



FAITH MATTERS

Sunday, May 23, 2021



WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

(Pastor) *Come, believers and faithful ones, sing your alleluias to God! Praise God, who invades us with the rush of a mighty wind and fills us with fire; who out of love for us sent Jesus Christ to live among us.*

(Congregation) Praise God, whose Spirit is poured out upon all flesh so our sons and daughters might prophesy.

God reaches into our lives and claims us, calling us honored and loved.

We are God's people. We are redeemed, for God has called us by name. Come, Holy Spirit and find us in our wilderness. Lead us forth into the wonders of your love.

*Greetings

*Songs: *Reckless Love of God*
Great Are You Lord

*Invocational Prayer

Scriptures: ***Psalms 104:24-34 & 35b, Acts 2:1-21***

Special Music by Maddie Schmutzler: *Love Like This*

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #276: *Spirit of the Living God*

Children's Church (For Kids 4 years old — 5th Grade)

Musical Meditation

Sermon: ***Language Barrier***

*Hymn #600: *We Are God's People* (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Blessing our Graduation Seniors

*Benediction: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*
(Sung Congregationally)

Postlude

*Please stand as you are able.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the A/V Booth.

THIS WEEK'S MINISTRIES CALENDAR

Sunday, May 23—Graduation Sunday

9:00am: Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30am: Adult Discipleship Class

10:30am: Worship Service

6:15pm: High School YG

Tuesday, May 18

3:00pm: GriefShare

Wednesday, May 19

12:00pm: Faith Matters Newsletter Deadline

6:30pm: Prayer Meeting

Sunday, May 30

9:00am: Praise Team Rehearsal

10:30am: Worship Service

6:15pm: High School YG

MINISTRIES SEASON-END DATES

05.06 Mothers of Preschoolers

05.12 Bible Study Fellowship

05.12 Wednesday Evening Bible Study

05.23 Adult Discipleship Class

05.26 Prayer Meeting

05.30 High School Youth Group*

06.03 Middle School Youth Group*

*The School-Year Schedule ends, but there will be activities all Summer...TBA.

UPDATE TO FCC'S COVID-19 CRITERIA

Our Leadership Team has decided that masks are now optional at Faith Covenant Church, including worship services and ministries. Parents are to decide what is best for their children. Seating will remain appropriately distanced.

We appreciate everyone's patience as we have maneuvered our safest way possible through this pandemic. It has not been an easy year! We thank God that we are now seeing the numbers of new cases and deaths decline and it appears that the worst of this is over for many. We continue to pray for the communities still experiencing high numbers of illness and death, for the health care workers tending to their care, and for quick & complete global recovery.

A WARM WELCOME TO DAVE PHELPS — FCC'S NEW OFFICE & MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS GUY!

We are very blessed to have Dave on Staff with us! He began training with Kate & Carolyn last week. If you don't know Dave, please introduce yourself. He can be found in our A/V Booth most Sundays.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2021!

Students from FCC are:

Caleb & Mason Adamski, Jack & Olivia Holtgren, Anderson Johns, Zach Lee, Lauren Mendians, Brynn O'Donnell, Drew & Grant Schlaff, Maddie Schmutzler, Olivia Smith, & Ben Sullivan.

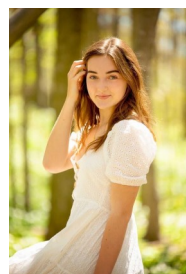
(Three sets of twins!)



Jack Holtgren will be going to Michigan Technological University and majoring in Applied Physics with a focus on Astrophysics.



Olivia Holtgren will be attending Bethel University to major in ASL Interpreting. "Thank you to the church for supporting me as I have grown up!"



Brynn O'Donnell be attending the University of Notre Dame in the fall through their Gateway program, and plans to study Chemical Engineering with a minor in Environmental Earth Science. "Thank you to everyone for the support throughout the years and I cannot wait to see what God has in store!"

Drew and Grant Schlaff plan on going to Michigan Tech. Grant will be majoring in Physics with a minor in English. Drew is majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



Zachary Lee will be attending Saginaw Valley State University next year majoring in a pre-med course of study to prepare him for Medical School.

Maddie Schmutzler will begin taking her general courses for a Secondary English Education degree at Bay Community College in the UP then transfer to a university the following fall.



Lauren Mendians plans to attend MSU and obtain a degree in Human Biology. She was also accepted into the Osteoscholars Program which is a mentoring program for students that want to pursue a career in medicine.



Anderson Johns

Olivia Smith will be attending Hope College For Environmental Science.



YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ANNUAL FAITH COVENANT TRADITION!

We are unclear about the date of the original Camp Sunday, but this tradition potentially goes back as far as the purchase of Portage Lake Bible Camp in 1946. Annually, until 2020, Faith Covenant Church family and friends join together to worship the Lord at PLBC on the 1st Sunday in June. This year, we are excited to have Camp Sunday on June 6th. Camp staff and our church family will also have the chance to share a meal together after the morning worship. There is a sign-up for Camp Sunday on the Welcome Center in the church lobby, and we hope you will stop and put your name on that list today. There will not be any church service here in our building on June 6th.

Part of the Camp Sunday tradition is to provide an opportunity for Baptisms in Portage Lake. If you feel the Lord is leading you toward baptism, you are encouraged to contact Pastor Erik at: 231.887.4619.

ECC ANNUAL MEETING—GATHER '21

The Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church will be virtual this year, June 22nd—26th. FCC is allowed and is looking for 3 Members who will represent our congregation during this meeting. Being virtual, the only cost is the registration fee, which FCC pays.

Due to the technical nature of the online meeting, delegates must have a computer with a camera & microphone, a cell phone, & high-speed Internet connection. All delegates will need to ensure they are in a defined, secure location for the entirety of the meeting. Only one delegate per computer is permitted. For all the information: <https://gather.covchurch.org>

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and let Pastor Erik or Carolyn Zink know a.s.a.p. if you have any questions or would like to register.

A NOTE FROM THE PROPERTY STEWARDS

We would like to thank everyone who helped with the spring work session last Saturday. We had twenty (20) hardworking people of all ages who worked from 9:00a.m. 'til noon. All the tasks on the day's large "to do" list were accomplished! A special thanks to Pat Krolczyk for supplying treats for all the workers!

GRIEF SHARE

Experiencing the loss of a loved one? Grief can be complicated, and it can be relentless. Not only do we deal with the loss of a loved one, but we face many other symptoms day and night that we may not connect with grief. We come together weekly, share our journey, learn from a video where experts on grief can clue us into some of the ins and outs of this life changing experience. All are invited to join in at any time, we will be starting week 8 of our 13 week journey. \$15 for a workbook is the only cost. A support system can be the benefit! GriefShare meets weekly on Tuesdays, 3-5:00pm, in Room 5. Come as you are!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Doug & Peggy Wright's son and Katie Dye's brother, Greg Wright

Healing; hospitalized with COVID-19.

Joyce Reed's sister, Carolyn

Healing from heart attack; hospitalized in ICU.

Steve & Sue Fry's son, Keith

Healing from lung problems and cancer.

Linda Kinnan

Healing from health issues & pain.

Bev Johnston's daughter, Joy

Healing from kidney failure.

Cassie Munsell's Cousin, Tom

Healing, safety, & comfort during hospitalization in Saginaw; peace for the family.

Mike & Sheryl Zimmerman

Endurance during this difficult time of Mike's failing health and strength.

Dave Lame (friend of Joyce Reed's Grandson)

Healing of injuries from a serious motorcycle accident.

AN UPDATE ON KATE

Our beloved Kate must have a surgical procedure in the very near future that could take 4-6 weeks for recovery. We do not yet know the date of her surgery, but it could likely be within the next couple of weeks.

Kate began training Dave Phelps this past week and will continue to in the office as long as possible. After her surgery and once she is feeling better, she plans to continue training Dave until the end of July, either in the office or virtually.

Please keep Kate in your prayers for a successful surgery and quick recovery. Keep both Kate and Russ in your prayers for God's peace & joy, strength, and good health as they make the move and transition into their new pastoral roles.

ECHO HIS LOVE SEEKS AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Robin Paulus and the Board will provide all mentoring to ensure a smooth transition. Read Robin's letter and the job description on our bulletin board located by the Nursery. For more info, please contact ECHO His Love at: 231.723.6613.

LIGHTHOUSE PREGNANCY CARE CENTER'S "BABY BOTTLE BLITZ"

LPCC has been reaching out to folks in our community for 17 years! God's love is shared through the encouraging words and prayers of our mentors and by the abundant resources donated by folks in our community. If you didn't have a chance to pick up a baby bottle last week, please help with our annual fundraiser and do so today!

VOLUNTEERS SCHEDULE			
	NURSERY WORKERS	SCRIPTURE READERS	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
MAY 23	Jim Henderson Rachel Henderson	Pat Krolczyk	Peggy Wright Katie Dye
MAY 30	Shellee Seymour Bev Johnston	Ruth Minster	Brooke Lee Jacob Lee
JUNE 6	CAMP SUNDAY — No Worship Service at Faith Covenant Church this day. See you at Camp!		

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING FOR OUR CHURCH NEWSLETTER?

Please email [Carolyn](#) or [Kate](#) or [Dave](#) or call us at: 231.723.7173.
The deadline for newsletter info submissions is **Wednesdays at Noon**
(unless we let you know differently because of holidays, etc.).

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