

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

WELCOME: to everyone visiting with us today, whether live or by livestream. For those here in the building, please keep your masks on throughout the service, unless you are on the stage. Mothers who wish to be with their children in the back are welcome to use the **Koinonia Room**, which is also our new overflow room. If you need to use the changing table, only one family is allowed in the nursery at a time. If you need to use the bathroom, only one family unit is permitted at a time, and when you exit, please clean whatever you touched with the wipes provided. After worship, please exit out our side entrance (front and left) and visit with one another in the parking lot. **Offerings** may be placed in plates on the stands at either entrance to the sanctuary, or sent in the mail to the church.

THANK YOU: to deacon Rick Stewart, who has just retired as our treasurer after 33+ years of faithful service. He will continue to serve as a deacon.

DEACON'S MEETING: 12:30 p.m., in our fellowship hall.

NO EVENING SERVICE: due to the holiday season.

MONDAY

WIC MOM'S BIBLE STUDY: 9:30 a.m., via Zoom. See Olivia Lum for more details.

ESL: 7:00 p.m., led by Ann O'Connor via Zoom.

TUESDAY

MEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 p.m., via Zoom, led by Craig Felton.

WEDNESDAY

MEN'S GROUP: 6:30 a.m., via Zoom, discussing *The Life of God in the Soul of Man* by Henry Scougal, beginning with page 96.

WIC DAYTIME BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 a.m., via Zoom, led by Ann O'Connor.

MIDWEEK PRAYER FELLOWSHIP: 7:00 p.m., led by Pastor Lee via Zoom. Email any prayer updates by 9 a.m. Wednesday to pastorcapper@faithpca-lavale.org to be included in the prayer list to be sent out Wednesday afternoon.

NEXT SUNDAY

MIDDLE YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 a.m., via Zoom, led by Charlene Platter.

ADULT ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:40 - 10:15 a.m., via Zoom. Ruling elder Jeremy Wilson will be teaching a class on "Tough Questions Christians Face."

MORNING WORSHIP: 10:45 a.m.

EVENING SERVICE: 5:30 p.m.

GROWTH & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL: began this morning and continues next Sunday, via Zoom, 9:40 - 10:15 a.m. Ruling elder Jeremy Wilson is teaching a class on "Tough Questions Christians Face." Even if you attend worship live in person, you can participate and still get to worship on time. Link will be sent out later this week.

JANUARY EVENING OFFERING: is designated for RUF Campus Pastor Oliver Pierce, who serves at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

JANUARY PRAYER & BIBLE CALENDAR: is on the information rack in the side foyer, to guide your prayers between services. Pick up a copy today.

ADULT DEVOTIONALS: The **January** issue of *Tabletalk*, the **January-March** issue of *Encounter with God* and the **December-February** issue of *Our Daily Bread* are on the library information table.

BUDGET & BENEVOLENCES

Received by December 27, 2020	5,183.00
Weekly budget need	5,744.71
Received year-to-date	316,683.48
Budget year-to-date	298,805.00
Over/(under) budget	17,878.48
Deacons Fund (last week)	300.00
Deacons Fund (year-to-date)	5,920.00
Building Fund (last week)	40.00
Building Fund (year-to-date)	2,405.00

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME
FAITH LIFE AND OPPORTUNITIES
PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMNS OF PRAISE

1. Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

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PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO REPENTANCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION OF SINS

Creator, Upholder and Ruler of all things, We cannot escape from your presence and control, nor do we desire to do so. Our privilege is to be under the agency of your omnipotence, righteousness, wisdom, patience, mercy and grace; for You are Love with more than parental affection. We admire your goodness, stand in awe of your power, and abase ourselves before your purity. It is the discovery of your goodness alone that can banish our fear, allure us into your presence, and help us to bewail and confess our sins. We review our past guilt and are conscious of our present unworthiness. We bless you that your steadfast love and attributes are essential to our happiness and hope. You have witnessed to us your grace and mercy in the bounties of nature, in the fullness of providence, in the revelation of Scripture, in the gift of your Son, and in the proclamation of the gospel.

Revelation 1:5^b-6

"All Glory Be to Christ"

2. His will be done, His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ *Chorus*

3. When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ *Chorus*

Matthew 22:37-39

Make us willing to be saved in your own way, by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone, perceiving nothing in ourselves but all in Jesus. Help us not only to receive him, but to walk in him, depend upon him, commune with him, and follow him as dear children, imperfect, but still pressing forward; not complaining of labor nor murmuring under trials, but thankful for our state of forgiveness in him, in whose name we pray. Amen.

(Adapted from *Valley of Vision*, p. 217)

GOD'S PROMISE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

86 Q. What is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is "You shall not make for yourself a carved image-any likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

87 Q. What does the second commandment teach you?

A. To worship God only as he commands, and not to worship God by using statues or pictures.

HYMN OF FAITH

"We Are God's People"

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We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, And strong in Him we stand:
O let us live transparently, And walk heart to heart and hand in hand

We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,
For we have known it, the love of God outpoured;
Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once giv'n:
O let us share each joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleases heav'n.

We are the Body of which the Lord is Head,
Called to obey him, now risen from the dead;
He wills us be a family, diverse yet truly one:
O let us give our gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,
Formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;
We die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:
Yet joined in one the flame burns on To give warmth and light, and to inspire

John 3:16

First Catechism

OLD TESTAMENT READING
NEW TESTAMENT READING
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"TAKING STOCK OF OUR VISION AND MISSION"

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT "O Come, All You Unfaithful"

O come all you unfaithful
Come weak and unstable
Come know you are not alone
O come barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying
Come see what your God has done

Chorus: Christ is born Christ is born
 Christ is born for you

O come bitter and broken
Come with fears unspoken
Come taste of His perfect love
O come guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done *Chorus*

Bridge: He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon
 His promise is peace for those who believe
 He's the Lamb who was given slain for our pardon
 His promise is peace for those who believe

So come though you have nothing
Come He is the offering
Come see what your God has done *Chorus - 2x*

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DISMISSAL AND BENEDICTION

Isaiah 42:1-13
Acts 2:1-47

Senior Pastor Lee Capper

SERMON NOTES

Senior Pastor Lee Capper
1/3/2021

"TAKING STOCK OF OUR VISION AND MISSION"

Isaiah 42:1-13; Acts 2:1-47

For God's glory,

Faith Presbyterian Church in America is committed,

through Reformed Biblical worship, teaching, witness, and fellowship,

to develop faithful disciples

who, empowered by the Holy Spirit,

will EXALT Christ as Lord,

EXHIBIT Christ in their lives,

EVANGELIZE others with the gospel, and

ENGAGE the culture with the truth of Jesus Christ,

in the Cumberland region and throughout the world.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: How has this sermon impacted you? What will you do or think differently? What verse stood out as most important?

FAITH AT PRAYER

1/3/2021

PRAYER FAMILY

Bill & Paulette Anderson - pray for wisdom regarding Bill's retirement and planning for their future together, especially with their children living so far apart.

PRAYER MISSIONARY

Wendy Wright - Christian Freedom International Mission to the World

PRAYER AGENCY

Church Planting efforts - have been hindered by Covid 19 lockdowns; pray that the vaccines might be quickly distributed so that in person outreach can resume.

SENIOR PASTOR LEE & NANCY CAPPER: Pray for Nancy's complete healing from Graft-Vs-Host Disease and its accompanying side effects, and that her application for a grant to pay for her chemotherapy would be approved. Pray for Lee's preparations for ministry in this new year.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR JOSHUA AND SAMANTHA JARVIS, ALISTAIR: Pray for Jarvises to have a restful vacation and good visits with family and friends.

PRAISE: Bert & Nancy Williams tested negative for Covid and were able to board a plane on New Year's Eve to return to Uganda, with two extra boxes of books!

CHURCH PLANNING: pray for God's direction as we move forward with the purchase of 104 Mustaphal Drive.

CHURCH MINISTRY EXPANSION: pray for safety amid Covid spike, wisdom when to resume nursery and children's church.

CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY: Pray for wisdom for governments, businesses, schools, & churches responding to recent Covid spikes; praise for two vaccines.

ILL WITH COVID: Riley Davis' mom and stepfather, Lee Harclerode, Brian Wilson.

EDUCATION: Pray for safety and effectiveness for teachers, students, and parents in adjusting to various schooling formats being offered.

DISASTER RECOVERY: California/Oregon wildfires and Gulf Coast hurricanes.

FRANCIS HONG: pray his green card application would be successfully granted soon; pray as he waits for the results of his Infectious Disease Medical Board exams.

EXPECTING: Josiah and Miriam (Feb).

AARON FELTON : His scan last week showed no cancer- Praise! Damage assessment to the bladder, ureter and one kidney from radiation is ongoing, but he is doing very well. Please continue to pray.

DEAN & KYRIA: adjustment to team leaders leaving field; safe/continuing worship meetings in their apartment; patience & wisdom for future planning.

DAN MCBRIDE: undergoing radiation for prostate cancer: 5 days/ week for 7 weeks.

SAM & ELIZABETH - Pray that their visit to the village which concludes today would have lasting effects upon those they met, and for a future invitation to return.

FIRST WAY PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER: One of two women seeking abortions has chosen to keep her baby-Praise! Pray for ongoing contact with other woman.

BILL ANDERSON: initial testing at University Hospital in Sacramento indicates atrial fibrillation, but more testing needed.

LORIN MEEKS-HARRIS: pre-cancerous lesions were removed, but had to return to hospital for post-surgical infection; pray for her healing and encouragement.

ADOPTION COMPLETION: Patrice's niece Christina, and husband Mark have encountered further bureaucratic entanglements - pray!

LOCAL MEDICAL CARE PROVIDERS - pray for protection from Covid-19 with the recent spike, and for healing for some that have tested positive for the virus.

CANCER/HEALTH CONCERNS: Roxanne (Vicki's niece - stiff syndrome), Donna Breighner, Galen Markley, Ann Rose, Suzie Baker (Karen's sister), Judy Twigg, Diane Whetstone (MS), Diane Ruckert (cardiomyopathy), Gerry Donnelly (only a speck of brain tumor remains), kidney), Leigh Squier (recovering from shoulder surgery, Amanda Evans (finger surgery recovery), Roger (Judy Paul's brother) - cancer spreading, chemo not working, Anna Mae Stosick (recovering from broken hip), Anthony Meeks (continues to improve; spot on jaw was not cancerous - praise!), Elysee Taylor (continued healing of burns while waiting for plastic surgery), Henry Thornton (seizures), Brent Thornton (kidney cysts), John Jastrzembski's father (recovering from surgery on clogged carotid artery, needs salvation), Judy Reckley (painful back compression fracture), Danielle (recovering from heart attack), Riley Davis grandmother has severe fluid retention in abdomen affecting her heart, **Paulette Anderson (back pain)**.

JOHN ROBERTSON: A dear friend of The Thorntons, John has been diagnosed with a neuroendocrine tumor of the pancreas. So far, it appears that it has not metastasized and surgery might be an option (pending PET scan).

GREATER PEACE, TRUTH AND CIVILITY: in media and government.

PRESIDENT, GOVERNMENT LEADERS, MILITARY, & JUDICIAL SYSTEM: pray for peace, truth and righteousness to prevail in the hostile political and racial climate in our country. Pray for smooth transition to our new president, and for his call for unity to be a serious commitment on his part.

WORLD-WIDE PERSECUTION: **Central African Republic:** Christians targeted by rebel groups & Muslim terrorists to know God's peace & provision in the midst of earthly chaos & loss of their homes; God's protection over Christian leaders & their families as they minister to their congregations in the face of threats & conflicts; and new believers who face threats by family members & are ostracized by their communities.

SALVATION: for unbelieving family members and friends.

Pray for Lord to raise up more laborers for the harvest (Matt 9:38), that 1% of adult PCA members might respond to call of foreign mission