

The Father of the Faithful

On the roll of the faithful there are many names; but among these one name stands out above all others. This is the name of Abraham, the father of the faithful.

If the name of Moses is most closely associated in the Bible with the law of God, the name of Abraham is the one that is most closely associated with the heart of the biblical message of salvation, which is of grace through faith. Abraham is the father of the faithful. As the Bible says, those who are of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Abraham's life moved in the environment of faith. As a lion stalks in the high plateaus of the wilderness and as an eagle soars in the currents of the air, so Abraham lived in the atmosphere of faith. His life is an exposition of faith as it is understood by the revelation of God in the Scriptures. As the Scriptures say, "Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness."

Abraham believed God when he was told to leave his country and his kinsmen and to go into a land which God would show him. Abraham believed God when he was told that he would have a son, even though he and his wife were beyond the proper age. Abraham believed God when he was told to take this child of promise and to offer him on Mt. Moriah as a sacrifice.

Because of this faith, God blessed Abraham. Even as all the faithful, he died in faith, not having received the promises; but even as God promised, he has become the father of more people than can be numbered.

The true child of Abraham knows that he is saved not by works but by faith. Righteousness is not by the law but by the gospel of grace, "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes...For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:16-17).

*The just
shall live
by faith*

Romans 1:17

We extend a cordial welcome to each visitor! We would like to keep in touch with you. Please use the QR code to tell us about yourself.



Covenant Presbyterian Church
1623 University Avenue, Berkeley, California 94703
www.berkeleyopc.org

THE LORD'S DAY

October 12, 2025

Covenant Presbyterian Church

MORNING WORSHIP – 11:00 A.M.

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF

Salutation and Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise # 457

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise # 235

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

CONFESSION OF SIN AND THE LORD'S ASSURANCE

The Law of God

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession of Sin (Congregation in Unison)

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto thee that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe thy Word nor follow thy holy commandments. Remember thy goodness, we beseech thee, and for thy Name's sake be gracious unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 103:10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Psalm 103:11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Psalm 103:12 as far as the east is from the west,
 so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

OFFERING OURSELVES IN THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER

Worship in Giving

Hymn of Thanksgiving # 508

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Worship in Prayer

Interlude

*Congregation Standing

Wayne K. Forkner, Minister

510-928-8024

THE LORD FEEDS US FROM HIS WORD

*Hymn of Preparation # 203

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

Sermon Text

Isaiah 40:9-11, pew Bible p. 599

Sermon

BEHOLD YOUR GOD!

*Hymn of Response # 319

“Day of Judgment! Day of Wonders!”

THE LORD DISMISSES US WITH HIS BLESSING

*Gloria Patri (Praising our Gracious Lord)

734

*The Lord's Benediction

Announcements

Today, 12:30pm. A potluck luncheon will be held in the church. All are welcome.

Tuesday, 7:30pm. Weekly Bible Study at the church or via Zoom. We are studying the book of Deuteronomy. Our Bible study at the church begins with dinner at 7:00pm, followed by a time of study at 7:30pm. For information on attending the study via Zoom, please send an email to Pastor Wayne at wforkner86@mac.com.

Sunday, October 26, 5:00pm. Reformation Service 2025, sponsored by Sovereign Grace Community Church (SBC) and Trinity Presbyterian Church (OPC). This year's speaker is Pastor Don Strand, pastor and elder at Christian Family Fellowship in Santa Rosa. Pastor Strand will speak on "The Inextinguishable Light: Proclaiming and Preserving the Gospel of Grace." Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 1445 Technology Lane, A1, Petaluma, CA. For more information: <https://www.trinitynorthbay.org/reformation/>