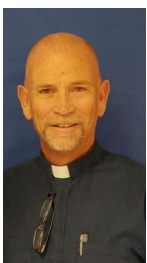


## From the Pastor



*Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your hearts take courage; wait for the Lord!*

*Psalms 27:14*

Waiting for the God who enters reality, but who is never to be confused as part of the givenness of reality, demands courage and strength, trust and faith. In waiting we are encountered by the living God who is found acting in the world and in our lives. God encounters us with eternal love through Jesus Christ. What we learn is that our future is not bound up in how busy we can be, how much we can get or consume or have, nor how much energy we generate. Our future is in the hands of God! This is true for our lives and for our life together in community – the church.

Zacchaeus was a person who thought life was about accumulating – power, stuff, wealth, etc. He was curious about Jesus and climbed a tree to wait for Jesus to arrive. In that waiting, he encountered the love of God through Christ. Zacchaeus' response was to give – 50% of his possessions.

This is the month when we are asked to make pledges for our giving for the coming year.

Stewardship begins with the God who is God and who has chosen and still chooses to be active and

## Rev. Dr. Ken Ritchie

present in the world, in our lives, and in the church. In waiting for God, stewardship also recognizes that ministry costs money and the costs of ministry is increasing. Perhaps you will be able to increase your pledge for next year.

Waiting for God doesn't mean inactivity. We are active for and with the world that God loves. Our activity is not the busyness of getting or having, winning or succeeding. It is being in and with the world, specifically in and with our neighborhood in a relationship of active love. We wait, we love, we serve, we worship, we pray, and, we give, all with a non-anxious faith, trusting in the promises and presence of God who is God.

I look forward to seeing you soon, either in-person or online for Sunday worship. 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*  
Ken@FaithUnited-pc.com

# Words of Faith

## Outreach & Evangelism

Courtland Lewis

**Metrocrest Services Christmas Toy Drive “Santa Store” 2022.** See below for more info.

Thank you in advance for your donations to this annual event. For more information about the event please contact Courtland Lewis, 214-417-9982, [rzlewis@gmail.com](mailto:rzlewis@gmail.com).

### Brighten a *child's holiday.*

## TOY DRIVE

**Each donated toy gives hope to a child of opening up at least one gift this holiday season.**

Help by donating new unwrapped toys for children ages 1-18. Collect toys based on what you think a child or teenager would like or refer to our Most-Needed Toy list below.




### Metrocrest Santa Store 2022!

Bring your New unwrapped gifts and put them in the designated location at the church.

If you cannot participate this way, call the church office for assistance. We will deliver the gifts to the Store on or shortly after Monday, 12/12.

***Thank you for your donations!***



building a stronger community together



#### MOST-NEEDED TOY ITEMS

- Sports & college apparel
- Electronics, video & board games
- Gym bags & sports equipment
- Wallets, jewelry, & watches
- Leggos
- Hair dryer, flat & curling irons
- Nail & cosmetic sets
- Perfume/cologne sets (AXE sets)
- Wal-Mart & Amazon gift cards
- Disney themed items
- Marvel themed items

## Stewardship 2022—Eternally Loved, Intentionally Loving

It's pumpkin spice season so it must also be stewardship season! As we near the end of 2022 and look forward to 2023, our church continues to face many challenges. This is not a time to pull back in fear, but a time to lean into the promises of God. Our giving is ultimately not about us, or the church or the church budget. We give because God has eternally loved us in Jesus Christ. This is the source of our hope. Yet, there is also a practical side to giving - ministry costs money and the costs of ministry are rising like everything else.

You will receive a packet (including a pledge card) in the mail soon. You may return the pledge card via mail or bring it on Sunday, 11/20. Sunday, November 20 will be Commitment Sunday as we commit ourselves through our 2023 financial pledges to following Jesus in God's mission. We offer and give what we have trusting that Jesus will multiply our giving! Consider an increase in your regular giving to help us be faithful in our neighborhood!



# Happy Birthday!

### November 1

\* Cheryl Sparks

### November 10

\* Pepper Durcholz

### November 18

\* Helen McKemie

### November 20

\* Sharon Meurer

### November 23

\* Betty Laney

\* Wade Yost

### November 24

\* Teresa Nelson

### November 30

\* David Pierce



## Weekly Bible Study class

Rich Lewis



The class is currently led by Rich Lewis. They meet at 9:30 in classroom #4. The class continues its study of 1st Corinthians, reading a portion each week with discussion following.



### Homebound or Recovering:

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

### Prayers for:

- ♥ David Duell
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Mike Jones
- ♥ George & Mozelle Mills and their son-in-law, Greg Kaut
- ♥ 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)



## FUPC Chamber Choir Concert & free lunch!

Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, the FUPC choir and congregation will get to enjoy the close, tight harmonies and outstanding musical talents that our younger singers love to share and perform. They will be singing during worship at 11, offering us a sneak preview of their 1:00 PM program in the sanctuary, immediately following the worship service. Katia Dinas, our pianist extraordinaire, will be their accompanist. Choir members will provide sandwiches, chips and cold drinks, so that you don't even have to leave the building! Please invite & encourage your friends and neighbors to worship with FUPC that Sunday at 11:00 and to stay for the concert and food.



### Order Form for Poinsettias/DUE by Tuesday, 11/15

**Time to decorate for Advent!** And time to place your order for Poinsettias. Please **print** your **specific** dedication/sentiment. You may mail this form with payment attached to the church office by **Tuesday, 11/15**. Or complete an order card and place in the box in the Narthex. Please note **"Poinsettia"** in the memo section. Mail form & checks to **Faith United Presbyterian Church**, 12717 Marsh Lane, Farmers Branch, TX 75234.

I (we) wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias at \$12.00 each. **Please check one:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Quantity Payment (check #) Wish to pay later

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Please print the following dedication(s) for my (our) Poinsettias.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>31</b> 7 pm GA-Room #2	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30 LTCDS #1 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	<b>5</b> 9:00 FUPC Fall Workday 11:00 OA-Double Rm #4
<b>6</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall	<b>7</b> 7 pm GA-Room #2	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 LTCDS #1	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	<b>12</b> 11:00 OA-Double Rm #4
<b>13</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall 12:00 Pre-Concert Lunch 1:00 Chamber Choir Concert	<b>14</b> 7 pm GA-Room #2	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30 LTCDS #1 7:00 FUPC Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	<b>19</b> 11:00 OA-Double Rm #4
<b>20</b> 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:00 FUPC Commitment Sunday 11:00 Iglesia –Fellowship Hall 12:30 FUPC Session	<b>21</b> 7 pm GA-Room #2	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30 LTCDS #1	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11:00 OA-Double Rm #4
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