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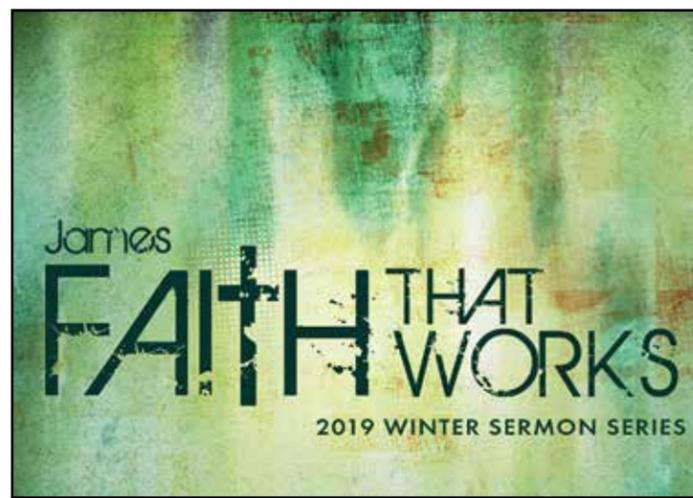
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February 10, 2019 9:30 am

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Please feel free to sit or stand as we worship through song.

**Welcome and Call to Worship**

*The Lion And The Lamb*

**Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon**

*Nothing But The Blood*

**The Sacrament of Baptism**  
Lucas Breul and Luca Scapinelli

*Manifesto*

**Faith Story:** Owen Lekki

**Time for Young Disciples**

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**Offering - This I Believe**

*Please sign and pass the registration pad down your pew*

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**Message:** "Practicing Wisdom"  
Pastor Tommy Branagh

*Be Thou My Vision*

**Opportunities to Give, Gather, & Go**

**Blessing**

**Postlude - Air and Variations from Suite No. 5**

Need prayer this morning?  
Come to one of the prayer corners at the front of the Sanctuary.



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**The Ones**, February 10 & 24 following the 9:30 am service – Those who find themselves alone are invited for lunch at Town Bakery in Moraga. Please no children. RSVP with Mary Kaye Stephens: 381-1458.



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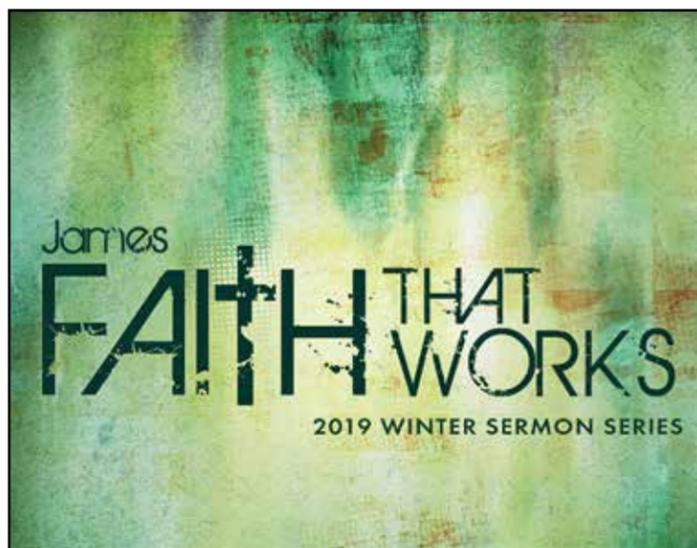
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Come as you are. Make yourself at home.  
Get ready to meet God.

### COMMUNITY LIFE

Visit [mvpcitoday.org](http://mvpcitoday.org) to learn  
how you can belong

### THE WORD

"Practicing Wisdom"  
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### OUR RESPONSE

#### COMMUNION

All who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior may participate  
Please come to one of the stations whenever you are ready  
Gluten-free bread is offered at the rear station

#### OFFERING

Please bring your gifts to the Lord to one of the  
Offering Boxes at the front or rear

#### PRAYER

A member of our Prayer Team will be in the back  
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Feedback, questions and thoughts: [#mvpcthe5](https://twitter.com/mvpcthe5)



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**AA meetings**, Sundays, 5-6pm and Thursdays, 6-7pm – Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at MVPC are small and newcomer-friendly, open to anyone who wants to do something about their drinking problem. FMC212.

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