

**This last Sunday in November is also the first Sunday of Advent. We are delighted that you have come to worship. Let us now begin to spiritually prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth.**

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 30, 2025***

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10:00 AM**

**NOVEMBER 30, 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

*"Christmas Lullaby"*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP & CANDLE LIGHTING**

One: Take a deep breath. We are not speeding into the season of Advent. We don't want to sprint so fast that we cannot catch our breath. This is a season to breathe. It is a season to remember. It is a season to wait.

**All: In this season of joy, we wait with hope.**

One: In Romans, Paul tells us that hope that is seen is not hope. We wait for what we do not see and we wait with patience.

**All: Scripture tells us hope does not disappoint.**

*Reader: Candles are symbols of hope. We light candles in hopes that loved ones come home. We light candles as signs of our prayers going up to God. We light Advent candles as a sign of our waiting for Jesus to come again in final glory. This first Sunday of Advent, we kindle our wreath with hope.*

**All: We long for God to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.**

# He Came Down

He came down that we may have hope,\* he

came down that we may have hope,\* he came down that we may

have hope.\* Hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

\* peace, joy, love, life

Text and music: Cameroon traditional; tr. and arr. John Bell (b. 1949)  
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*Reader: Hope is where we begin.*

**All: May hope be our foundation. May hope be our fresh start. May hope be our new beginning.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

# 134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and  
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.  
 heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

ANTIOCH

CM with repeat

(alternate tune: RICHMOND, 266)

## LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: Though we are to be a people of hope, we are not always very hopeful. There are gaps in our story when we seem more hopeless than hopeful. Advent invites us to begin again: to light a candle for hope and let God's Spirit fill us with hope. Hope helps us see what we've done and left undone and, despite those things, renew our commitment to live faithfully as children of God. Let us pray.

**All: Faithful God, you are a God of hope. You promised that hope would not disappoint. We are often more aware, though, of the moments of disappointment than we are of the moments of hope. In this time of confession, we pray for your forgiveness. We pray for forgiveness for all those times we forgot to be a people of hope. We pray for forgiveness for all those times we forgot to have hope in each other, for all the times we dimmed the light of someone else's hope, and for the ways we blamed you for the disappointments. Help us begin anew. Help us open our eyes and live faithfully as children of God, gathering on your mountain, which is a place of tremendous hope.**

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

# Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Matt. 1:18-25  
Liturgical Year/Advent

Words and Music by  
Bob McGee

C /E F Dm G C(add2) /B  
Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el,  
Am A/C# Dm7 G G7 C  
his name is called Em - man - u - el.  
C/E F Dm G7 C(add2) /B  
God with us, re - vealed in us,  
Am A/C# Dm G G7 C (F/C)  
his name is called Em - man - u - el.

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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

PSALM 98

<sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him victory.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody.

<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar and all that fills it,  
the world and those who live in it.

<sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy

<sup>9</sup> at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

## SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

ISAIAH 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come  
the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

<sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

<sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

MESSAGE

*“Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy”*

\*HYMN #87

*“Comfort, Comfort Now My People”*

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 with Us, Emmanuel”*

Faithful Harmonizers

\*SONG OF RESPONSE #606

*“Doxology”*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN

# Away in a Manger

# 114

Capo 5: (C) (Am) (C) (Dm)  
F Dm F Gm

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(F) (G) (C) (Dm) (F) (G)  
B<sup>b</sup> C F Gm B<sup>b</sup> C

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(C) (Dm)  
F Gm

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)  
C F Gm C F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*“Postlude”*

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



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# Faith Life

November 30, 2025

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

## 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!



## Potluck Luncheon

Next Sunday, right after worship, we will come together for our monthly Potluck Luncheon. Lynn Ingram and Diane Policelli warmly invite everyone to join us! This month, the main course will be Chicken Pot Pie, and they kindly request that church members contribute as follows:

- A-L: please bring a side dish.
- M-Z: please bring a salad.



## Holiday Craft Fair

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

## 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 help!

### **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.

### 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>

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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 necessary materials.

- **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 contact 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!

- **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!

- **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.

- **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!



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

**December 14** - Christmas Cantata



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

**SCHEDULE**

**TODAY**—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 **1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 10-11:30 am** and the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### 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.)

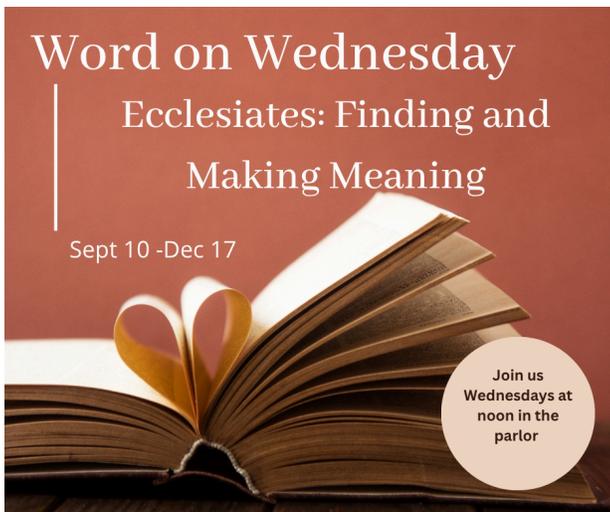
It's easy - scan the QR code to schedule or sponsor your meal, or you can call Pastor Jo. What a wonderful way to show interest in and support of our youth! THANK YOU!



### 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!



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



### 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 Dinner—December 8

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.



**Donations of 38 more cans - needed by December 7.**  
There is a table in the narthex.

## 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, 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

### Next Week

#### **Sunday, December 7 - Second Sunday of Advent**

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Together - Potluck Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. - Emmaus Chorale Concert (S & FH)
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group

#### **Monday, December 8**

- 1:30 p.m. - Daybreak Meal
- 7:00 p.m. - Emmaus Chorale (S)

#### **Tuesday, December 9**

- 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, December 10**

- 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)

#### **Thursday, December 11**

- 9:00 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)
- 10:00 a.m. - Conversations
- 10:30 a.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
- 3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
- 5:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)
- 7:00 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)
- 7:00 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

#### **Friday, December 12 - Church Office Closed**

#### **Saturday, December 13**

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

**Daybreak –December 8**  
**Flyer deadline—February 15, 2026**  
**2025 Per Capita—\$50.00**



**Mark Your Calendars!**

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

- 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