

**LORD'S DAY**  
September 8, 2019



**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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*Upon entering the sanctuary please maintain silence for the sake of the congregation's preparation for worship, and please make sure electronic devices are off or using silent mode.*

**Prelude**

Nun freut euch, lieben Christen ..... J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

**Welcome and Announcements**

**+Silent Prayer**

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, we pray that you will now in mercy look down upon us, your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the cross; Grant to us the desires of our hearts this Sabbath morning: to see you in your majesty and glory, to be renewed in our experience of your grace and love, and to hear your voice speaking in your Word. Give us your Holy Spirit that we might make a sincere and heartfelt offering of our praise, our love, and ourselves to you. Receive pleasure from your grateful people this day, O Triune God. Amen.

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn of Praise and Invocation**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

No. 101

**+Confession of Sin**

*Silent Prayer*

*Corporate Prayer*

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:10-12 (ESV)

**\*Hymn of Faith in Christ**

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

No. 521

**Unison Reading of God's Law**

Matthew 6:1-4 (ESV p. 811)

**Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings**

Sarabande from Suite No. 4 ..... G. F. Handel (1685 – 1759)

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; (Alleluia).  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. (Alleluia). Amen.

*(Tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen)*

**\*Congregational Petitions**

**Scripture Lesson**

John 5:30-47 (ESV pp. 890-891)

**Sermon**

“Hearing the Father’s Witness: Testimony, Knowledge, and Glory”

**\*Hymn**

“The Heavens Declare Your Glory, Lord”

No. 138 (Psalm 19)

**\*Benediction**

**+Silent Prayer**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want.  
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;  
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
E’en for his own name sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me,  
And thy rod and staff me comfort still.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
And in God’s house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

*Psalm 23/James L. M. Bain (1860 - 1925), arr. Malcolm Archer*

**Postlude**

March in F Major, Op 46, No. 5 ..... Alexandre Guilmant (1837 - 1911)

**\*Congregation standing**

**+The congregation is invited to kneel**

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**Lord's Day – September 8**

Morning Worship	8:15 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Choir Rehearsal	4:45 pm
Evening Service	6:00 pm

**Welcome & Announcement Elders**

Ryan Gross	8:15 am
Don Mellott	11:00 am

**Congregational Petitions Leaders**

Cliff Kendall	8:15 am
Steve Triller	11:00 am

**Nursery Schedule**

Becky Wilson	8:15 am
Rachel Moore & Noel Sukhia	9:45 am
Clara Hemmings	11:00 am
Nancy Miller & Cessalie Darby	6:00 pm

**Coffee/Tea Hosts**

Thom & Becky Wilson	8:15 am
Joseph & Mary Matthiessen	Prep for 11:00 Service
Robert & Kathryn Schuster	11:00 am

**Church Library**

Patsi Arkin	9:40 - 10:45 am
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**Building Monitors**

Mike Pfefferle	11:00 am
Mark Murphy	6:00 pm

**Monday – September 9**

- Better English on Sixth	6:50 – 8:30 pm
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**Tuesday – September 10**

- Women's Bible Study, Room 117	9:30 am – 12:00 pm
- Women's Bible Study, Home of Beth James	12:00 – 2:00 pm
- Samson Society, Pastor Nicoletti's Office	7:00 – 8:00 pm

**Wednesday – September 11**

- Luke 15 Prayer Meeting, Room 105	6:30 – 7:00 pm
- Prayer Meeting, 7:00 pm, sanctuary, Doug McNutt speaking, "Gabriel is said to have come swiftly to Daniel 'while he was speaking and praying.' He would need to come very swiftly indeed to most of us, if he is to catch us on our knees! --Alexander Whyte	
- Sr. High Youth Group, DeSoto Hall	7:00 – 8:30 pm
- Jr. High Youth Group, Room 301	7:00 – 8:30 pm

**Thursday – September 12**

- Session Meeting, Conference Room	6:30 pm
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**Saturday – September 14**

- C3 Training, DeSoto Hall

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Lord's Day – September 15**

Morning Worship

8:15 am &amp; 11:00 am

Sunday School

9:45 am

Choir Rehearsal

4:45 pm

Evening Service

6:00 pm

**Welcome & Announcement Elders**

Mark Aown

8:15 am

Steve Jack

11:00 am

**Congregational Petitions Leaders**

Andrew Milton

8:15 am

Joe Burke

11:00 am

**Nursery Schedule**

Mandie Lenzo

8:15 am

Erika Skrivan &amp; Rachel Nicoletti

9:45 am

Marcia Brodersen

11:00 am

Dana Isenberger &amp; Sandra Chiou

6:00 pm

**Coffee/Tea Hosts**

Doug &amp; Janie Davey

8:15 am

Nancy Rowan

Prep for 11:00 Service

Tamara Woodard

11:00 am

**Church Library**

Elizabeth Jimmink

9:40 - 10:45 am

**Building Monitors**

Ken Rowan

11:00 am

Kyle Proctor

6:00 pm

**Upcoming Events – For details please see Information/Events on the web site.**

September 18 – Eat, Talk, Pray: Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

September 18 - Nathaniel Thompson &amp; intern Norah Harvey at Prayer Meeting

September 19 – Women's Ministry Kickoff Dinner &amp; Meeting

September 21 – Better English on Sixth Training

September 22 – Tim Bentson reporting in Evening Service

September 24 – Abigail Gross Baby Shower

September 28 – Better English on Sixth Training

September 29 – Blake Purcell preaching, Mike Rasmussen reporting in Evening Service

October 1 – Kaylee Aown Baby Shower

October 5 – Men of Faith Oktoberfest

**This Evening**

Tonight, Pastor Nicoletti will continue his series on the Book of Samuel, preaching on 1 Samuel 21 &amp; 22.

**Choir Rehearsals Resume Today**

Choir rehearsals resume this evening at 4:45 in Room 103 downstairs.

### **Women's Ministry Kickoff Dinner**

Ladies, you are invited to the Women's Ministry of Faith Kickoff Dinner for our 2019-2020 season, Thursday, September 19, 6-8:30pm. At this meeting you will learn about our ministry focus this year, our schedule of meetings and events, and ways you can get involved. This dinner is free. For us to get a head count, please sign up at the table in the Narthex.

### **Elder Nominations**

We are accepting nominations for elder through September. Nomination forms are available in the narthex and in the church office. Completed forms may be placed in the drop box in the narthex or submitted in the church office. Please note that only Faith Presbyterian Church members may nominate. Also, make sure you have the permission of the person you are nominating. Once nominations have been made and training has been completed, we hope to have elections in January.

### **Luke 15 Prayer Group this Wednesday, September 11th**

A Luke 15 prayer group meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month to pray for the adult children of our congregation who are questioning or rejecting faith. This concern is heavy on many hearts in our church, so if you would like to add your voice to the prayers for the spiritual lives of these beloved children, join us this Wednesday at 6:30 pm, in Room 105 downstairs.

### **Rev. Doug McNutt at Prayer Meeting this Wednesday**

Doug McNutt is our speaker this Wednesday, September 11th and will speak on "Islam, Seminaries, and the Smoke of a Thousand Villages Without Christ: What's Happening with Missions in Africa Today." Rev. McNutt is a full-time missionary with the Trinity Center for World Mission, a ministry started by PCA pastors in East and Central Africa to plant churches, do pastoral theological training, and empower local churches to advance the kingdom of God. He is an ordained teaching elder in the PCA. He currently teaches in and helps to run theology courses throughout the year in 5 locations in 3 African countries, works with local pastors to facilitate church-planting, does curriculum writing, and representing the organization in the States. He is married to Kelly, whom he met in Africa, and they have 5 children (Moses 13, Makenna 12, Miriam 10, Genevieve 8, and Judah 5). Doug McNutt, Charlie Dey and Nathaniel Gutierrez have been long-time partners in the gospel and in prayer since their days together at Covenant College.

### **C3 Ministry-Relational Discipleship Training this Saturday**

C3 (Care and Comfort, in Community) Ministries equips and empowers us to be the instruments of God's care and comfort for our brethren and our community. C3 Trainings emphasize these practical ways to give care and comfort, in our community:

- Building Relationships
- Entering into Grief
- Understanding Poverty
- Recognizing Status (race, foreigner, etc.)

### **Upcoming Trainings (all dates are Saturdays)**

**2019—September 14, November 16,**

**2020—February 1, May 16.**

**9 AM to Noon, FPC, DeSoto Hall**

**Come to any or all.**

If you'd like to participate in this ministry, contact:  
Andrew or Sandy Milton

## **Loving our neighbor! Loving all nations!**

Better English on Sixth will begin its fifth year tomorrow, and you (yes YOU!) will love it! Overcome all obstacles in your program and dismiss all nagging doubts. You speak English beautifully, and you can be an English-speaking Christ to our amazing international neighbors! Join us September 9th at 6:50 and learn on the job; then save the date for September 21st or 28th for training and further orientation here at Faith, 9:00 - 12:00. Not available Monday nights? We have sister programs at other times during the week and additional non-tutor volunteer opportunities. Email Jonathan for more information: jonathan@betterenglishonsixth.org.

## **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

This Tuesday, September 10, 2019, we will begin our study of God's Word using Bob Rogland's newest book, *Colossians & Philemon: Christ Preeminent*. "The Apostle Paul's letter to the church in Colossae has one basic theme: nothing has priority or preeminence in the entire universe but Christ, and nothing else and no one else ought to have priority or preeminence in our lives. Christians in every age need to lay hold of this truth so that it shapes their thinking and way of living." We will meet every Tuesday morning from 9:30 - noon, downstairs in the Women's Fellowship Room, for study, prayer, and fellowship. If you can join us, please see Dawn for a copy of the book and further details.

## **Come and celebrate Abi and Jonathan's baby boy!**

September 24, 7:00pm DeSoto Hall

Registry on Amazon: Abigail Gross, Gig Harbor

Group gift card and collection in the narthex

## **Adult Sunday School**

- **The Women of Faith Class I** (Room 117) Martyrs, Missionaries, and the Persecuted Church: We are reading stories and books about past and current missionaries and persecuted Christians around the world. Please join us as we learn about and pray for the persecuted Church.
- **The Women of Faith Class II** (Covenant High School Office) We are reading and discussing: *Suffering Is Never for Nothing* by Elisabeth Elliott.
- **The Word of Faith Class** (Sanctuary) Pastor Rayburn continues his series: A Survey of the New Testament.
- **High School Sunday School** (North Side of DeSoto Hall) **Developing Godly Perspectives:** Come join us as we will be addressing issues of self-image, pride, perfectionism, body image, guilt, shame, depression, grief, anger and bitterness from a Christian perspective.
- **Better English on Sixth ESL Sunday School** (Room 304) Kathy Lewis facilitates the Better English class where individual American partners help each international who wishes to read or discuss material at an appropriate level of English. Please contact Kathy or Jonathan Nichols if you would like to become a partner or assist Better English on Sixth in any way.

## **Men of Faith, Morning Prayer Meetings & Devotions**

There are opportunities to meet with fellow Men of Faith for prayer and devotions each week:

- Wednesday mornings with Phil Perkins: We meet at Bluebeard Coffee Roasters, 2201 6th Avenue in Tacoma. This group meets at 6 am for Bible reading and prayer. After several years, we continue to focus solely on the Psalms which serve as a life guide.
- **Thursday** mornings with Thom Wilson, 6:30 am at the church, Conference Room. Join us in studying through the Gospel of John as we pray for our concerns and the world around us.

### **College & Career Community Groups**

College & Career is a young adult ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church. The goal is to provide opportunities for young adults 18 and older, whether single or married, to “do life” together throughout the week and form deep Christian friendships. C&C Community Groups are weekly small groups that meet in a home for dinner and fellowship. We currently have one established group that meets on Thursdays at Nate and Rachael Shelden’s home at 6:30. For more details, or if you’re interested in joining a C&C Community Group, please contact one of us and we’ll help you get connected!

### **A Reminder about Parking**

As a courtesy to our neighbors, please do not park on the south side of South 8th Street, on South Winnifred Street behind the church, or where the curb is painted yellow. Also, please save the spots next to the building marked “reserved” for our elderly folks and those with mobility limitations. *Please do not leave valuables visible in your vehicle; we have experienced numerous break-ins.*

### **Nursing Mothers**

In addition to the nursery rooms, Room #117 – the Women in the Church room, is open and available for your convenience during all Worship Services. The service can be seen and heard in the WIC room.

### **Hearing Assistance**

If you would like a device to help with hearing the worship service, please see a Deacon.

### **Explanation of the Cover Symbol**

The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol for hope. It is derived from Hebrews 6:19: “We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul...” When combined with a cross it makes plain that Christian hope is in Christ and His redemption. The symbol was frequently used in this sense in the catacombs of ancient Rome.