

We appreciate your presence at worship today. We welcome you in the name of Christ. With enthusiasm, let us approach the throne of grace and offer honor and homage to God.

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.

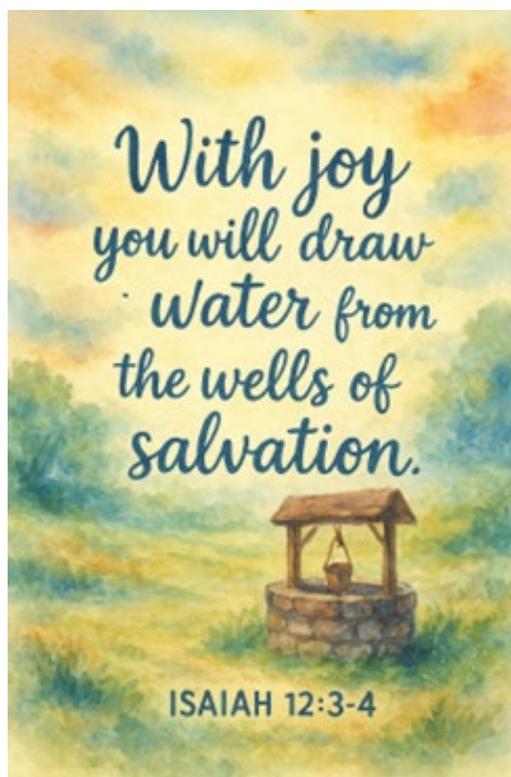


Order of Worship
November 16, 2025

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

10:00 AM

NOVEMBER 16, 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

Faithful Ringers

"A Joyful Gathering"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN #336

"We Gather Together"

Sheet music on next page.

We Gather Together

336

1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: God is good all the time, and all the time God is good. This is true in our brightest moments and in our darkest spots. Our time of confession invites us to admit there are times we didn't quite love God or our neighbors as ourselves as well as we could. We use this time of prayer to hand it over to God, trusting in God's goodness to us so that we might strive to follow God as best we can. Let us pray.

All: God of mercy, we confess that we have not been obedient children of God. We have grown idle in the work of discipleship and weary in doing what is right. We have been selfish in our actions and insistent in claiming our rights. Forgive us, we pray. Show us the way of repentance, free us from our idle ways, and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray.

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

ISAIAH 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. ²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. ⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

LUKE 21:5-19

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’^[a] and, ‘The time is near!’^[b] Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words^[c] and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

O Jesus, I Have Promised 725

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Bb Eb

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near:
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

(C) (Am7) (Dm) (G) (C) (G7) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Fm Bb Eb Bb7 Eb

be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

(Am) (D) (G) (F) (G)
 Cm F Bb Ab Bb

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

(C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul.
 now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This hymn written by an Anglican clergyman for the confirmation of his children in Victorian times appears here in updated language that may help to make its challenging commitments more immediate. The tune is named for the province in Finland from which it comes.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

1 My hope is built on noth- ing less than Je- sus' blood and
 2 When dark- ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum- pet sound, O may I then in

right- teous- ness; I dare not trust the sweet- est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm- ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol- ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth- er ground is sink- ing sand; all oth- er ground is sink- ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24–27 / Luke 6:47–49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

Faith Life

November 16, 2025

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

advent[ure]

a journey through the Christmas story

Prepare Our Church for Advent!

Join us for a **joyful day of fellowship** as we prepare our church home for the beautiful Season of Advent!

On **Sunday, November 23**, immediately following worship, we'll share a light lunch together. Then, we'll get busy:

- **Decorating the Sanctuary:** Transforming our worship space with the beauty of Advent.
- **Creating Luminaria:** Preparing these special candles for distribution at the Holiday Craft Fair and the Old-Fashioned Christmas in Emmaus.
- **Advent Devotionals** and **Advent Wreaths** will be available.

It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with one another and set the stage for this holy season!

(Psst! We could use some **extra hands this morning**, after worship, to bring the decorations up from the basement. We would greatly appreciate any helping hands.



Virtual Advent Prayer Gathering

JOIN US ON ZOOM SUNDAYS AT 8:45-9 FOR A VIRTUAL ADVENT PRAYER GATHERING. WE WILL GATHER, PRAY, READ SCRIPTURE, AND SPEND TIME IN SILENCE FOR THIS SEASON. WE WILL MEET NOV 30 AND DEC 7, 14, AND 21.

<https://bit.ly/FPCadventprayers>



Holiday Craft Fair

December 6, 2025
9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Old Fashioned Christmas

Saturday 12/6 4-7:00 pm

We will be participating again in the Old-Fashioned Christmas event at the Emmaus Triangle, sharing the space with our Youth Group and folks from The BARN.

We will be distributing luminaria and will also have "scratch-off" Christmas ornaments.

The event culminates with the lighting of the Christmas tree in the Emmaus Triangle.

If you would like to participate, please contact Sally Heimbach.

Have You Ordered Poinsettias?

To ensure our order reaches the vendor on time, we're collecting orders now. This year's options include two pot sizes and a wonderful variety of colors! You'll find all the details on the order envelopes located in the pews. Additionally, order forms will be available in the email blast and on the Facebook group page.

Strict Order deadline is Next Sunday.



Winter Newsletter Deadline TODAY - Noon

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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.

- **December 7, Christmas Eve (5:00 & 7:30), December 28**

☞ 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!

- **November 30, every Sunday in December**

☞ 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 30, December 14, 21, 28**

☞ 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 have volunteered to usher.

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

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



November 23 - "The Criminal and the Cross"
Luke 23:33-43

November 30 - "Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy"
Isaiah 2:1-5



SUNDAY
Morning
TOGETHER

SCHEDULE

TODAY—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



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

Current needs are:

Pencils, Sharpies, Magnets, Rulers, White-Out, Composition books, Spiral-bound notebooks, Individual pencil sharpeners, Reusable water bottles, and Boys' and girls' underwear & socks.



One Night Without a Home

On November 21-22, our youth will take part in *One Night Without a Home*, an overnight event to raise awareness and empathy for those experiencing

homelessness. We'll camp in the church parking lot, learn about the causes of housing insecurity, and support the Lehigh Conference of Churches during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

Join our team or donate here: <https://bit.ly/3WE9yUj>

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!



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!



Stewardship Update

There's still time to make your pledge! Though we'll continue to accept pledges through year's end, early responses would be greatly appreciated as we prepare the church budget. You'll find pledge cards in the pews, or you can pledge online through our website.

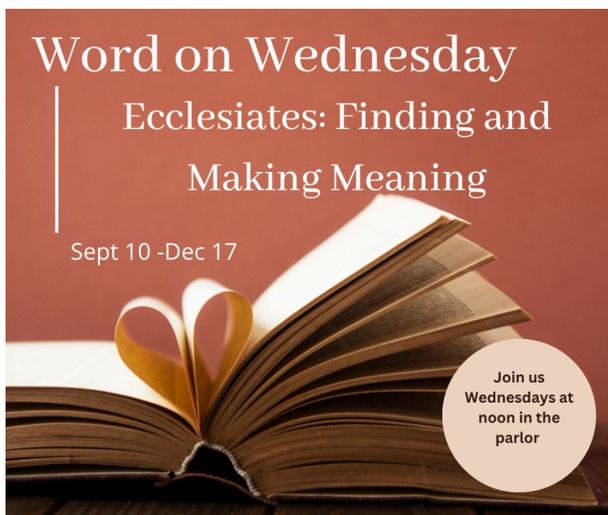
As of 11/11 the pledge amount is \$202,962.

Gratitude Wall

The Gratitude Wall will remain up through Thanksgiving. Feel free to add your reflections using the cards available on the windowsill.



Donations of 78 more cans - needed by December 7.
There is a table in the narthex.



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

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.



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

This Week

Sunday, November 16 - Winter Newsletter Deadline

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. - Youth Group carpool to Bear Creek
- 11:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Together

Monday, November 17

- 6:00 p.m. - Communications Task Force Meeting (P)
- 7:00 p.m. - Ministry to the Community (P)
- 7:00 p.m.- Emmaus Chorale (S)

Tuesday, November 18

- 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, November 19

- 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)

Thursday, November 20

- 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, November 21 - Church Office Closed

- 6:00 p.m. - Youth Group: One Night Without a Home

Saturday, November 22

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

Next Week

Sunday, November 23 - Church office closed this week

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. - ADVENT[ure]
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, November 24 - Office Admin on Vacation

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

Tuesday, November 25

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

Wednesday, November 26

- 8:00 a.m. - Rotary Food Program (FH)
- 9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving

- 7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, November 28- Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 29

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

**Daybreak –December 8
Flyer deadline—Today
2025 Per Capita—\$50.00**

!Presbytery Meeting Thank you!

Thank you to all who baked, set up, cleaned up and helped serve for the Presbytery meeting on Saturday, November 8.

Everything was well received and greatly appreciated.



Mark Your Calendars!

- Nov. 30..... Advent Begins
- Dec. 6..... Craft Fair, Old-Fashioned Christmas
- Dec. 8..... Daybreak
- Dec. 14..... Congregational Meeting**
- Dec. 25..... Christmas
- Dec. 25-Jan 4..... Pastor's vacation
- Dec. 31..... Annual Report Submissions Due
- Jan. 25..... Annual Congregational Meeting**
- Feb. 15..... Talent Show
- Mar. 29..... Easter Egg Hunt
- 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.

Weekly Announcements Quarterly Newsletter

Prayer Chain Emergency Alerts

Name & email: _____
