

# *Celebration of Worship*

*March 8, 2020*

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 Come, O Christ, to You"

\*Words of Welcome

\*Call to Worship: From Psalm 46

\*God's Greeting

\*Song of Praise: "Your Name"

## *We Celebrate God's Grace*

Call to Confession: Isaiah 55:6-7

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Song of Assurance: "Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting"

## *We Respond in Gratitude and Faith*

Prayer of Dedication

We Offer Our Gifts

We Pray for One Another

## *We Receive the Word of God*

Bible Reading:

Matthew 11:28-29; Exodus 20:8-10; Hebrews 4:9-11

Sermon: "Growing Through the Rhythm of Sabbath Rest"

I. Our Bondage to \_\_\_\_\_.

II. God's Solution: "Get Into My \_\_\_\_\_."

A. \_\_\_\_\_ by God at Creation

B. \_\_\_\_\_ by God at Mt. Sinai

C. \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus throughout His Ministry

III. Practical Advice Regarding Sabbath Rest

Recommended Reading:

Sacred Rhythms by Ruth Haley Barton (IVP 2006)

Prayer of Response

\*Song of Response: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

## *We Leave to Serve God and His World*

\*God's Blessing

\*Parting Song: "We Rest on Thee"

# ***THIS WEEK AT FAITH CHURCH***

March 8, 2020

Nashville, TN

**WELCOME** to Faith Church today!

**This morning** Pastor Dan Jongsma brings us the message: "Growing Through The Rhythm of Sabbath Rest." This message will be based on Matthew 11:28-29; Exodus 20:8-10; Hebrews 4:9-11.

**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 a guilty plea by the perpetrator of Lana Sims' home invasion. Pray for Lana's peace after such a traumatic violation of her personal space.

--Praise God that Sheri's sister, Cindy, made it through her kidney stone surgery and was released. Please pray for complete recovery

and that the doctor can find a solution that doesn't involve 2 -4 surgeries per year.

--Praise God that Sheri's sister, Patti, is recovering and should have her last surgery March 16th.

--Praise God that Patti's son-in-law is recovering as well. He is responding to commands and is able to sit up. Pray for him as he still has a long way to go.

### **Please pray for these needs:**

--Pray for Joe Cole and his family as Joe's last living brother recently passed away.

--Pray for Chris Kelly, for God's guidance and provision for his every need.

--Pray for the engineers and students preparing for the May trip to Ghana. May they figure out ways to better monitor the wastewater plants so they can optimize their operations. Help to initiate the design and construction of a third plant at Heritage Christian College in Accra, Ghana. Pray that the manufacturer of the basic system will agree to release more basic information that the systems can be fine-tuned for the African environment. May we faithfully serve our brothers and sisters in Christ in this part of Africa.

--Pray for our community who has lost so much in the recent tornado outbreak earlier this week. We praise God that as far as we can tell, all the members of Faith Church have been spared personal or property damage. However, some of us probably know those who have. In particular, Donelson Christian Academy (where Luke and Ben Spain attend) was severely damaged.

--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

### **Adult Sunday School Classes:**

George Garden is leading a devotional discussion on the Sermon on the Mount.

Gloria Jongsma is starting a women's group using the new Kelly Minter study on Joseph as their first topic.

## **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](mailto:hmstyle@comcast.net), or Laura at [Impurswell@comcast.net](mailto: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 - May 1-3 at Lake Barkley State Resort Park. Over the next few weeks, we need to start collecting our lodging costs for the weekend. Please make your check out to Faith Church and write Retreat on the memo line. As a reminder, rates are as follows: Cottages- \$225/night Lodge Rooms -\$125/night Little River Lodge - \$76/night.

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

General Fund:	\$ 3733.00
Benevolent Fund:	\$ 150.00
Tusculum School:	\$ 100.00

“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 & Laura

**Nursery next week:** Sheri & Mary

**Responsibilities for Next Week:**

Set Up/Clean Up Crew: Card, Rivers, Spain, Walker