

Psalm 148 calls all creation to praise the Lord. We join with springtime blooms and buds, more hours of sunlight, newborn animals, singing birds, and greening landscapes. Welcome to worship!

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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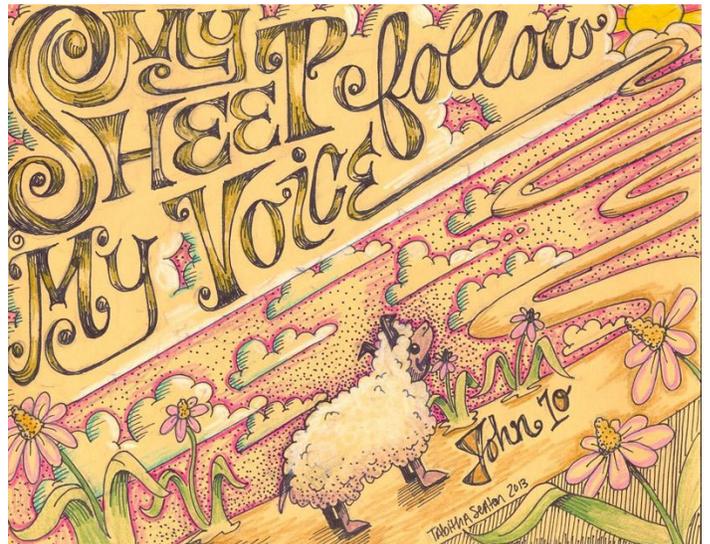
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**NOTE: Sheet music for the hymns can be found on the next page or pages.**



***Order of Worship***  
***May 18, 2025***

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**10:00 AM**

**MAY 18, 2025**



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**

*"Alleluia"*

Faithful Ringers

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**One:** Arise, people of God! Let us greet the One who calls us; let us come alive in the Spirit's energy.

**All:** God awakens us and restores our souls. Surely God's goodness and mercy are with us here.

**One:** The shepherd is calling us to new ventures.

Let us go out and spread the good news!

**All:** We will not fear to walk through the shadowed valleys. God's love in Christ is with us everywhere.

**One:** Come and drink from springs of living water. Gather to find comfort and blessing here.

**All:** Surely God will be with us on the journey, and we delight to dwell in God's love, comfort, and strength.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

## 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

## Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.

## LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: O God,

**All:** Forgive us if we have taken your gifts for granted, or exploited them, or used more than our due. Forgive us if we have chosen to live driven lives, refusing to stop and receive your rest, rushing past the delights of the earth. Forgive us if we have failed to receive strangers with hospitality, open our hearts to new people and experiences that we may receive your grace.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

**All:** hear our prayers.

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \*SHARING THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

One: Let us share our forgiven joy with one another.

### \*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581 *“Gloria Patri”*

## **THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

ACTS 9:36-43

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was

there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

JOHN 10:22-30

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

## MESSAGE

*"(How not to be) Armchair Explorers"*

# 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

**CHOCTAW**

*Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 is pi yukpalashke.*

**CREEK**

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 ah non ah cha pa kas  
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 um e ha ta la yus.*

**NAVAHO**

*Nizhónígo joo bá diits' a'  
 yisdáshítínigí,  
 lah yóóiiyá, k'ad  
 shénáhoosdzin,  
 doo eesh'íí da nít'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie  
 MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt. AMAZING GRACE  
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SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS  
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS  
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God Hymnal - Pg. 35  
(Please use "debts & debtors".)

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY *"The Strife is O'er"*  
Faithful Ringers

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #187 *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*  
(Sheet music on next page.)

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION  
Faithful Ringers *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

POSTLUDE *"Meditation on 'Dix'"*

*Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.*



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Postlude Karen Beaumont

# Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187



1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.  
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.  
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us; love us still.



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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

# Faith Life

May 18, 2025

We hope you'll join us following worship for Sunday Morning Together, beverages, snacks, and fellowship.



Check out our new and updated announcements! We have plenty of news that you won't want to miss. Please be sure to go through all the pages and stay up to date! Your support and engagement mean the world to Faith Church, and we can't wait to share what's next!



- **TODAY:** SMT wrap-up, Fellowship, Kid's music



## Summer Newsletter Deadline TODAY - Noon

### Exciting News!

Here it is...the deadline of the summer newsletter! It's already bursting with the latest updates, insightful articles, and exclusive content (with more to come!) to keep you in the loop and engaged. Not only that, but we also hope it will please you with its new format. From church news and upcoming events to interesting topics from the wider community, there's something for everyone. Don't miss your chance to stay connected and ahead of the curve.

If you have something to submit, noon today is your last chance to add to *The Faith Flyer*, which will be sent out on Thursday. Submit your article to the office email!



### Memorial Day Weekend

Hi Gentlemen,

You're invited, yes you, to join the men of our church in singing a couple very familiar patriotic hymns during the worship service on May 25, Memorial Day weekend. You may sing the well-known melody or try a part...it matters not. We would love for you join us!

There will be a brief rehearsal after worship this morning. Hope to see you there.

### Pentecost Offering "I will pour out my spirit on every kind of people" ACTS 2:17



A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:

- The Young Adult Volunteer program (25%) is a one year service opportunity for young adults from 19 to 30 years. YAVs live in intentional Christian community, deepening and developing their faith while serving alongside partners across the United States and around the world. YAVs serve for one academic year, August - July, as they explore God's calling in their lives.
- The Ministries for Youth (25%) program provides many online resources for youth and youth leaders such as: Presbyterian Youth Book Club, Quick Sheets and d365.org., an online youth devotional. It also helps fund the Youth Triennium.
- The Child Advocacy program (10%) is working to improve the quality of education for over 1 million children, focusing on reducing the rate of dropouts and strengthening early childhood education.

Faith Presbyterian Church will use the 40% that we receive to support East Penn School District ANGEL NETWORKS. Angel Networks help children at risk by providing basic assistance to students in need on an immediate, short term basis; supporting students' ability to focus on learning in school; and giving anonymously in the true spirit of community. They provide students with basic necessities such as EMERGENCY groceries, clothing on an individual basis, curriculum-based field trips, academic expenses, and personal need products.

### **We are dedicating the PENTECOST Offering on June 8, Pentecost Sunday.**

In 2024 we received \$2,220 with \$888 going to the ANGEL NETWORKS. The Ministry to the Community Committee added an additional \$1,112 to allow us to send \$1,000 to the Angel Networks at Lincoln Elementary and Jefferson Elementary Schools.

Please prayerfully consider participating in this offering and BUILDING UP THE BODY of CHRIST!!

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### Church Office Hours

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

# VOLUNTEER TODAY!

ARE YOU WILLING TO SERVE?

## The Nursery Needs You!



We are looking for volunteers for the nursery during the worship time. If you don't have your clearances, we can help you get them. Here are the dates when volunteers are needed:

### **May 25, every Sunday in June**

Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or see Sally Heimbach. Helpers will need their clearances. Thank you.

## Worship Assistants Needed



Assisting during worship is easier than you think! Spoon-fed instructions are provided, along with all the necessary materials. Everything is prepared for you! Yet, as easy as it is, volunteers are always needed. Here are the dates when a worship assistant is needed:

### **June 22, 29**

Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or see Sally Heimbach. Thank you.

## Fellowship Hosts Needed



Everybody loves fellowship time following worship. It's a wonderful time to catch up with your church family! Hosting is easy and instructions are provided, but we still need people to volunteer. Here are the dates when hosts are needed:

### **May 25, June 1, 8, 22, 29**

Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or contact Tim Bagnall or Andy Ingram. Thank you.

## Ushers Needed



We are looking for volunteers to serve as ushers on Sunday mornings. It's an easy role, with reminders & instructions provided. Please check the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. If you would like more information, feel free to speak with Anne Laubach.

## Conversations

Conversations is a gathering of women that meet at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month at various coffee houses. All women are welcome! Speak with Anne Laubach or Donna Call.



**May 25** - "Paul's Vision  
Acts 16:9-15

**June 1** - "Songs in the Night"  
Acts 16:16-34

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Let's get connected for our latest News, Events, Updates, and Outreach

FACEBOOK

Public Facebook Page: @faithchurchemmaus  
Private Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/32770546126>

INSTAGRAM

@faithpresbyterianofemmaus

WORD ON WEDNESDAY

# BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS | NOON

FIRST CORINTHIANS: THE EARLY CHURCH  
Through June 4

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
**COMMUNITY**  
**YARD SALE**

Faith Church is excited to announce its participation in the upcoming community-wide yard sale in Emmaus, scheduled for **Saturday, May 31**. The Ministry to the Community committee will be hosting its yard sale event in the Fellowship Hall. Participants can "purchase" space to set up (using our tables), encouraging broader community involvement.

Additionally, the committee will be accepting donations from the congregation on Friday, May 30. Donated items should be pre-priced, and arrangements must be made to collect any unsold items after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday, June 1.

For those interested in reserving a table, please reach out to Sally Heimbach for further details. This event promises to be a wonderful opportunity for community engagement and camaraderie.

**WORK CAMP FUNDRAISER**

# CAR WASH

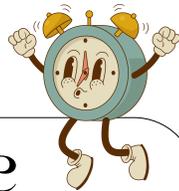


**MAY 31**  
9-11:00 AM

**\$10**  
DONATION

**STOP IN, GET A CAR WASH AND SUPPORT OUR WORK CAMPERS!**

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
3002 N. 2ND ST. - EMMAUS



**Summer Office Hours** begin Monday, May 26  
 Tuesday through Thursday, 9 am to Noon.  
 Closed Mondays and Fridays.

## Teachers' Closet



**Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** is the last Teacher's Closet of the School year. (3:30 to 5:00 p.m.)

**Current needs:** PLAIN band-aids and boys and girl's underpants (sizes 6-8)

The Ministry to the Community team is so very grateful for the support of the congregation.

If you need more information, or have questions, please contact Sally Heimbach.



Our High School youth will be heading off to work camp again this summer. Each of our work campers will be seeking three dog tag sponsors. We hope you will consider becoming a sponsor for one of them. With a suggested donation of \$75, you will be supporting them and the important work they do.

As a sponsor, you will receive a set of dog tags that symbolize your bond with your camper. These tags will serve as a constant reminder of the impact you are making in their lives. You'll also receive a devotion booklet for keeping them and all of our work campers and their mission in your daily prayers.

All work camp dog tag sponsors can send their support by writing a check to "Faith Presbyterian Church" and include "workcamp" on the memo line.

**Save the Date for VBS!**

# On the CASE with JESUS

Vacation Bible School will be held on **July 21-24** from 6-8:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more information.



## Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared 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

### This Week

**Sunday, May 18: Pastor's Study Leave**      **Flyer Deadline**

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Together  
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group Year-end Party

**Monday, May 19**

8:00 a.m. - Outside Use  
7:00 p.m. - Ministry to the Community (P)  
7:00 p.m. - Emmaus Chorale (S)

**Tuesday, May 20: Primary Voting (FH)**

3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)  
7:00 p.m. - Deacons (BR)

**Wednesday, May 21**

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Food Program (FH)  
9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)  
Noon - Word on Wednesday (P)  
3:30 p.m. - Teachers' Closet

**Thursday, May 22**

3:30 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)  
6:30 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)  
7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

**Friday, May 23: Church Office Closed**

**Saturday, May 24**

### Next Week

**Sunday, May 25**

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

**Monday, May 26: Memorial Day, Church Office Closed**

7:00 p.m. - Emmaus Chorale (FH)

**Tuesday, May 27**

3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)

**Wednesday, May 28**

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Food Program (FH)  
9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)  
Noon - Word on Wednesday (P)

**Thursday, May 29**

3:30 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)  
6:30 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)  
7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

**Friday, May 30: Church Office Closed**

Yard Sale Set-up

**Saturday, May 31**

8:00 a.m. - Yard Sale (FH)  
9:00 a.m. - Car Wash

**Daybreak – June 9**  
**Flyer deadline—May 18**  
**2025 Per Capita—\$50.00**

*Volunteers Needed on Sundays!*  
*Please see the 2nd page for details.*

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.

- Weekly Announcements     Quarterly Newsletter  
 Prayer Chain                     Emergency Alerts

Name & email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Mark Your Calendars!**

- May 31..... Community Yard Sale, Car Wash
- Jun. 8-14..... Pastor's vacation
- Jun. 19..... Juneteenth
- June 23..... Office Admin Vacation Week
- Jul. 4..... Independence Day
- Jul. 5-13..... Work Camp: East Bank, WV
- Jul. 21-24..... Vacation Bible School
- Aug. 17..... Fall Newsletter Deadline
- Aug. 25-31..... Pastor's vacation
- Sep. 1..... Labor Day, church office closed
- Sep. 21-28..... Pastor's vacation/study leave
- Oct. 5..... Join Worship with The Barn
- Oct. 19..... Crop Hunger Walk
- Nov. 16..... Winter Newsletter Deadline
- Dec. 6..... Craft Fair
- Dec. 25-Jan 4..... Pastor's vacation