



# **Faith Presbyterian Church**



**Order of Worship September 20, 2026**

**10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

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**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**  
**September 20, 2026 – 10:00am**

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

**Prelude**

“We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder”  
“Were You There?”  
“His Eye Is On The Sparrow”

Rory Dowse, Music Director

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Greg Emery

**Opening Prayer**

Rory Dowse

**Call to Worship**

There are songs we heard long ago that still live in our hearts—songs about love, hope, peace, freedom, and finding our way when the road is difficult.

**And today we come together to sing a new song of faith—the song of God’s steadfast love.**

The world around us may change. The years may pass. There may be storms we cannot avoid and burdens we cannot carry alone. But Paul reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

**In Christ, we are more than conquerors through the One who loves us.**

When we are weary, Christ gives us strength. When we are uncertain, Christ gives us peace. When we are discouraged, Christ gives us hope.

**For we walk by faith, not by sight.**

The songs of our younger years may remind us of where we have been. But the gospel reminds us of where we are going: toward the day when God will make all things new.

**Therefore, let us rejoice in the Lord. Let us encourage one another. Let us sing with grateful hearts.**

Friends, the music begins. The congregation gathers. The story of God’s grace continues.

**So let us worship God - with joyful hearts, with grateful voices, and with the hope of Christ. Let us worship the Lord!**

## Hymn

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

#267  
Verses 1,2, & 4

### [Refrain]

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings:  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings. [Refrain]

The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky, [Refrain]

God gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well. [Refrain]

## Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we have not always lived by faith. Like Paul, we know that your grace is sufficient and that your power is made perfect in weakness, yet we try to prove our worth and depend upon our own strength. You call us to trust you in all circumstances, yet we worry, complain, and seek control. You promise that you are at work within us, yet we sometimes trust our own plans more than your providence. Teach us, as Paul learned, to be content in all things, to rejoice in every circumstance, and to trust that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. By your grace, strengthen our faith and help us live with confidence in you.

## **Words of Assurance**

Hear the good news of the gospel: God's grace reaches farther than our failures, and Christ's love is stronger than our sin.

As Paul reminds us, "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus."

In the spirit of the old Motown hit "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," we proclaim that no mountain, no valley, no distance, and no failure can place us beyond the reach of God's redeeming love.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

#579

**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 Music** "Beethoven: Piano Sonata in C minor, Op. 13, ii. Adagio"  
"What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." (John 13:7)

**Scripture**

Various verses from Paul's letters

**Sermon**

"From Heaven to the Soul"

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

**\*Doxology**                      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”                      #592

**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**

Lord, we thank You for the gift of music that stirs our souls and the blessings that fill our lives. As we lift our voices and instruments in praise, we also lift up these tithes and offerings to You.

Receive these gifts as an act of worship, just like the songs we sing. May this offering harmonize with Your love to comfort the hurting, feed the hungry, and share Your light with the world. Tune our hearts to Your will, and let our daily lives be a beautiful symphony that brings glory to Your name. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Closing Hymn**                      “How Great Thou Art”                      #467

**O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!**

## **\*Benediction**

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds as you leave this place. As you go, may the melody of grace sing softly in your soul. May the harmony of love connect you deeply to those around you, and may the rhythm of hope guide your steps through every changing season. Go out into the world with a song of joy in your heart, confident that the Grand Composer is directing your path.

Amen and **Amen**.

**\*Postlude**                      "Onward, Christian Soldiers"                      Rory Dowse, Music Director

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

**Our thanks to** Rory Dowse, Music Director, for the beautiful music in worship this morning.

**Monday, September 21, 2026, Men's Fellowship (Cornhole) Illingworth Hall at 1:30pm.**

**Wednesday, September 23, 2026, Forward in Faith/Morning Musings at 10:00 am in Westminster.**

**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. Contact Laurie Cathey contact information is in the church directory.

**Choir Rehearsal - September 24, 2026, at 2:00pm in the Choir Room. Everyone welcome!**

**Ushers – It is not too late.** You still have time so quickly call or text Joann Whitt 623-628-1566 to reserve your favorite Sundays during October and November to use. You can also email at [joannwhitt@hotmail.com](mailto:joannwhitt@hotmail.com). Don't let someone else beat you before that wonderful opportunity disappears!

**Thoughtful Thursdays – October 8, 2026, Medicare: What's New & What Are Your Opportunities?** If you have any questions, call Joanna Conde' 602-908-5889.

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

**A note from Rev. Gloria Hatcher.** Dear Faith Family, there are no adequate words at the time of a loved one's passing, but your spontaneous hugs said, "I know and understand." Your many cards and check-in calls have meant the world to me, as will your presence in the future. To all who came to remember Bob and especially to those who worked before and after to make his celebration of life as meaningful, I am deeply grateful. You were, and will continue to be, individual expressions of God's love. **The best family ever! With love and gratitude.** Gloria Hatcher

**Deacons will resume their meetings on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 1:00pm** in the Council Room. Meetings are on the third Monday of each month.

**Property Committee will resume their meetings on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 11:00am** in the Conference Room. Meetings are on the last Monday of the month. Anyone wanting to know more about these committees or is interested in joining are welcome to join us.

**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.**



**Morning Musings**

# 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!*

## PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor Greg Emery – [greg@scfaith.org](mailto:greg@scfaith.org)

## MINISTERS All Members

## WELCOMING TEAM

**GREETERS** Bob Eilders

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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.