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Fellowship: Potluck Lunch

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



Order of Worship
December 7, 2025

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

10:00 AM

DECEMBER 7, 2025



On this second Sunday of Advent, we eagerly welcome all who joined with us in anticipation of the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. May this time of worship be an encouragement and inspiration to all.

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

"Postlude"

***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 peace.

One: Jesus promised his disciples peace; he promised a kind of peace unlike the peace we find in the world. Jesus' peace is Shalom: it is wholeness and completeness. We believe that in Christ, we are complete.

All: We seek God's comfort. We come to be made whole in Christ.

Reader: Our first Sunday of Advent, we lit the candle of hope. We were reminded to prepare room in our hearts for hope. We longed with hope to gather at God's mountain. This week we light the candle of peace. We long for humanity to repeat the sounding joy, with one voice, united in God's love.

All: We long for God's peace to break in and make us whole again.

SONG OF RESPONSE

He Came Down

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The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "He came down that we may have hope,* he came down that we may have hope.* Hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more." The score includes various chords (G, D7, G7, C, Cm6, G/D) and triplets. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and triplets.

* peace, joy, love, life

Reader: Peace is our word of the day.

All: May these lights remind us of what could be. May these lights mark a new beginning. May peace flow like a river, and may it start with us.

Reader: Arm in arm, hand in hand, side by side. May we begin again.

*OPENING PRAYER

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

121 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Though he was famed during his lifetime as a great preacher, no sermon Phillips Brooks ever preached has been heard or read by as many people as have sung this carol he wrote in December 1868 for the Sunday School children of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: So many times when we start to see new growth in places we tried to cut back, we pounce on it. We do what we can to stamp it out again. We resist growth. We resist newness. And yet growth does not depend fully on us. Growth is a gift from God, and God's gifts cannot be extinguished. Let us come to our time of confession in awe of the ways God's Spirit continues to bring light from darkness and life from death.

All: Holy God, we are so thankful that our identities are defined by you and not our sin. We are grateful that you see our sin and hold us accountable, but you do not hate us or leave us. And so we come to you with humble hearts, acknowledging the ways we resisted growth and love. We acknowledge that we often judge by appearance and make decisions based on hearsay. We long for the time when your peace becomes reality. Help us to accept growth and resist those ways we disturb shalom. Help us to accept your full peace again and work towards sustaining your peace in our world.

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

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

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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MINUTE FOR MINISTRY: Christmas Joy

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

MATTHEW 3:1-12

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-10

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

MESSAGE *“Repeat the Sounding Joy: Loving Joy”*

*HYMN

123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;
 4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:
 be - neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;
 who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev - er - cir-cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gra-cious King":
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,
 and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing:
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,

the world in sol - emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless-ed an - gels sing.
 O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an - gels sing!
 O, rest be-side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

*APOSTLES' CREED

GATHERING JOYS & CONCERNS

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

"The Angel Gabriel"

*SONG OF RESPONSE #606

"Doxology"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER w/LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

MUSIC

"Panis Angelicus"

PRAYER *(in unison)*

Gracious God, your holy communion is our reminder of your amazing grace. It is our reminder of the ways you sustain us and provide for us as we live in your creation. May we carry this reminder through the weeks and months to come, trusting that as you did once so long ago as an infant, you will come again in glory. Amen.

*HYMN #119

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

(Sheet music on next page.)

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Joyful, Joyful to the World"

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



119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

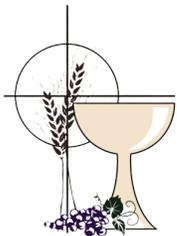
with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Faith Life

December 7, 2025

We invite you to gather with us in Fellowship Hall after worship for our Potluck Luncheon, held on the first Sunday of each month, as part of our Sunday Morning Together.



Communion Inclusion

Communion is by intinction this morning. For those needing allergen-free foods, the pastor will have brown rice crackers, which are wheat free, gluten free, soy and nut free.



Potluck Luncheon

This morning, following worship, we will gather for our Potluck Luncheon. Lynn Ingram and Diane Policelli welcome all to participate! They will provide the main course, while side dishes and desserts will be generously contributed by our church friends and family.



Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held after worship, starting no earlier than 11 a.m. on 12/14/2025, to vote on the Nominating Committee's report and the pastor's Terms of Call.



Daybreak Dinner—Tomorrow

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 tomorrow. 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.



Christmas Joy Offering: THE PERFECT GIFT

Leadership: Past, Present and Future

Prepare the Way - Isaiah 40

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the **Christmas Joy Offering**, you honor this gift by providing financial and vocational guidance to **current and retired church workers** in their time of need, through the **Assistance Program** of the **Board of Pensions**.

The Assistance Program offers aid to folks in one of these three categories:

- retired church workers with financial and housing needs
- church workers with urgent financial needs
- pastors with vocational leadership needs

The **Christmas Joy Offering** will be received and dedicated on **December 21, 2025**.

Faith Presbyterian Church received **\$3,315.00** in 2024 for the **Christmas Joy Offering**.

Please prayerfully consider donating to this worthy cause.



Cookies, Cookies, Cookies ... Next Sunday!!

Who doesn't love cookies? Especially Christmas Cookies!! Come and satisfy those Christmas Cookie hankerings on Sunday, December 14, in Fellowship Hall. You can buy, you can bake, you can even bake and buy! Any which way helps support the Work Campers in their next adventure to Lincoln, Illinois. Thank you for your generous support of this life enriching experience to share God's love in tangible ways with those who need hope and help!!



Bring tins if you'd like! They are always appreciated.

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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.

• Christmas Eve, 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 14 - Christmas Cantata

December 21 - "Make the Nations Praise: Peaceful Joy"
Isaiah 7:10-16

SUNDAY
Morning
TOGETHER

SCHEDULE

TODAY—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

Jan. 18—Decorate Daybreak snack bags, Fellowship

Jan. 25—Annual Meeting, Fellowship, Children's music

Feb. 1—Potluck (Pam & Phil Martin), Taco bar

Feb. 8—Fill Daybreak snack bag, Fellowship, Children's music

Feb. 15—Talent Show, Fellowship

Feb. 22—Lenten Bible Study, 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 list of remaining dates for the 2025-26 year is listed in the Winter 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>



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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 today, the pledge amount is \$229,246.



Advent Candle Lighters Needed

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



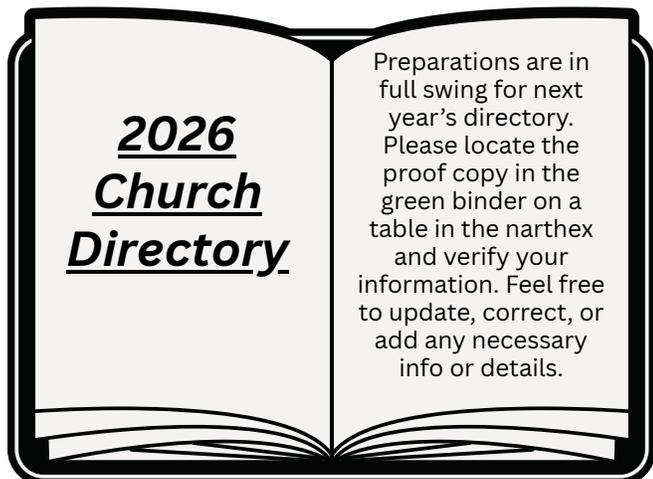
Please sign up on the sign-up genius using this QR code, and when you sign up, comment who all will be included. Thanks!



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>



2026 Church Directory

Preparations are in full swing for next year's directory. Please locate the proof copy in the green binder on a table in the narthex and verify your information. Feel free to update, correct, or add any necessary info or details.



Conversations

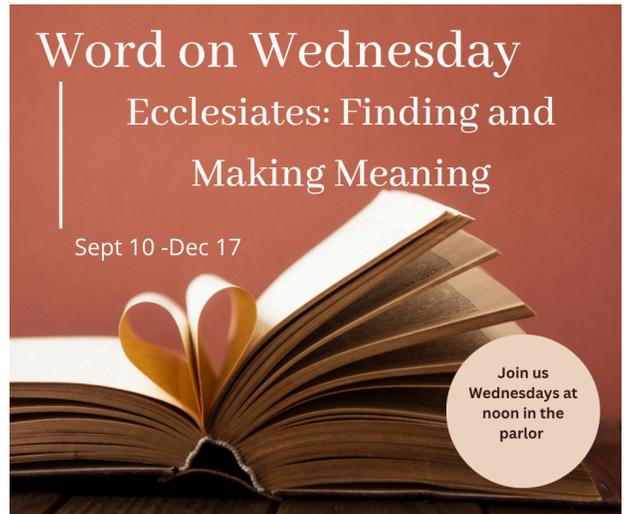
Conversations is a gathering of women that meets on the second Thursday of the month, and all are welcome!

Conversations will gather at Let's Go on December 11 to continue discussing *The Faith Club*.

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



Well Done!

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: 12/24, 12/31



January Wow Study

PHILIPPIANS: FINDING JOY

Word On Wednesday meets Wednesdays at noon in the church parlor. All are welcome!

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, 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

Work Camp Cookie Baking (K. FH)

Saturday, December 13

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

Next Week

Sunday, December 14 - Third Sunday of Advent

- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. - Congregational Meeting (S)
- 11:00 a.m. - Work Camp Cookie Sale (FH)
- 11:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Together
- 5:00 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, December 15

Tuesday, December 16

- 9:00 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)
- 7:00 p.m. - Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, December 17

- 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 18

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

Friday, December 19 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 20

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

Craft Fair & Old Fashioned Christmas

We appreciate everyone's support and involvement in our annual holiday events! Once again, we had an enjoyable and rewarding day, made possible by your contributions. As is our tradition, the Women of Faith will display their beautiful crafts for you to shop after worship the following day. This year they're happy to continue the custom!

Looking Ahead...



- 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



Snow Cancellation Policy

If it snows sufficiently to make you wonder if worship will be held, cancellation information will be posted on **WFMZ**: (<https://www.wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter/>).

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: _____
