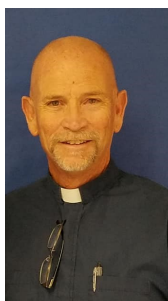


## From the Pastor



Death is never convenient and is always intrusive, even in cases where expected. We know death is real.

There is a time to be born; there is a time to die. We know we can't avoid death; we know our loved ones and friends cannot avoid death. Jesus never promised earthly immortality. We also know that the pain of loss and change is very real. In the midst of grief is the unsettling reality of our own death.

Easter offers hope – the hope that gives comfort, courage, salvation, deliverance. The season of Easter reinforces the promise of the abiding presence of the One who endured the pain of our death in love and was raised from death in victory and deliverance. Easter offers the hope that death is not a low point or a battle lost. The Easter hope is that part of our faith that bridges us all

from one life to the next, that place prepared for us by Jesus (John 14). The God who awaits us in death is the gracious God who is for humanity through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In the victory of Jesus the promise of an enduring and abiding relationship with God is and will be fulfilled. In Christ, God has redeemed the world and us with it. The kingdom of God has no end! this is what we sing in the season of Easter!

In this world of death and loss, pain and change we can hear the voice of life from the Good Shepherd who journeys with us through the valley of the shadow of death. We need not fear. We are freed from the ways of death, evil and fear and freed for the ways of Jesus, the ways of life abundant – compassion, kindness, mercy, acceptance, welcome, healing, peace, justice, love.

## Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

Easter is not just a single day of holiday. Easter is a season that renews us in hope, and a season that continually readies us to be vessels of the Holy Spirit to love God and to love others. I look forward to seeing you each Sunday either in-person or online as we worship the God who has brought forth the wonder of victory!

Let me know of any needs or concerns. If you would like to visit with me, let me know and we can arrange a time to meet.

Let's continue to choose kindness, compassion, and love; let's do justice and make peace; let's welcome the stranger; let's persevere in prayer, as we glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Ken*

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# Words of Faith

## Outreach & Evangelism

Do you have any clothes in good shape that you don't need?  
What about small household appliances? If so, bring them to the church during May and the Outreach Committee will donate them to Metrocrest Services.

Metrocrest services those in need of clothes and household goods by giving them vouchers to use at the resale shop on Midway and Trinity Mills.

Help us "Meet the needs of our neighbors"



## Confirmation Celebration

We celebrated confirmation with a joint worship on May 1. Faith United and Iglesia Emmanuel continued the celebration with lunch following worship! Take a moment to congratulate our confirmands next time you see them.

### 2022 Confirmands

Nathan Miller, Joana Ovalle, Jocelyne Ovalle, Xóchitl Soto



## Weekly Bible Study class

The class is currently led by Rich Lewis. They meet from 9:45 to 10:45 in classroom #4. Their current series: The Other Three Kings: Saul, David and Solomon. The kings were heroic, troubled, principled, and flawed. They will read about and discuss these characteristics and their effects on the Kingdom of Israel. Check the weekly News Brief for updates of their study.

Rich Lewis



## Happy Birthday!

### May 1

- \* Nathan Miller

### May 2

- \* Anne Kirchmeyer
- \* Mary Marxer

### May 3

- \* Charlie Cole

### May 4

- \* George Mills

### May 6

- \* Jan Cole

### May 11

- \* Fiona Coughenour

### May 15

- \* Joan Nelson

- \* Grace Stottlemeyer

### May 16

- \* Linnie Hinkle

### May 17

- \* Cathy Marxer



### May 30

- \* Steve Nelson



### Homebound or Recovering:

- ♥ Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

### Prayers for:

- ♥ David Duell
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Mike Jones
- ♥ George & Mozelle Mills
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer

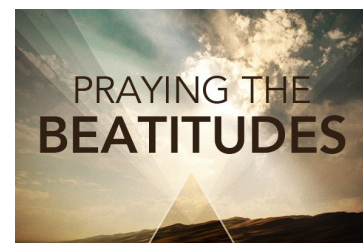
Worship services are available In-Person, via Facebook Live, or on our YouTube channel.

Worship resources available at  
[www.FaithUnited-pc.com](http://www.FaithUnited-pc.com)




## Midweek Devotions

Pastor Ken has concluded the midweek devotion, ***Praying the Beatitudes***. All the episodes can be viewed on the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Remember, if you like the Facebook page and/or follow the YouTube channel you will get notice whenever the church posts or uploads material. Do not hesitate to recommend these sessions to any who are interested in prayer and faith. Look for a new series of midweek devotions in the weeks to come!





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 Confirmation Worship 12:30 Lunch-Fellowship Hall	<b>2</b> 7 pm GA-Room #2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30 LTCDS #1 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	<b>7</b> 9:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
<b>8</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall	<b>9</b> 7 pm GA-Room #2	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:30 LTCDS #1 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	<b>14</b> 9:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
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<b>22</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall	<b>23</b> 7 pm GA-Room #2	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:30 LTCDS #1 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	<b>28</b> 9:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
<b>29</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>  <b>Church Offices Closed</b> 7 pm GA-Room #2	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 9:30 LTCDS #1 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>2</b>	<div> <b>Calendar Legend</b>            FUPC = Faith United Presbyterian            GA = Gamblers Anonymous            OA = Overeaters Anonymous            LTCDS = Little Treasures School         </div>	



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