

**We're so glad you're here! There are many good reasons to come to church, but the best one is to worship and thank God for His amazing love... shown through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That's what our church is all about.**

This worship service can be watched live on YouTube, as it happens, anywhere you have an internet connection. Additionally, past services will be archived so you can stay up-to-date or relive your favorite Sunday morning moments. You can find the link on our website or check it out at <https://bit.ly/FPClive>

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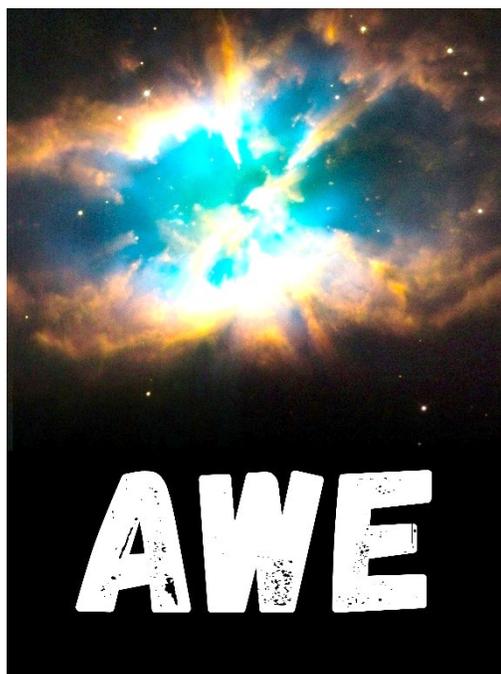


***Order of Worship***  
***January 4, 2026***

***Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus***

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You can support the mission and ministry of our church by donating online at <https://bit.ly/39QO3dQ>. You can scan this QR code, which will take you directly to the donate page on our website. We deeply appreciate your generosity and are so thankful for each of you!

**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
REMEMBERING EPIPHANY**

**10:00 AM**

**JANUARY 4, 2026**



THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

*\* Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**FOCUSING UPON GOD'S PRESENCE AND VOICE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*"O Come, Emmanuel"  
from A Child A King*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Ephesians, adapted from *The Message*)

**One:** How blessed is God! And what a blessing God is!

**Many:** God is the Father of our master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him.

**One:** In this season of epiphany, we stand in awe of Jesus' light.

**Many:** Because of Christ, we are a free people, free to be people who promote and share awe.

**One:** Jesus is our reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.

**Many:** As the magi brought their gifts, may we also bring our gifts to God with awe in our hearts and light in our spirits.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

# What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152

\*HYMN

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F)  
 D Bm A D G D A D G

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more  
 2 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From  
 3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an  
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -

(C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G)  
 D A D G D A

love - ly than the noon - day light? 'Tis  
 Ja - cob shall a star pro - ceed;" and  
 in - ward light the Lord con - veys and  
 pels us on to seek your face, let

(Am) (D7) (G) (C) (F) (C) (Dm)  
 Bm E7 A D G D Em

sent to an - nounce a new - born king, glad  
 lo! the east - ern sa - ges stand to  
 urg - es them, with ten - der might, to  
 not our sloth - ful hearts re - fuse the

(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)  
 A D A D G A D

ti - dings of our God to bring.  
 read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.  
 seek the giv - er of the light.  
 guid - ance of your light to use.

## LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

**One:** As we move from the joy of Christmas into the light of Epiphany, we remember that God does not rush us. The child in the manger grows, the star still shines, and we are invited—again and again—to follow.

Trusting in God's grace, let us bring our honest hearts before God, praying together.

**Many:** Loving God, you came into the world quietly, tenderly, and we welcomed you with songs and wonder. Yet as the days move on, we confess that we are sometimes slow to follow. We linger in what feels familiar and safe, hesitant to step into the wider light you place before us. Hold us in your grace, O God. Gently turn our hearts toward your light, that we may not only rejoice in Christ's birth, but walk in Christ's way.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

Many: hear our prayers.

*(A moment is given for silent confession to God.)*

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581

*"Gloria Patri"*

## THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 2:1-12

**2** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, **2** asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." **3** When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, **4** and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. **5** They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

**6** 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd<sup>d</sup> my people Israel.' "

**7** Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. **8** Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." **9** When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10** When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. **11** On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. **12** And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



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The First Nowell

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the  
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing  
 east be - yond them far; and to the earth it gave  
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their  
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

Refrain

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

5 Then entered in those wise men three, 6 Then let us all with one accord  
 full reverently upon their knee, sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
 and offered there in his presence that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. and with his blood our life hath bought.  
*Refrain*

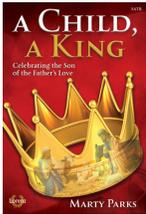
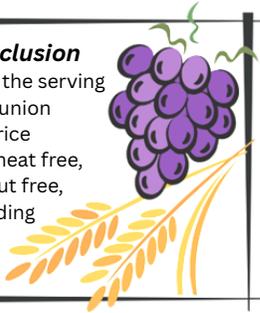
# Faith Life

January 4, 2026

You're invited to stay for lunch! As part of our Sunday Morning Together, we host a Potluck Luncheon in Fellowship Hall every first Sunday of the month immediately following worship. Come for the food, stay for the community.

## Communion Inclusion

The small boxes on the serving plates with the communion bread contain brown rice crackers, which are wheat free, gluten free, soy and nut free, and are for those needing allergen free foods.



## Cantata

The snow couldn't stop the music! Please join us this morning for the rescheduled presentation of Marty Parks' Christmas Cantata, A Child, A King, performed by The Faithful Harmonizers. We hope you enjoy this special morning of song and story.

## Pizza Potluck!

Don't head off right after worship! Join us for our monthly luncheon, hosted today by the Ministry to the Congregation Committee. They're serving up fresh pizza, and church members are bringing plenty of sides and salads to share. We'd love to see you there!

## Conversations

Conversations is a gathering of women that meets on the second Thursday of the month, and all are welcome!

Conversations will meet at Let's Go in Emmaus on Thursday, January 8 at 10AM.

If you have any questions, please speak with Anne Laubach or Donna Call. Thank you!

## Mission Project for Daybreak

The Ministry to the Community Committee is collecting supplies to create takeout bags for Daybreak clients who may lack food and shelter when they are not at the center. These bags will offer care and nourishment beyond regular mealtimes, and our goal is to have them ready for Faith's Daybreak meal in February. Thank you for helping us extend compassion to our community.

### **We will need 100 of each item:**

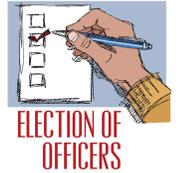
- Hand warmers & lip balm (we have fulfi)
- Applesauce (individual)
- Pudding (individual)
- Fruit cups (individual)
- Granola bars
- Peanut butter crackers (individual)



There is a table in the Narthex for the collection of items.

## Installation of Officers

After the congregation approves the Nominating Committee's recommendations, we will joyfully install our officers next week.



## Wrapping Up Your 2025 Giving

**Toay's the day!** To make sure your generous giving is counted on your **2025 giving statement**, please ensure we **receive** your donations **TODAY**. Donations that arrive after that—even if they have a 2025 date on them—will need to be recorded on your **2026** statement. Thank you so much for your continued partnership and support of Faith Presbyterian Church!

*Thank You!*

### Faith Presbyterian Church

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### Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon  
Closed Fridays



### **The Nursery Needs You!**



Our youngest members are a treasured part of our church family—and we need caring volunteers to help care for them during worship. If you don't yet have your clearances, don't worry—we'll guide you through the process!

- **Every Sunday in January**

☛ Sign up today by adding your name to the whiteboard in the narthex or by contacting Sally Heimbach. Your presence makes a difference!

### **Fellowship Hosts Needed**



Fellowship time after worship is one of the best ways we grow together as a church family. Hosting is simple—clear instructions are provided—and your warm hospitality blesses everyone who gathers!

- **January 11, 18, 25**

☛ Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Sally Heimbach to bless our church family with your hospitality.

### **Ushers/Greeters Needed**



A warm welcome makes Sunday worship extra special. Our ushers help everything run smoothly by greeting worshipers, sharing materials, and offering a friendly smile. It's easy to do—and we provide all the reminders and instructions you need!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to usher.

#### **Check the sign-up sheet for January dates**

☛ Sign up on the table in the narthex or speak with Anne Laubach for more details. Your welcome matters!

### **Worship Assistants Needed**



Helping during worship is simple, rewarding, and so important! Everything is prepared for you ahead of time—we provide clear, step-by-step instructions and all the materials you'll need.

- **January 11, 18, 25**

☛ Be part of creating a meaningful worship experience. Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or reach out to Sally Heimbach.



**January 11** - "Appreciating Beauty"  
Psalm 27

**January 18** - "Meaning Makers"  
John 1:29-42



**SUNDAY**  
*Morning*  
**TOGETHER**

**SCHEDULE**

**TODAY**—Potluck (Ministry to the Congregation)

**Jan. 11**—Listening Circle on Leadership, Fellowship, Children's music

**Jan. 18**—Decorate Daybreak snack bags, Fellowship

**Jan. 25**—Annual Meeting, Fellowship, Children's music

**Feb. 1**—Potluck (Pam & Phil Martin)

**Feb. 8**—Fill Daybreak snack bags, Fellowship, Children's music

**Feb. 15**—Talent Show, Fellowship

**Feb. 22**—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship, Children's Music

**Mar. 1**—Potluck (Ministry of Support), Lenten Bible Study

**Mar. 8**—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship, Children's Music

**Mar. 15**—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship

**Mar. 22**—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship

**Mar. 29**—Easter Egg Hunt, Fellowship





### **Youth Group Needs**



Pastor Jo Marchetto, our Youth Group Director, is looking for volunteers to support youth group. If you have an idea for a program, or if you would like to join us for an activity, we would love to have you join us! One of the gifts of faith communities are the intergenerational relationships that form into mentorships. You all have the potential to be excellent mentors to our youth. If you would like to think this through or ask questions about mentoring, I would love to talk to you! Please feel free to call or email her anytime.

### **How Can You Support Our Youth?**

Sponsoring a meal for our Groups is a very beneficial and easy way to show your support for our youth. (For a rewarding experience, consider joining them for the meal and getting to know them better.)

It's easy - scan the QR code to schedule or sponsor your meal, or you can call Pastor Jo. What a wonderful way to show interest in and support of our youth! THANK YOU!



Messages to be shared via the Prayer Chain may be emailed directly to [prayers@faithchurchemmaus.org](mailto:prayers@faithchurchemmaus.org). Messages can also be sent through a form on the Prayer Requests page of the church website.

### **Have Your Paid Your Per Capita?**

The per capita payment has portions sent to the presbytery, the synod, and the General Assembly to help pay for the operating expenses of those organizations.

**As of today**, we have received **\$4,348** toward our yearly total amount due of \$9,450. The apportionment per member is \$50 for 2025. You can pay your per capita online, or by check made payable to Faith Presbyterian Church. **Have you paid yours?**



### **Daybreak Meal—January 12**

Faith Church prepares and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month, from 1:30–4:30 p.m. Can you help?

- **Bake & Drop Off:** Bring cookies or other treats to the church kitchen by noon on the Monday prior. Please label anything with nuts, and sugar-free items are always welcome!
- **Helpers Needed:** Especially cooks! Meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. to carpool.

We typically serve 80–100 people, and the clients truly enjoy the variety of home-baked treats you provide. Thank you for sharing your time and talents!

If you can help, or for more details, speak with Carolyn Baittinger or Zona Farmer.



### **Teachers' Closet**

Faith Church's Teachers' Closet offers local educators a free and welcoming place to gather the classroom supplies they need—items they would often otherwise purchase out of their own pockets. Our local teachers, especially those working in elementary and middle schools, have expressed deep gratitude for this support.

- The Teachers' Closet is open on the **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 10-11:30 am** and the **3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 pm**.
- The list of remaining dates for the 2025-26 year is listed in the Winter issue of The Faith Flyer.
- There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the table in the narthex.
- There is an Amazon wish list with items needed for the Teacher's Closet. Scan this code or go to <https://bit.ly/46Pjb7l>



*Scan me*

### **Prayer Chain Requests**

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## Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days ahead of distribution.  
Please see the church [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.



**Key**  
BR Brick Room  
FH Fellowship Hall  
MR Music Room  
P Parlor  
PL Parking Lot  
S Sanctuary  
Z Zoom

# thisweek

### Sunday, January 4

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service w/communion  
11:00 a.m. - SMT Potluck Lunch (FH)  
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group

### Monday, January 5

7:15 p.m. - Ministry to the Congregation (P)

### Tuesday, January 6

9:30 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)  
3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)

### Wednesday, January 7

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Foods Program  
9:30 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)  
5:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)  
7:00 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)

### Thursday, January 8

9:30 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)  
10:00 a.m. - Conversations  
10:30 a.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)  
7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

### Friday, January 9 - Church Office Closed

### Saturday, January 10

9:00 a.m. - Zumba (FH)

# nextweek

### Sunday, January 11

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group Game Night

### Monday, January 12

1:30 p.m. - Daybreak Meal

### Tuesday, January 13

9:30 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)  
3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)

### Wednesday, January 14

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Foods Program  
9:30 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)  
5:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)  
7:00 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)  
7:00 p.m. - EPNHN (P)

### Thursday, January 15- Church Office Closed

9:30 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)  
10:30 a.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)  
7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

### Friday, January 16- Church Office Closed

### Saturday, January 17

9:00 a.m. - Zumba (FH)  
10:00 a.m. - Quilters (FH)



### Snow Cancellation Policy

If the snow starts piling up and you're wondering about our Sunday service, stay safe and check WFMZ StormCenter for the latest cancellation updates:

[wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter/](http://wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter/)

**Daybreak –January 12  
Flyer deadline—February 15  
2025 Per Capita—\$50.00**



- Jan. 11..... Installation of Officers
- Jan. 25..... Annual Congregational Meeting**
- Feb. 15..... Talent Show, Spring Flyer Deadline
- Feb. 18..... Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 29..... Palm Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 2..... Maundy Thursday
- Apr. 3..... Good Friday
- Apr. 5..... Easter
- Apr. 19..... Clean-Up Day

### Are You Getting the Info You Need?

Faith Church has four email lists. Are you interested in being added to one or more of them? Please indicate your interest, add your email address, tear off this tab, and drop in the offering plate.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Announcements | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Chain         | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Alerts     |

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