

Today we honor Christ the King, the shepherd who gathers and rescues us, the one in whom all things hold together. We joyfully welcome all worshipers to this celebration of his reign—ushering us into the peace and justice of God’s kingdom. Come, take your place among the gathered faithful, and offer your worship to the King of all.

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>

Worship Assistant: Carolyn Baittinger
Ushering: Jim Pantano
Deacon Greeter: Eleanor DePhillips
Nursery: Ginnie Tietjens

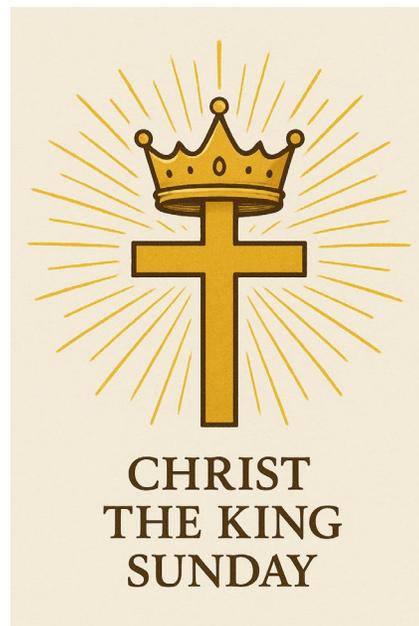
Audio: Chas Shimer
Video: Andy Ingram
Fellowship: Advent[ure] lunch

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



Order of Worship
November 23, 2025

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
CHRIST THE KING**

10:00 AM

NOVEMBER 23, 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

"The Loving Shepherd"

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Worship Christ, eternal Son of God;
honor Christ, Incarnate Son of Mary;
serve Christ, Glorious Ruler of creation;
for to Christ belong the power and glory
of the Almighty..

All: Praise be to God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

*HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: Jesus Christ redeems us. The gift of his grace is so big we cannot hope to fully understand it. We cannot imagine fully what Christ endured for us so that we might live in God's kingdom. God's kingdom is both coming and already here; it is already and not yet. We live in a liminal space: a thin place where we can see glimpses of God's glory. Our time of confession invites us to surrender our will back to God: to notice where we've fallen short of God's glory and let God's Spirit lead us back to the paths of love, joy, and peace. With humble hearts, trusting in grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another. Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege; we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence; we have lived in fear of death and loss; we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies. Therefore, we will pray. Instruct our hearts in the way of peace. Give us integrity in our quest for truth. Grant us courage in the face of evil. Free us for joyful service in Christ our Lord. Empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom. For the sake of the world, in the name of Christ.**

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

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

LUKE 23:33-43

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are

getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

MESSAGE

"The Criminal and the Cross"

*HYMN

We Will Glorify

736

D D/F# G D/F# A/E A D D/F# G D/F# A/E A D D/F#

1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb; We will
 2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore His throne; We will
 3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live; He is
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb; Hal - le -

5 G D/F# A/E A/C# Bm D/F# G Gmaj7 D/A A7 D

glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.
 wor - ship Him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a - lone.
 Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to Him we give.
 - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I Am.

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

"God's Might Recall, Ye People All"

Faithful Harmonizers

*SONG OF RESPONSE #606

"Doxology"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.

STUTTGART
8.7.8.7
(alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 82)

*CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE *"A Choral Prayer"*

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



Prelude J. Rand, OneLicense.net
Hymn #267 Glory to God Hymnal, CCLI
Hymn #736 Sing, People of Faith Hymnal, CCLI
Offertory Norman Greyson, CCLI
Hymn #83 Glory to God Hymnal, Public Domain
Postlude Stanley Glarum, OneLicense.net

Faith Life

November 23, 2025

advent[ure]

a journey through the Christmas story

Today's the Day!

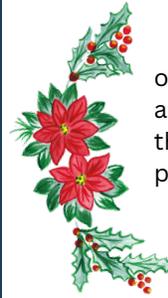
Prepare Our Church for Advent!

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

Immediately following worship this morning, 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!



Have You Ordered Poinsettias?

This is it! We're currently collecting the last orders. 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. It's too late for mail in orders!!!

Strict Order deadline is TODAY!

Advent Candle Lighters Needed

Looking for Advent Wreath lighters for the holidays! Are you and your family available to light the Advent candles during worship on Sundays in Advent? We'll need at least two people: one to light, one to read. You can partner up, too!



Please sign up on the sign-up genius using this QR code, and when you sign up, comment who all will be included. Thanks!



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>



ANGEL NETWORK
Collecting for Dec 7
SOUP
ALL SOUP WELCOME!
BRING YOUR CANS TO THE CHURCH AND HELP US MEET OUR GOAL: 200 CANS OF SOUP!

Donations of 30 more cans - needed by December 7.
There is a table in the narthex.

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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), 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**

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

December 7 - "Repeat the Sounding Joy: Loving Joy"
Isaiah 11:1-10



SUNDAY
Morning
TOGETHER

SCHEDULE

TODAY—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—Listening Circle on Leadership, Fellowship, Children's music



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/46Pjb7I>



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.



Buildings & Grounds Update

Custodian Transition

The new custodian was unable to meet our needs, so the search for a suitable replacement will continue. During this interim period, Pam Martin and Sally Heimbach have volunteered to do what they can to maintain cleanliness throughout the building on a weekly basis. Please contact one of them if you are able to lend a hand and to find out when and how you can help.

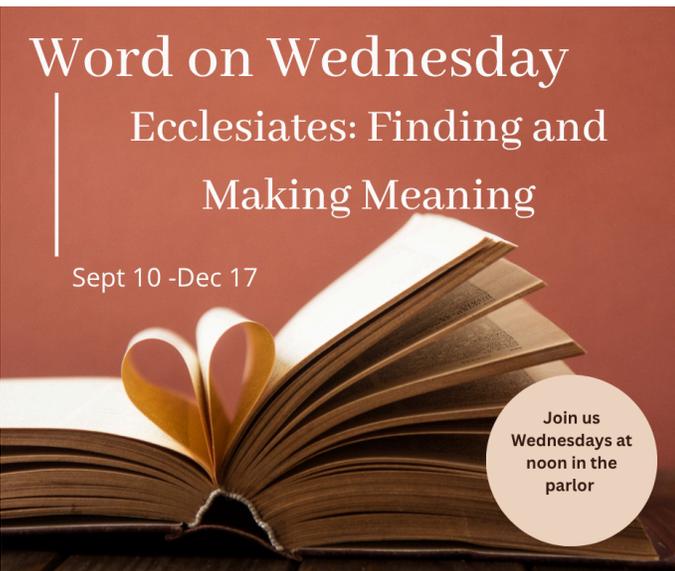
Church Family Support Needed

Your assistance is essential in keeping our shared spaces clean. If you are using any area of the building and notice something that needs attention, please take the initiative rather than waiting for someone else to address it. This includes tasks such as emptying the trash, wiping up spills, or removing cobwebs. Every small effort makes a difference in maintaining a pleasant environment for everyone.

Our church clean-up days, held in the spring and the fall, are a great way to maintain our church property. Everyone's help is appreciated. However, some tasks need to be done more frequently or are of a scope that takes longer than a few hours.

The Ministry of Support has generated a list of "jobs" that fit those criteria. It will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

Please contact Sally Heimbach with your questions/concerns/availability.



WOW will not meet on these dates: 11/26, 12/24, 12/31
Read about the January plans in The Faith Flyer!



Holiday Craft Fair

December 6, 2025

9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Holiday Craft Fair Update

We need help with vendor coordination, setup, cleanup, and kitchen support. Please see the opportunities below and contact the appropriate coordinator if you can lend a hand!

Vendor Setup & Raffle Support (Contact: Sally Heimbach)

- Friday Evening Setup (December 5th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM): A few standby helpers are needed for when the vendors set up their spaces.
- Saturday: Raffle Prizes (Around 1:00 PM): Help is needed with the vendor raffle prizes.

General Setup, Cleanup, & Day Support (Contact: Tim Bagnull)

- Tim is coordinating all general support activities on Saturday, December 6th, including setup, cleanup, and providing assistance throughout the day. If you can help with any aspect of the Saturday event, please contact Tim!

Kitchen Operations (Contact: Diane Policelli)

- Diane is in charge of the kitchen. If you can assist with prep or general kitchen help, please reach out to Diane.

Please consider how you can assist with this important community event!



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.

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

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)

This Week

Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

WOF Craft Fair Set-up

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

Monday, December 1

WOF Craft Fair Set-up

7:00 p.m. - Emmaus Chorale (S)
7:15 p.m. - Ministry to the Congregation (P)

Tuesday, December 2

WOF Craft Fair Set-up

9:00 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)
7:00 p.m. - Ministry of Support (P)

Wednesday, December 3

WOF Craft Fair Set-up

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)
5:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, December 4

WOF Craft Fair Set-up

9:00 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)
7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, December 5- Church Office Closed

WOF Craft Fair Set-up

Saturday, December 6

WOF Craft Fair

10:00 a.m. - Teachers' Closet



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 11/17, the pledge amount is \$210,366.

Daybreak -December 8
Flyer deadline--February 15, 2026
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!

- 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