

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH



TEACHING GENERATIONS TO
GLORIFY GOD BY REACHING
THE LOST AND TRANSFORMING
THE FOUND

- Soli Deo Gloria -

Announcements

*At Foothills, there is something for everybody.
Not everybody has to do everything,
but everybody gets to do something.*

Today:

- 9:00 Sunday School for all ages.
- 10:30 Worship in the sanctuary.
- 6:00 pm, Reformation Service followed by fellowship. Please bring a dessert to share; punch provided.

This Week:

Monday:

- 6:00 pm, “Oliver! The Musical” Rehearsals. See Ella H. for more information.
- 6:00 pm, Session Meeting.

Wednesday:

- 6:20 am, Men’s Prayer-time, at Loftus Dental.
- 5:00 pm, Sonlight Puppeteer practice. If you have any questions, please contact Clea B. or Marcie P.
- 5:30 pm, Kids’ Quest and Middle School Youth, for grades pre-k—8th. Meal provided.
- 6:15 pm, High School Youth Group, grades 9-12th, at the Community Center. Meal provided.
- 6:30 pm, “Ecclesiastes” study during Kids’ Quest. A nursery for ages 0-3 is available during this time.

Thursday:

- 6:00 pm, “Oliver! The Musical” Rehearsals. See Ella H. for more information.

Friday:

- 8:45 am, Mom MeetUp at the church.

Saturday:

- 7:00 am, Men's Prayer-time. Meal provided.
- 10:00 am, Highway Trash Clean Up (alternative date is November 14th). See Daniel B. for more information.

Mark Your Calendar:

- 6:00 pm, November 15th, "Ecclesiastes" Small Groups. We have three meeting places to choose from based on your location: Spearfish, at the Church, or in Piedmont. See a pastor for more information.
- November 22nd, there will be no morning refreshments; please plan your family's breakfast accordingly.
- Following worship, November 22nd, Thanksgiving Meal and Fellowship.
- November 25th, there will be no Wednesday Evening Activities.
- November 29th, there will be no Sunday School.

Other Announcements:

- If you would like to add any announcements to the page, please submit the information to the church office by 9:00 am Wednesday.
- FCC has over 100 prayer warriors who would be honored to place your prayer request before the throne of God. If you have a prayer request that you'd like sent out on the prayer chain, please text or call Debbie S.

Order of the Worship of God

*Hearing Assistance is available. See Sound Booth to connect.

We Gather Together to Worship our God

Worship begins by God calling and welcoming us into his presence for covenant renewal. Everything we say and do in worship is in response to God's revealing himself to us through his word and his Spirit among us. We worship not in our own strength, but in the name of Christ, whose worship of the Father alone is perfect. We call upon the name of the Lord to worship him in spirit and in truth.

Gathering Hymn: Black Hymnal #589 Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

Greeting and Announcements

A Moment for Ministry: Cookies and Carols

Responsive Call to Worship: Psalm 36

Leader: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.

Leader: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of man find refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

All: Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

Leader: Let us worship the LORD our God, who is the source of all life and light!

Prayer of Adoration

Hymn of Praise: Psalm 95C Now With Joyful Exultation

We Confess Our Sin

Even though we're sinful, we are called to boldly approach the Holy God in Christ, confident of his promise to forgive all who confess sin and turn to him for mercy. With our confession barely off our lips, God proclaims his forgiving grace in Christ. With hearts lifted up in wonder, we raise our voices in song to our risen King.

Call to Confession: 1 John 1:5-9

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

All: Almighty God, You have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him, or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world and failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be Your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the Church, His body. In His name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: 1 Peter 1:3-5

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Hymn of Assurance: Black Hymnal #594 Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me

We Give Thanks To The Lord

In response to God's merciful generosity found in Christ, we give our tithes and offerings to the Lord to be distributed for his work and glory; we are dependent on God for all we have and are, and we respond in gratitude.

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

We Hear God Speak

We seek to be fed a balanced diet of the whole counsel of God. We respond to the Word with prayers, not only for ourselves, but for all peoples, and turn our hearts to hear the Word preached.

Small Talk

(At this time, a nursery is available for ages 0-3, and Children's Church for ages 4-8.)

The Lord's Prayer & Prayer of God's People

A Question of Authority Luke 20:1-8

Hymn of Response: Red Hymnal #642 Be Thou My Vision

We Are Dismissed with God's Blessing

We are ever dependent on God's blessing and help to live faithfully for the glory of Christ and the good of our neighbor. We are sent forth with God's blessing to labor in God's mission in the week ahead.

Benediction

Sending Hymn: Black Hymnal #223 How Deep the Father's Love
For Us (verse 2)

Postlude

~ FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS~

1. William Tyndale risked his life so that even a "ploughboy" could know the Scriptures. In what ways do we today take for granted the direct access we have to God's written Word?
2. The Sanhedrin confronted Jesus abruptly to reassert their control after He cleansed the temple. When God's Word directly challenges our habits, comfort, or routine, what is our immediate reaction? Do we listen, or do we try to defend our turf?
3. Jesus refused to debate His credentials with leaders who acted in bad faith. Why is it liberating to know that Christ's authority is fixed and independent, and doesn't rely on our ability to defend Him or validate Him?
4. The sermon noted that we rarely tell Jesus outright, "What gives you the right?" Instead, we subtly reframe His commands as optional. In what areas of life do you find it most tempting to negotiate with God's explicit word?
5. We all live under various authorities (workplace, government, family, cultural norms). How can we discern when we are submitting to an earthly authority out of obedience to Christ versus when we are using earthly expectations as an excuse to disobey Christ?
6. How does our reluctance or inability to practice biblical rest expose our desire to be the "CEO of our own existence"? What keeps you from resting in Christ's finished work?
7. The message cautioned against using phrases like "Jesus guided me to this" to justify personal preferences or ethically ambiguous decisions. How can we test our personal feelings and impulses against the objective standard of Scripture?
8. Consider Jesus' silence before human courts and His submission to an unjust trial. How does His willingness to bear the penalty for our self-rule transform the way we view His lordship?
9. The call to "choose this day whom you will serve" is an invitation for covenant people, enabled by grace. Where in your daily routine do you need to exercise a practical "lifestyle of repentance" (semper reformanda) this week?
10. How does stepping down from being the "CEO of your life" change your perspective on conflict at work or within your family? How does living under one Master make it easier to apologize, forgive, and serve others?

