer and Praise for our pastor search team, thanks to them for their service, and prayers for a fruitful search with God's guidance and blessing.

--Pray for the homeless as we enter into the cold months. Pray for outreach and coordination between the services and those in need.

--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

Wednesday:

11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

Thursday:

6:00 am Morning Bible Study

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. This group will be doing an inductive Bible study on the Gospel of John. 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 Impurswell@comcast.net.

The Donelson Small Group meets the first and third Wednesday night at 6:30 at the home of Bart and Brynna Spain. Contact Bart and Brynna for the details.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT FAITH:

We are planning a community outreach fun day at the church on May 25 from 10am-2pm, with games & food. All activities including the entire event, are written in pencil depending on willingness of volunteers to help rotate to supervise at stations during the event. Also we'll ask Faith Church families attending to bring a favorite salad for the lunch. Please let us know if you're interested in helping out with the planning and implementation of this event.

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 and Supplies for the church in Venezuela.

Happy Birthday to

Brynna Spain	April 1
Bailey Davis	April 6
Matt Purswell	April 7

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Study during Sunday School 'hour': Kelly Minter's Bible Study No Other Gods. This is a great study on false gods. It dives deep into the Old Testament struggle of God's people with false gods and represents God's great passion for His people to call on Him alone - showing his faithful deliverance and love. It is both convicting of our modern day idol worship and exhilarating to pull these idols off their pedestals and focus on God. We will be working through the study books together during Sunday School (no homework required, though the books are yours to make notes in for personal reflection).

Adult Sunday School Class: Donald Walker is teaching a class on 2 Chronicles 20. Please join us in this class!

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

General Fund:	\$993.00
Benevolent Fund:	\$25.00

"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: Laura & Katherine

Nursery next week: Larissia & Jenny

Responsibilities for Next Week:

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