

Events & Announcements



Church Family Check-In

June 25th, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Join us for an informal meeting and Q&A as we check-in with our church's finances, ministries, and future plans! Bring your questions and love for the community!



Register for VBS!

Monday–Friday, August 14–18, half-day

Register now for Vacation Bible School on August 14–18! Our theme is Hero Hotline where kids get to learn about their gifts and how every hero has a role to play. We will need lots of volunteers for VBS! contact Abby@faithunited.org for more info and to RSVP!



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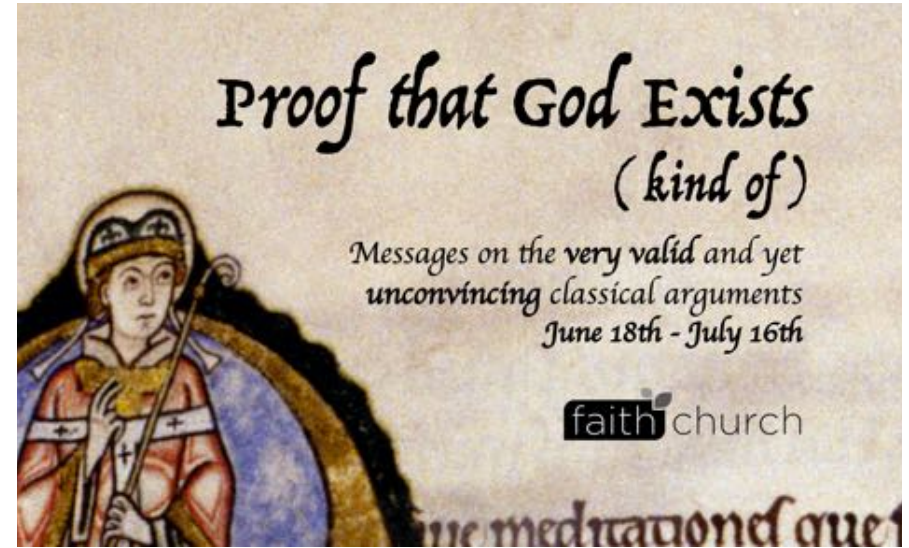


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Creating a community where people connect with Christ and Partner with God in making things right.

Gather Our Hearts

Welcome & Introduction

Rev. Ric Shewell

*Call to Worship from Psalm 86 †

Geoff Joosten

*Opening Prayer †

Geoff Joosten

*How Great Is Our God (Tomlin, Reeves, Cash) †

Music Team

Today's Music Team: Robert Brawn, Steven Hennings, Brian Bauman, Harrison Walters, Greg Rolette, and Emily Cowgill

* Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

† Words will be on the screen.

Inspire Our Minds

Readers: Denice Cronin-Hansen (9 am), Jennifer Gannon (10:30 am)

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading: Acts 17:22-28 (CEB) †

Way Maker (Egbu) †

Music Team

2nd Reading: Psalm 96 (CEB) †

Children's Time (during 2nd service)

Abby Kleinknecht

After Children's Time, children in 5th grade and younger are invited to a lesson and activity with Abby in the choir room, returning at offering.

"The Best Thing Exists"

Rev. Ric Shewell

Form Our Desires

Prayers of the People †

Rev. Ric Shewell

The Lord's Prayer †

Introduction to Offering

Geoff Joosten

Instrumental

Music Team

**Doxology (UMH #94) †*

Music Team

**Prayer of Thanksgiving*

Geoff Joosten

Move us to Love

Invitation to Communion

Rev. Ric Shewell

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer †

Instructions for Sharing the Sacrament

Be Still My Soul (UMH #534) †

Music Team

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*Benediction

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**Take to the World (Webb/Tate) †*

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Message Notes

What is commonly called the "Ontological Proof" (from being):

"God is a being that than which nothing greater can be conceived..."

- Anselm of Canterbury, *Proslogion*, 1077-78

Some objections:

1. Perfect Island Objection (Gaunilo, "On Behalf of the Fool")

Response: God is not an island, or like anything else.

2. Logic and Concepts cannot rise to reality.

Response: "The existence of God would pass with me as at least as certain as I have ever held the truths of mathematics (which concern only numbers and figures) to be."

- René Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, 1641.

3. An argument that presupposes God, unsurprisingly discovers God.

Response: This is a _____ one.

Let's call presuppositions our _____.

This is the soil that faith can take root in, and it is shaped by emotions,

_____, and education.

To help faith grow, we must tend to our soil, and 'do no harm' to our neighbors' soil.

Continue the conversation:

- In your opinion, is "that than which nothing greater can be conceived" a good definition for God? Why or why not?
- What emotional experiences have positively shaped your attitude toward God?
- What practices contribute to a positive attitude toward God?