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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?

Each Sunday we gather in Christian fellowship to glorify and enjoy God. We know that we are gathered here by grace alone. Motivated by His mercy, God sent His Son to die on the cross and rise again from the dead so that all those who trust in Him may be freed from the condemnation of sin and clothed with the righteousness of Jesus. Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church.

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**If you know of a need in one of these areas, or are interested in serving, please contact a deacon, or speak with the ministry area chair.

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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

- ◆ We pray for those struggling with very serious physical illness: Rosemary (friend of Faith member), Roger (father of Michael Schild, brain tumor), Debbie (enduring chemotherapy treatment), and Laura (her cancer has returned with more vigor); for those currently recovering, including Tanya (friend of Faith member, improving steadily) and James (recovering from heart surgery), and a couple of other friends of Faith in a recovery process.
- ◆ We pray for those with unmet earthly needs (financial provision, employment security, difficult decisions, physical health, etc.) and the depression, anxiety, and doubt that can flow from these needs; we thank God for His sufficiency in providing for these needs.
- ◆ We pray for the safety, health, and spiritual nurture of the children, youth, and high school students of our congregation and holiness for those called to instruct them Sunday mornings; we also pray for the growth in grace of our college students locally (Tom, Christine, Ivy, and others) and abroad, including Jacob Sprano (The College of Wooster), Zeb Rademaker (Rose-Hulman), Alexandra Sprano (NYU), and Shane Carver (UAF).
- ◆ We pray for expectant moms, Christine Yeager, Guang Ming Whitley, Greta Palmer, Victoria Sprau; thanks for the gracious provision of James and Bendigo and their moms.
- ◆ 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; we also pray for social and political rest in countries hostile to free assembly and gospel-proclamation.
- ◆ We pray for the advancement of the gospel in and through our own relationships with friends and family members who do not rest in Christ for salvation, and for the necessary courage, opportunity, and trust in our gospel proclamation.
- ◆ We pray for those in positions of political and civil authority (local, city, state, and federal), civil servants, and military personnel; those deployed or who may be anticipating deployment.
- ◆ We pray for those currently traveling or away for a season, including the Anderson family, Carly Sprano, Dan Alpert, Bill Weiss, the Gardners, and others.
- ◆ We pray for gospel-proclaiming churches in our area; Jack Phelps of Covenant Bible (Chugiak) and Scott Johnson of Grace Orthodox Presbyterian (Wasilla), and others.
- ◆ We pray for the love and unity and peace of our congregation; for zeal and Christ-like example in our elders and deacons; for wisdom for the committees, leadership, and teachers of Faith; and for God's guidance to a larger worship facility.

FAITH SUPPORTED MISSIONS

- ◆ Abraham and Esther, New Light and Life Mission in North India. Learn more at faithanchorage.org/mission/india.

*The Lord's Day, December 4, 2011
Morning Worship Service*

Prelude

Announcements

*Silent Prayer
and
Preparation*

Call to Worship

Psalm 85.4-9a

*Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!*

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

*Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?*

***Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.***

*Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.*

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him.

O Come, All
Ye Faithful

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1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
2. God of God, Light of Light;
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him
lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

REFRAIN

born the King of an - gels;
got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Latin hymn
Attr. to John Francis Wade, 1751
Tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1841; alt.



ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6.ref.
John Francis Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

Sermon Notes

God must
(Jeremiah 31.2-9)

Notes for Little Theologians

When your Little Theologians listen to this morning’s sermon, help them be thinking about the **Big Idea!** of the Scripture text. Little ones may want to spend time drawing the **Big Idea!** during the sermon.

The **Big Idea!** is often so big that it encompasses several Scripture passages. Therefore, each sermon has main points that always lead the listener from the **Big Idea!** to two important components of the sermon: our **Fallenness**  and our **Treasure** . Every passage in the Bible tells us something about our need as weak sinners (2 Timothy 3.16) and our one Treasure, Jesus the Redeemer (Luke 24.27). Little Theologians should listen for these! At the conclusion of each sermon your Little Theologian should listen for the Holy Response in which the Scripture tells us how to walk.

Jeremiah 31.2-9

The Big Idea!

We shouldn’t forget that Jeremiah is preaching to (or writing a book to) a people who are getting precisely what they deserved. Surely most of his hearers (or readers) don’t believe this; they are sure that the grim reality of their circumstances have nothing to do with their lack of devotion to God.

But some do believe Jeremiah when he says that God has noticed their guilt and that the grim reality of their circumstances is well-deserved deserved punishment. These people may be asking themselves, “What now?” They wonder if there is any hope after their guilt has been publicized.

What they, and we, must learn is that if there is to be any restoration, God must do it.

A. God’s affection is not like ours.



B. He wants to bring.



C. He wants to build.



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.

Prayer of Confession

1 Peter 1.3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Word of Assurance

As with
Gladness Men
of Old

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1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 • so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 • all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

William Chatterton Dix, 1860
Alt. 1961

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.
Conrad Kocher, 1838
Arr. by William H. Monk, 1861

HOUSE TO HOUSE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

House to House is a ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church elders. In the history of the church, it has been the habit of elders to minister from “house to house (Acts 20.20-21 and James 5.14).” The Bible teaches that elders are a gift to the church (Ephesians 4.11-12) who are called to “pay careful attention to the flock,” (Acts 20.28) . . . not just on Sunday and not just in the sanctuary.

Each visit lasts one hour and is intended for the entire family. There is no need to prepare. After opening with a short rationale for the ministry, followed by a devotion, we encourage one another’s growth in grace and pray together.

As is within your power to do so, could you please schedule this time? If you must reschedule, you may swap with another family, or contact the church office as soon as possible.

Tuesday, December 13	Fox (6:30 pm)	Weatherly (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, January 10	Hilde (6:30 pm)	Goertzen (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, January 17	Larson (6:30 pm)	Lieno (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, January 24	Stephens (6:30 pm)	R. Rademaker (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, January 31	Whitley (6:30 pm)	Potter (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, February 21	Sprau (6:30 pm)	Reed (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, February 28	Yeager (6:30 pm)	H. March (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, March 20	Banker (6:30 pm)	Peters (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, March 27	Schild (6:30 pm)	Weiss (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, April 17	I. Vreeman (6:30 pm)	C. Cox (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, April 24	Behnen (6:30 pm)	Burkel (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, May 1	J. Johnson (6:30 pm)	Becker (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, May 15	W. Rademaker (6:30 pm)	E. Cox (7:45 pm)
Tuesday, May 22	Cryder (6:30 pm)	Dickerson (7:45 pm)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A HYMN SING this evening at 6 pm. Bring a Christmas snack to share.

THE NEXT PARENT'S NIGHT OUT WILL BE held this Friday, December 9, from 6-9:30 pm, downstairs at Tanglewood. Children of all ages are welcome and dinner will be provided. To reserve a spot for your children, or if you would like to help, please contact Barbara Strong (830.7639).

LADIES ARE INVITED TO AN ORNAMENT EXCHANGE this Saturday, December 10, at the Sprano home. For more information, please contact Beth Sprano (345.8650).

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LUNCH AND SOCIAL: On December 18, Kyle and Amber Jaasma are opening their home for our high school students to come for lunch and fellowship. Even if time is limited, please stop by for a quick meal right after worship to meet other Faith students. Chat with John or Kyle for more details

THE ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM will be held on Sunday, December 18, at 6 pm. Also, please note that there will be no Sunday School on December 25 & January 1.

DIRECTORY UPDATES: If you have received a recent email about directory updates, could you please take one minute to update it and return it. We are trying to update this year's directory and we need your help to expedite it. If you have not received an email, please just sent your updated information to directory@faithanchorage.org. If you are new and need information on how to get into next year's directory you can email me or call at 345-1977. Thanks for your help, Susan Weiss

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*

Luke 2.8-20

*Lesson from
the New
Testament*

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.

*Silent Night!
Holy Night!*

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Capo 1: Γ B \flat (A) Γ F 7 (E 7) B \flat (A) E \flat (D)

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright round yon
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep- herds quake at the sight! Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light; with the

vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our King;

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

F 7 (E 7) B \flat (A) Γ F 7 (E 7) B \flat (A) Γ

Joseph Mohr, 1818
Tr. ca. 1850

STILLE NACHT Irreg.
Franz Gruber, 1818

Faith Volunteer Schedule – Winter 2011

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

- December 4 - Ellen Banker & Colleen Cox
- December 11 - Beth & Johanna Sprano
- December 18 - The Fox Family
- December 25 - Karen & Linnea Jones
- January 1 - Barbara Strong & Ivy Bowler
- January 8 - Alicia Beattie & Andrea Pelenato
- January 15 - Jennifer & Hannah Cryder
- January 22 - Bernadette March & Hannah Vreeman
- January 29 - Barb Burkel & Naomi Cryder
- February 5 - Beth & Tommy Rademaker

Set-Up Volunteers

- December - Beattie & Becker
- January - Schneider & Reed
- February - Rademaker

Clean-Up Volunteers

- December - Gardner
- January - Strong
- February - Cryder

Greeters

- December - B. Strong
- January - Burkel
- February - March

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CALENDAR

For up to date calendar events, check out our online calendar at www.faithanchorage.org.

This Week, December 5-11:

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

7:00 pm – Choir Practice at the Whitley Home - Contact Joel or Guang Ming (830.0311)

Thursday

6:00-7:00 am – Men's Prayer Meeting at the Yeager Home – Contact Ron Yeager (223.2828)

7:00 pm – Roman's Bible Study at the Jones Home – Contact John Jones (250.2087)

Friday

6:00-9:30 pm – Parent's Night Out at Tanglewood – Contact Barbara Strong (830.7639)

Saturday

10:00 am – Ladies Ornament Exchange at the Sprano Home – Contact Beth Sprano (345.8650)

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

12:30 pm – Fellowship Meal following the Worship Service

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

Sunday, December 18, 1 pm – High Student Lunch and Social at the Jaasma home

Sunday, December 18, 6 pm – Sunday School Christmas Program at Tanglewood

Sunday, December 25 & Sunday, January 1 – No Sunday School

*Presentation
of God's
Tithe*

Jeremiah 31.2-9

Scripture

God must

Sermon

*Prayer of
Application*

The Apostles' Creed

Christian, what do you believe?

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.

*Confession of
Faith*

Angels,
from the
Realms of
Glory

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1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 • seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

REFRAIN
 Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry Smart, 1867

Benediction

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