



Faith Presbyterian Church



Order of Worship August 23, 2026
10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
August 23, 2026 – 10:00am

**The Congregation is Invited to Stand in Body or Spirit*

Prelude

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“I Exalt Thee”

“Oh How He Loves You and Me”

Gretchen Dempsey

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Greg Emery

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

From storms at sea to the heart of Rome, God’s faithful journey brought Paul safely to his destination.

We, too, have traveled through the storms of life to gather in this quiet place of grace.

With an open home and a bold heart, Paul proclaimed the Kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Open our hearts today, Lord. Let Your truth take root within us.

The message of salvation is here, and it goes forth freely to all who listen.

No barrier can stop God’s love! Let us worship the Lord with joy and fearless praise.

Praise be to God, whose word is proclaimed among us today—boldly, clearly, and without hindrance. Amen!

Special

“What an Awesome God” by Phil Whickham

Sam 22, Worship Band from Surprise Academy

Prayer of Confession

In Acts 28, Lord, Your servant Paul spoke of a people whose ears were heavy and whose hearts refused to understand. We confess that we, too, have often heard Your call yet failed to truly listen. We have turned away from the needs of our neighbors, closed our eyes to the suffering around us, and lived as though Your kingdom had no claim on our daily lives.

Forgive us for our stubbornness, our apathy, and the times we have allowed comfort or fear to hinder the gospel message from moving freely through our actions. Break through our hardened habits, O Lord, open our eyes to see Your grace at work, and wash away our self-centeredness.

Renew our spirits, that we might turn back to You and receive Your healing, living lives of bold and unhindered faith.

Words of Assurance (1 John 1:9)

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” In the name of Jesus, we accept. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

***Welcome Wave / Passing of The Peace**

Special **“The Blessing” by Elevation Worship**
 Sam 22, Worship Band from Surprise Academy

Scripture **Acts 28: 11-31**

Sermon **“Fast Forward”** **Pastor Greg Emery**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, Who art 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.

Offertory

"This Little Light of Mine"

Gretchen Dempsey

***Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

As we bring our tithes and offerings today, we remember how Paul was welcomed with hospitality on the island of Malta and how he boldly shared Your kingdom from his place in Rome.

Bless these gifts, Lord. Use them to open doors, to welcome the weary, and to fuel the unhindered sharing of the Good News in our community and around the world. Just as You sustained Paul, sustain this mission to reach all who come seeking hope.

In Jesus' name, Amen."

***Closing Hymn**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

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verses 1--3

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

[Refrain]

**Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]**

***Benediction**

Go forth into the world with courage, remembering the God who guides us through every storm and safely to the shore. May He shake away the trials that try to harm you, warm your heart with unexpected grace, and fill you with the Spirit's steadfast strength.

Go now to speak and live the good news of Jesus Christ— with boldness and a joyful heart. Amen and **Amen**.

***Postlude** “Joyful, Joyful” & “Nothing But the Blood” Gretchen Dempsey

Welcome Visitors! Faith Presbyterian Church welcomes you. Everyone is invited to Illingworth Hall for fellowship following the service.

Our thanks to Sam 22 - Matthew Geerling-drums, Gabriel Gutierrez-vocals and guitar, Colin Heath-Bass, Anamaria Lisanti-vocals and keys, Dominic Lisanti-vocals and guitar, and Gretchen Dempsey, for the beautiful music in worship this morning.

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God by Dave & Pat Green in memory of Pat's sister Ann Manus.

Monday, August 24, 2026, Men's Fellowship (Cornhole) Illingworth Hall at 1:30pm.

Little Dinner Groups! October – December. Singles and couples are welcome to enjoy a meal once a month for 3 months with friends, old and new, in groups of 6-8. Contact Laure Cathey contact information is in the church directory.

Contact information for: Rev. Anne Emery, Honorably Retired contact information is in the church directory.

My deepest thanks to Pastor Greg and all of you who made Steve's memorial service so lovely. All your cards, prayers and words made me know how wonderful it is to have a church family to walk beside you in sad times as well as happy ones. Carole Bentley

Please prayerfully consider your contribution to the capital campaign for our vision of The Faith Center. If you did not receive a mailing, please let us know. Be sure to contact Vern Meury or Pastor Greg to discuss the various ways to give.

ADVENTURES *of*

SUPERMAN



**SUMMER SINGALONG
SUPER HEROES
THURSDAY 27 AUGUST
SHARING SNACKS 5:30
PROGRAM 6:00 TO 7:30
ILLINGWORTH HALL**

Welcome!

Welcome to those who have no church home, need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ, or do not believe. Welcome to those who have worshiped in this place for years! Welcome to our first-time guests! Welcome to all generations, single people, couples, believers, and to questioners, and, of course, to questioning believers! We hope you find peace and uplift in our worship today.

We are very glad you are here!

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FAITH CHURCH

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, great things are possible." (Matthew 17:20)

That is our theme. It plays out this way: we are big enough to flourish, but small enough to be personal; caring for the world & community, but above politics; take the Word seriously, but ourselves not so much.

Our pastor, elders, deacons and members are here for you.