

**FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Each Sunday we gather in Christian fellowship to enjoy God and to glorify Him according to His will. We are gathered here by grace alone. Motivated by His love and mercy, God sent His Son to die on the cross, offering the only perfect satisfaction for sin and guilt. Accomplishing God's will, Jesus rose again from the dead as a confirmation that the wrath of God was perfectly satisfied. All those who trust in Him are freed from the condemnation of sin; their sins have been imputed to Him and once-and-for-all dealt with at His cross, and they now stand before God clothed with the righteousness of the Son.

Welcome to Sunday worship at Faith Presbyterian Church. If you are new to Faith, thank you for joining us. Would you please consider signing our guest book in the foyer?

At Faith we love having our children worship with us. If your children are not yet able to sit through the worship service, downstairs we have a nursery with wonderful caregivers ready to care for your children during worship.

**Please feel free to contact any of the Faith Presbyterian Church  
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*Prayer for those not prepared to believe:*

*God, no human mind could conceive or invent the gospel. Acting in eternal grace, you are both its messenger and its message, lived out on earth through infinite compassion, applying your life to insult, injury, death, that I might be redeemed, ransomed, freed. Glorious Trinity, impress the gospel on my soul, until its virtue diffuses every faculty. Teach me to secure this mighty blessing. Help me to give up every darling lust, to submit heart and life to its command, to have it in my will, controlling my affections, molding my understanding. Take me to the cross to seek glory from its infamy. Strip me of every pleasing pretense of righteousness by my own doings. O gracious Redeemer, I have neglected you too long, often crucified you, crucified you afresh in my impenitence, put you to open shame. I thank you for the patience that has borne with me so long, and for the grace that now makes me willing to be yours. O unite me to yourself with inseparable bonds, that nothing may ever draw me back from you, my Lord, my Savior.  
Amen.*

**Prayers for the Lord's table**

Jesus Christ instituted the Lord's Supper as a meal to be shared by his disciples. At Faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table all who are baptized believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are members in good standing of a Christian church. If you are not a professing Christian, or not a member of a church, we respectfully ask that you refrain from taking the bread and the wine. If you have any questions, you should ask Pastor John or one of our elders. You may also email the elders (elder@faithanchorage.org) or visit our website for more information.

Prayer for those not prepared for the Lord's table:

*My Father, I know that with body and soul, in life and death, I am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. With his precious blood, He has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil and so preserves me. Without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head and all things must be subservient to my salvation. Therefore, by your Holy Spirit, assure me of eternal life and make me sincerely willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto you.  
Amen.*

Prayer for baptized children not yet admitted to the Lord's table:

*My Father, I could never look for happiness in your love, unless you first loved me. Your Spirit has encouraged me, by grace, to seek you. Your Spirit has made known to me your reconciliation in Jesus, has taught me to believe it, has helped me to take you for my God and portion. May your Spirit live in me that I may know my union with Jesus, and enter into constant fellowship with Him. I know but little. Increase my knowledge of your love in Jesus, keep me pressing forward for clearer discoveries of it so that I may find its eternal fullness. Amen.*

## Prayer Requests

**Physical body** We pray for those battling serious physical illness: Barbara W., Bonnie H. (friend of Faith member); Dave D. (friend of Faith member, chemotherapy for lymphoma; wife and two children); Katie (family of Faith member, 17 year old, prognosis of two-weeks to live due to cancer), and for those recovering from surgery or illness: Tim W., Robert T.; we also pray for expectant moms, Megan S. and Kristine A., and for wives hoping for pregnancy.

**Various trials** We pray for anxious hearts due to financial struggle, lack of employment, employment insecurity, difficult decisions, unreconciled relationships, abiding sin; and for those struggling under the weight of grief: the family of Tom (friend of Faith member); Nelson and Kasey (loss of their baby at 39 weeks).

**Growth in grace** We pray for the safety, health, and spiritual nurture of the children, youth, and high school students of our congregation and our young adults, including college students at UAA and APU and students abroad: Zeb R., Jacob S., Johanna S., Hannah V.; we also pray for the continued sanctification of every individual that is a part of worship at Faith.

**Gospel advancement** We pray for the advancement of the gospel in our neighborhoods, places of work, city, and state, and for Abraham and Esther and children (Bertie and Isaac) ministering in North India; Jamie and Jackie in Marseille, France; Julian and ministers-in-training worldwide; Betsey B., Will and Diane, Bill and Alida, Joel and Jessica; we also pray for gospel proclamation and growth in places of social and political unrest.

**Subjection to authorities** We pray for wisdom, righteousness, mercy, and salvation for those in positions of political and civil authority over us.

**Currently away from the congregation** We pray for those currently traveling or away for a season, including Lyle B., Jake C., Aaron B., Jeff B.; and also the Anderson, Alpert, Fox, and Gardner families.

**The church** We pray for cross-centered churches in our city and state, including Covenant Bible (Chugiak), Grace Orthodox Presbyterian (Wasilla); for church plants in our presbytery including All Souls (West Seattle), Grace Fellowship Mission (Bremerton), Jubilee Community (Central District, Seattle), Coram Deo (Spokane), and Christ Central Presbyterian (Corvallis).

**Our church** We pray for the love, generosity, unity, and peace of our congregation; for zeal and a Christ-like example in our various leaders; for our pastor's teaching and shepherding ministry.

### FAITH SUPPORTED MISSIONS

**Abraham and Esther**, New Light and Life Mission in North India. Learn more at [faithanchorage.org/mission/india](http://faithanchorage.org/mission/india)

**Jamie and Jackie Gildard**, Mission to the World, church planting in Marseille, France. Learn more at [faithanchorage.org/mission/france](http://faithanchorage.org/mission/france)

**Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) of the Pacific Northwest**, a campus ministry devoted to college students in the Northwest. Learn more at [faithanchorage.org/mission/ruf](http://faithanchorage.org/mission/ruf)

**Julian Zugg**, MINTS International, Reformed Seminary Planter focused on Africa, Europe and Central Asia. Learn more at [faithanchorage.org/mission/global-theological-training](http://faithanchorage.org/mission/global-theological-training)

*The Lord's Day, September 15, 2013  
Morning Worship Service  
Pastor Bernie Van Ee*

*Prelude*

*Announcements*

*Silent Prayer  
and  
Preparation*

*Call to Worship*

Isaiah 55.1-6

*Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!*

***Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.***

*Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and  
your labor for that which does not satisfy?*

***Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.***

*Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast,  
sure love for David.*

***Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.***

*Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation  
that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your  
God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.*

***Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near.***

*Prayer of  
Invocation*

Sing to the  
Lord, Sing  
His Praise

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1. Sing to the Lord, sing his praise, all you peo- ples, new be your  
2. Tell of his won-drous works, tell of his glo- ry, till through the  
3. Vain are the hea- then gods, i- dols and help- less; God made the  
4. Give un- to God Most High glo- ry and hon- or, come with your

song as new hon - ors you pay; sing of his maj - es - ty,  
na - tions his name is re - vered; praise and ex - alt him, for  
heav'ns, and his glo - ry they tell; hon - or and maj - es - ty  
of - f' rings and hum - bly draw near; in ho - ly beau - ty now

bless him for - ev - er, show his sal - va - tion from day to day.  
he is al - might - y; God o - ver all let the Lord be feared.  
shine out be - fore him, beau - ty and strength in his tem - ple dwell.  
wor - ship Je - ho - vah, trem - ble be - fore him with god - ly fear.

5. Make all the nations know God reigns forever;  
earth is established as he did decree;  
righteous and just is the King of the nations,  
judging the people with equity.

6. Let heav'n and earth be glad; waves of the ocean,  
forest and field, exultation express;  
for God is coming, the Judge of the nations,  
coming to judge in his righteousness.

Sermon Notes

*The Healing*  
(Mark 2.1-12)

1 John 1.8-10

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

Silent confession

*Prayer of  
Confession*

Zephaniah 3.17

*The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.*

*Word of  
Assurance*

As the Hart  
Longs for  
Flowing  
Streams

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Unison D<sup>7</sup> G C G

1. As the hart longs for flow - ing streams,  
2. My tears have fed me day and night,  
3. Why do I mourn and toil with - in,

G/F# Em Em/D C Dsus

so longs my soul for thee, O God.  
while men have said, "Where is your God?"  
when it is mine to hope in God?

D F G Dm<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup> Cmaj<sup>7</sup> G

My soul does thirst for the liv - ing God;  
But I re - call as my soul pours dry,  
I shall a - gain sing praise to him;

Am<sup>7</sup> G/D D<sup>7</sup> G

when shall I come to see thy face?  
the days of praise with - in thy house.  
he is my help, he is my God.

Based on Psalm 42  
Danna Harkins, 1975

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AS THE HART LONGS L.M.  
Appalachian folk melody  
Arr. by Danna Harkins, 1975

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PLEASE EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME THIS MORNING TO Rev. Bernie Van Ee. Pastor Bernie is a former pastor at Trinity Christian Reformed Church here in Anchorage and was sent by that church to minister in Northern California. There, he serves as the pastor of Big Springs CRC in Montague, California as well as a volunteer chaplain at the California Department of Corrections Prison in Susanville. We are very honored to have Pastor Bernie here at Faith this morning to minister to us from Christ's pulpit.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Please note that we'll have our congregational meeting about 15 minutes after the conclusion of today's worship service. All members are encouraged to stay, and all members age 18 and over are eligible to vote on our deacon candidates. Even if you are not a member of Faith, please consider staying for this short, 30 min. meeting.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A HYMN SING NEXT SUNDAY, 6 pm, at Tanglewood.

LADIES, PLEASE JOIN US FOR A WOMEN'S RETREAT to be held at Alyeska Resort on October 11th & 12th. Our guest speaker will be Sue Jakes who comes to us from Atlanta, GA where she serves as Education Specialist and Children's Ministry Coordinator for the Christian Education Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America. She is also a teacher trainer and consultant for Great Commission Publications and the Special Needs Ministry/MNA for the PCA. She will be speaking on *Psalm 78: Telling God's Story*. Be sure and pick up a brochure on the back table for more information.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL INFORMATION: *Reading Scripture Redemptively*. Pastor John will be commending a way to read your Bible that traces the strand of redemption from Genesis to Revelation. There is a single redemptive story that weaves through the length of Scripture, uniting the Testaments into a cohesive whole, filling every book with the glory of Christ, and deepening our study and devotion to the Word of God. This class will go through December.

**DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN THE BULLETIN? Send it to bulletin@faithanchorage.org by 5:00 pm, Wednesday evening.**

Faith Volunteer Schedule – Fall 2013

If possible, please arrange ahead if you are unable to serve during your scheduled time. If you are interested in serving the church by volunteering, please speak with Cindy Strong.

Nursery Volunteers

September 15 - Rueben, Kaylee & Shiloh Vreeman  
September 22 - Beth & Tommy Rademaker & Barbara Strong  
September 29 - The Patterson Family  
October 6 - Nariz & Jerissa Johnson & Bernadette March  
October 13 - The Cryder Family  
October 20 - The Saugier Family & Sarah Freswick  
October 27 - The Yeager Family, Karen & Linnea Jones  
November 3 - Cindy Strong, Rachel Rademaker & Ellen Banker  
November 10 - James & Miranda Strong & Alisha Hilde  
November 17- Joel & Guang Ming Whitley & Laura Battle

Set-Up Volunteers

September - Rademaker  
October - Beattie & Pelenato  
November - Yeager & Freswick

Clean-Up Volunteers

September - Strong  
October - Schneider & Reed  
November - Sprano & Becker

Greeters

September - March  
October - K Jones  
November - Strong

The Lord’s Prayer

*Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever.  
Amen.*

*Prayers of the  
People*

Ezekiel 36:16-38

*Lesson from  
the Old  
Testament*

O Rejoice in  
the Lord

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1. God nev - er moves with - out pur - pose or plan when try - ing his  
 2. I could not see through the shad - ows a - head; so I looked at the  
 3. Now I can see test - ing comes from a - bove; God strength - ens his

ser - vant and mold - ing a man. Give thanks to the Lord, though the  
 cross of my Sav - ior in - stead. I bowed to the will of the  
 chil - dren and purg - es in love. My Fa - ther knows best, and I

test - ing seems long; in dark - ness he gives us a song.  
 Mas - ter that day; then peace came and tears fled a - way.  
 trust in his care; through purg - ing more fruit I will bear.

**REFRAIN**  
 O re - joice in the Lord. He makes no mis - take. He knows the  
 end of each path that I take. For when I am tried and

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CALENDAR

For up to date calendar events, check out our online calendar at [www.faithanchorage.org](http://www.faithanchorage.org).

This Week, September 16-22:

Tuesday

9:30 am – Ladies’ Prayer Meeting at Tanglewood – Contact Bernadette March (345.2536)

7:00 pm - Bethel Bible Study at Tanglewood – Contact Jim Strong (952.0669)

Wednesday

6:00-7:00 am – Men’s Prayer Meeting at Tanglewood – Contact Justin Freswick (244.2615)

7:30 pm – Choir Practice at the Whitley Home - Contact Joel or Guang Ming (830.0311)

Sunday

9:00 am – R.C. Sproul on the Radio – Radio Broadcast Supported by Faith PCA – Tune into to KATB-FM 89.3

9:30 am – Sunday School for all ages

11:00 am – Morning Worship Service

6:00 pm – Hymn Sing at Tanglewood

**Future Events:**

2nd Sunday of Each Month – Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

2nd Sunday of Each Month – Fellowship Meal – Please join us for fellowship meal immediately following the morning worship service

October 11 & 12 - Fall Women’s Retreat at Alyeska Resort



Doxology

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Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea - tures  
 here be - low: al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a -  
 bove, ye heav'n - ly host, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Thomas Ken, 1709; alt.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al.  
Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

Postlude

pu - ri - fied, I shall come forth as gold.

Ron Hamilton, 1978  
Alt. 1990, mod.

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Ronald Alan Matthews, 1986

Presentation  
of God's  
Tithe

Mark 2.1-12

Scripture

The Healing

Sermon

Prayer of  
Application

The Apostles' Creed

Christian, what do you believe?

Confession of  
Faith

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

O the Deep,  
Deep Love  
of Jesus!

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1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,  
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from  
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean  
shore to shore; how he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,  
love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,  
chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,  
'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

is the cur - rent of thy love; lead - ing on - ward,  
died to call them all his own; how for them he  
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.  
in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

EBENEZER (or TON-Y-BOTEL) 8.7.8.7.D.  
Thomas John Williams, 1890

Benediction