

Celebration of Worship

September 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: "Build Your Kingdom Here"

*Words of Welcome

*Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:18, 22-24

*God's Greeting

*Songs of Praise: "Your Name"

We Celebrate God's Grace

Call to Confession: Matthew 11:28-30

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: 1 John 2:1-3

Song of Assurance: "Mighty to Save"

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: "O Word of God, Incarnate"

Bible Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon:

"Living by Faith in a Broken World: Our Only Hope"

Rev. Dale Slings

Prayer of Response

*Song of Response: "Before the Throne of God Above"

We Gather at God's Table

Service of Communion

It is our custom at Faith Church to wait until all have been served, then to eat and drink together.

We Leave to Serve God and the World

*God's Blessing

*Parting Song: "Your Name"

THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH

September 8, 2019

Nashville, TN

WELCOME to Faith Church today!

This morning, Pastor Dale Slings begins a series on The Sermon on the Mount. The sermon today is entitled "Our Only Hope," and is taken from Matthew 5:13-20.

We will also celebrate the Lord's Supper this morning. Anyone worshiping 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.

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 Joe Cole is doing well after his surgery. Pray for good health for Joe, and improved circulation in his legs.

--Praise God that Joyce is feeling better, pray that she can keep her blood sugar under control.

Please pray for these needs:

--Pray for healing for John's wrist and elbow.

--Pray for Joy's mother in Canada, as well as all of the family, while they deal with housing issues.

--Pray for those in Texas who were victims or had family or friends hurt in the shooting. Pray for our country as this seems to continue and our feelings about these tragedies become complacent. Shooting people is not acceptable and no one should be tolerant of it. Pray for peace in our land.

--Pray for those affected by hurricane Dorian, people in the Bahamas, in Florida, and those in its path on the southeastern coast.

--Pray for the friends and family of Jerry Nease, who took his life on Monday. Pray for peace and understanding, pray for his children, especially, as they try to make sense of his depression and struggles.

--Pray for the friends and family of Cathy Leigh, who passed away after a long battle with cancer.

--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 the Spirit's discernment in our pastor search and the council's direction.

--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 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:

Special Offerings:

First Sunday of the month - Offering for Benevolent Fund

Today -- Second Sunday of the month - Change for Tusculum School.

Happy Birthday to

Avery Chao

September 13

Retreat 2020: Faith Church 2020 retreat plans are underway. This upcoming event will be May 1-3, 2020, at Lake Barkley State Resort Park in Kentucky. (Same location as 2018.) If there is anyone interested in participating on the retreat committee, please talk to Joy Sayers.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

Need for teachers: We have a need for Sunday school teachers for our 2 second graders and for our middle schoolers (5th and 6th grade). Please give prayerful consideration to serving our congregation in this capacity and if you are interested please let Bart or Gene know.

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

General Fund:	\$1002.25
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: Laura & Ann

Nursery next week: Larissia & Ann

Responsibilities for June:

Set Up/Clean Up Crew:

Purswell, Kamper, Sayers