

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September 13, 2026



*Therefore,*

THE PROMISE COMES BY FAITH,  
SO THAT IT MAY BE BY GRACE  
AND MAY BE GUARANTEED  
TO ALL ABRAHAM'S OFFSPRING.

ROMANS 4:16, NIV

## GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Delargey

PRELUDE

*"Arioso"*

J.S. Bach

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**"Your Faithfulness, O Lord"**

**#251**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you! **People: And also with you.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

arr. Leavitt

CALL TO CONFESSION & **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we acknowledge our guilt, and seek your face and your forgiveness. For we have not offered steadfast love to you or each other. We have not moved forward in faith, but have allowed ourselves to be stifled by fear. Revive us, raise us up, that we might live before you, rejoicing in the knowledge of your love.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Kathy Nealand

**\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE**

**Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so!**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jeannette Armstrong

**\*SONG**

**"Thy Word"**

**Insert**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid, when I think I've lost my way,**

**Still You're right there beside me.**

**And nothing will I fear, as long as You are near.**

**And You're with me to the end.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**

**I will not forget Your love for me, and yet,**

**My heart forever is wand'ring.**

**Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to Your side.  
I will love You to the end.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.  
And a light unto my path.  
You're the light unto my path**

## **THE WORD**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-25**

**Leader: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **SERMON**

**Rev. Kathy Nealand**

**"Father Abraham and the Family of God"**

## **THANKSGIVING**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING MUSIC**

***"Great is Thy Faithfulness"***

#### **\*OFFERING RESPONSE**

**Doxology**

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

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

## SENDING

**\*SONG**                                      **“We Walk by Faith”**                                      **#399**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**                                      *“Faith is the Victory”*                                      arr. Bob Walters

**BOLD TEXT** – All participate

\* - Stand if you are able

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