

Welcome! Today we give thanks to God for all of his blessings. May this time of worship bless us as we praise God with gratitude.

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

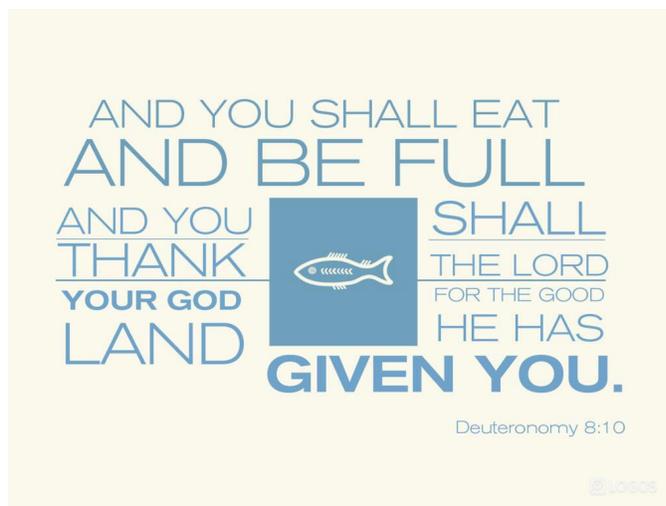


Order of Worship
October 12, 2025

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

10:00 AM

OCTOBER 12, 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

"Beach Spring"

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 66)**

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.

All: Let our worship say, "How awesome are God's deeds!"

One: Come and see what God has done: God is awesome in God's deeds among us.

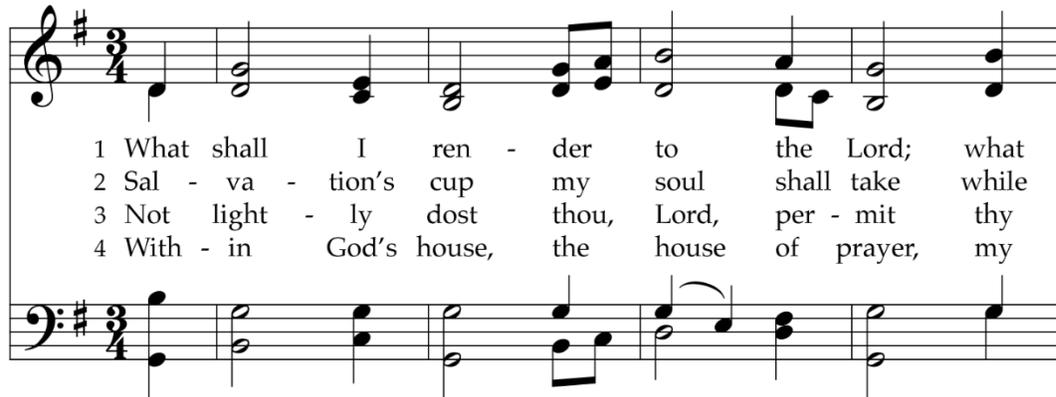
All: God keeps us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. Thanks be to God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

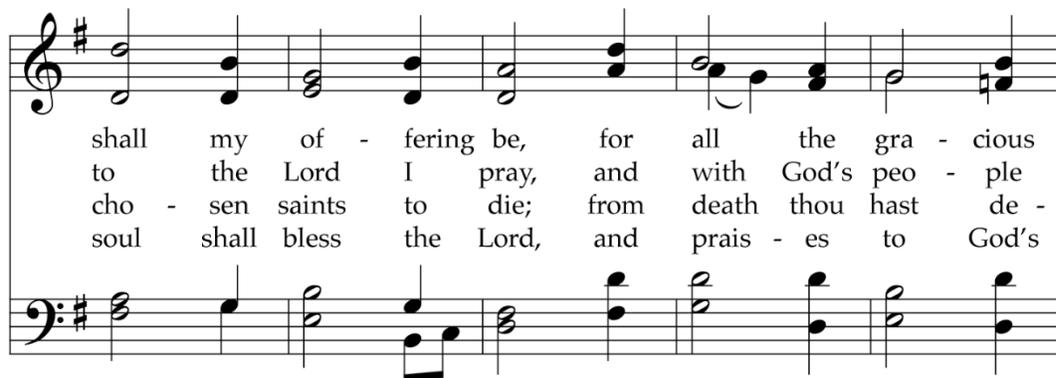
THANKSGIVING

655 What Shall I Render to the Lord

(Psalm 116)



1 What shall I ren - der to the Lord; what
 2 Sal - va - tion's cup my soul shall take while
 3 Not light - ly dost thou, Lord, per - mit thy
 4 With - in God's house, the house of prayer, my



shall my of - fering be, for all the gra - cious
 to the Lord I pray, and with God's peo - ple
 cho - sen saints to die; from death thou hast de -
 soul shall bless the Lord, and prais - es to God's



ben - e - fits God hath be - stowed on me?
 I will meet, my thank - ful vows to pay.
 liv - ered me; thy ser - vant, Lord, am I.
 ho - ly name let all the saints ac - cord.

Selecting these four stanzas from eleven that formed a second paraphrase of Psalm 116 in their original volume has made the theme of gratitude for God's protection and bounty more apparent. The tune that sets them may have its origins in an 18th-century Scottish folk song.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: We do not always notice what God is up to. We don't always notice, because we aren't always looking. And yet God's goodness is all around. God is faithful in all things, even when we are not. God's grace abounds even when we fall short of God's glory – which, if we're honest, is often. So we come to confession knowing that God's forgiveness is real and lasting. And God's love never fails. Let us pray.

All: Lord God, you lift us up when we are not feeling our best. You take us down a notch when we're being a little too prideful. You walk with us through everything, and you're with us through all things. Help us to notice you again. Forgive us for when we get distracted by the world around us – when we get too busy to thank you, too overwhelmed to pause to pray, too worried to give from our hearts. Lift us up again and remind us that your love is steadfast and your grace abounds. Your goodness never ends.

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”*

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY TO THE CONGREGATION

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

PSALM 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—

³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

⁴ who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵ who satisfies you with good as long as you live

so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father has compassion for his children,

so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

¹⁴ For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;

¹⁶ for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

¹⁷ But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting

on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,

¹⁸ to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

²⁰ Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding,

obedient to his spoken word.

²¹ Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers who do his will.

²² Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, ⁹ a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ “Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous [snakes](#) and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. ¹⁶ He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.’ ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Henry Nolan Gilpatrick

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY *"We Come Rejoicing"*
Faithful Harmonizers

*SONG OF RESPONSE #606 *"Doxology"*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #716 *"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"*
(Sheet music on next page.)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"A Choral Prayer"*

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



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Postlude L. Stanley Glarum, used with permission

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B \flat (D) F (A) C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (A) C (D) F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

TEXT: Robert L. Edwards, 1961, alt.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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Music Harm. © 1958, ren. 1986 Broadman Press (admin. Music Services)

BEACH SPRING

8.7.8.7.D

Faith Life

October 12, 2025

We look forward to having you join us after worship for a time of fellowship, along with beverages and snacks!

STEWARDSHIP FACT

- 55% of our congregation pledges.
- 30% of our pledgers are 80 or older.



November 8

Faith Hosts Presbytery Meeting

Faith Presbyterian Church will host Mountain Laurel Presbytery's meeting (Lehigh/Lackawanna merge) on **Saturday, November 8**. We need volunteers to greet, register, and prepare light snacks and lunch. The meeting starts at 9:00 a.m.

If you are available, please get in touch with Sally Heimbach.

LET'S VISIT THE



OCTOBER 26 @1P.M.

CHURCH ZOO DAY AT LEHIGH VALLEY ZOO!

Join us on Oct 26 and then let's go to the zoo together! And it's Trick-Or-Treat day so feel free to wear a costume!

Children of God of all ages are welcome

Cost: Free!

Meet us at the zoo and we'll all go in together as a group. You can go through the zoo at your own pace. :)

5150 Game Preserve Rd, Schnecksville, PA



WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Allentown CROP HUNGER WALK

OCTOBER 19, 2025

Crop Hunger Walk - October 19

We are truly grateful for your generosity last year, which played a significant role in helping us raise a portion of the \$32,000 collected locally. The funds benefited local food banks as well as the CWS in their efforts to fight hunger and provide aid to folks struggling in the aftermath of natural disasters.

- We invite you to become a member of our team [Faith Presbyterian Church in Emmaus, Pa]. You can assist in raising funds by gathering contributions from sponsors and donors, as well as by walking with us to raise awareness about the challenges posed by hunger.
- Donating is easy - Between now and **October 19**, CROP WALK Sunday, you can sponsor a walker directly, or make an online contribution, or you can place your contribution (cash or check) in a pew envelope and mark CROP on the envelope, Then simply place the envelope in the offering plate in the rear of our sanctuary. (**Very important - if donating by check, please make it out to CWS/CROP, not Faith Presbyterian Church.)
- Ministry to the Community will sponsor the first 10 walkers for \$100 each.

Please register to become a team member and walker at the table in the narthex, or to donate online, by simply scanning this QR code or going to our team page, which can be found at the link below.



<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/faith-presbyterian-church-emmaus-pa>

Please see recent Fall FLYER for further information or stop at the CROP table in Narthex.

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

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Church Office Hours

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



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.

- **November 16, 23, 30**

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

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!

- **October 19, every Sunday in November**

☞ 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 connect as a church family. Hosting is easy, instructions are provided, and your hospitality brings joy to everyone!

- **November 9, 30**

☞ 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. Ushers help our services run smoothly by greeting people, sharing materials, and offering a smile. It's simple—and we provide reminders and instructions!

Thank you to all who volunteered to usher this fall.

- **November 30, December 21, 24 (5 p.m.), 28**

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



October 19 - "Gratitude & Generosity"
2 Corinthians 8:1-14

October 28 - "The Joy of Giving"
2 Corinthians 9:1-15

SUNDAY Morning TOGETHER

SCHEDULE

TODAY—Presbytery Table cards, Fellowship

Oct. 19—CROP Walk, Fellowship

Oct. 26—Zoo trip, Fellowship

Nov. 2—Potluck (Daybreak crew), Shepherds' Pie

Nov. 9—Deacon card making, Fellowship, Children's music

Nov. 16—Bingo, Fellowship, Children's music

Nov. 23—ADVENT[ure], light lunch, Children's music

Nov. 30—Luminaria, Fellowship, Children's music

Dec. 7—Potluck (Lynn Ingram & Diane Policelli), Chicken Pot Pie

Dec. 14—Congregational meeting, Work Camp cookie sale, Fellowship, Children's music

Dec. 21—Christmas songs, Fellowship, Children's music

Dec. 28—Fellowship

Jan. 4—Potluck (Ministry to the Congregation), Pizza

Jan. 11—Daybreak cookie bags, Fellowship, Children's music

St. Matthew's Clothes Closet

St. Matthew's Clothes Closet at 5th and Ridge in Emmaus will be open year round instead of closing for the summer months. Another change is that they are now accepting men's suits. All donations can be placed in the wooden collection box beside the office door. They continue to accept men's, women's and children's SEASONAL clothing, shoes, linens and small toys. Twice a month the donations are delivered to St. Matthew's.

For anyone not familiar with this program, they welcome the entire community to shop from 10:00am to 1:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. There is no charge but they do take cash donations. There is a small parking lot at the back of the church. Enter through the door closest to the alley and take the elevator to the 2nd floor.

You will find everything is nicely arranged by appropriate categories.



Thank you all for the many donations!



Conversations

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

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



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

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!



Teachers' Closet

Faith Church's Teachers' Closet is a free resource that helps teachers gather supplies for their classrooms, the cost of which would otherwise come out of their own pockets. The local teachers, mainly elementary and middle school, have been very grateful..

- The Teachers' Closet is open on the **1st Saturday from 10-11:30 am** and the **3rd Wednesday from 3:30-5:00 pm**.
- The full list of dates for the 2025-26 year is listed in the Fall 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

Nine very grateful teachers were served on Sat. October 4.

Here are some current needs for the Teachers' Closet:

- Croc charms
- child scissors
- scotch tape, masking tape, and painters tape
- whiteboard cleaner
- hand sanitizer
- AAA batteries
- single-subject notebooks.
- tambourines
- birthday cards for 3rd graders



Word on Wednesday
Ecclesiastes: Finding and Making Meaning
 Sept 10 -Dec 17

Join us Wednesdays at noon in the parlor

WOW will not meet on these dates: 11/26, 12/24, 12/31

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 **October 6**, we have received **\$3,948.00** 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.

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

This Week

Sunday, October 12

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

Monday, October 13 - Church Office Closed **Indigenous Peoples' Day**

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

Tuesday, October 14

9:00 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)
10:30 a.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting (BR)

Wednesday, October 15

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Food Program (FH)
9:00 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)
9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)
Noon - WOW (P)
3:30 p.m. - Teachers' Closet
5:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)
7:00 p.m. - EPNHN (P)

Thursday, October 16

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

Friday, October 17 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 18

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

Next Week

Sunday, October 19

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
1:00 p.m. - Crop Walk (Youth Group)

Monday, October 20

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

Tuesday, October 21

9:00 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)
10:30 a.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 p.m. - Deacons' Meeting (BR)

Wednesday, October 22

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Food Program (FH)
9:00 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)
9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)
Noon - WOW
5:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, October 23

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

Friday, October 24- Church Office Closed

Saturday, October 25

Daybreak –November 10
Flyer deadline—November 16
2025 Per Capita—\$50.00

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: _____



Mark Your Calendars!

Oct. 26..... Zoo Trip
 Nov. 2..... Stewardship Sunday
 Nov. 8..... Presbytery Meeting @ Faith
 Nov. 10..... Daybreak
 Nov. 16..... Winter Newsletter Deadline
 Nov. 23..... ADVENT[ure]
 Nov. 23-29..... Office Admin Vacation
 Nov. 30..... Advent Begins
 Dec. 6..... Craft Fair
 Dec. 8..... Daybreak
 Dec. 25..... Christmas
 Dec. 25-Jan 4..... Pastor's vacation