

Welcome to worship! May this time of prayer and praise help you hold on to Christmas joy a bit longer and carry it into the new year.

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 at the end, in numerical order.

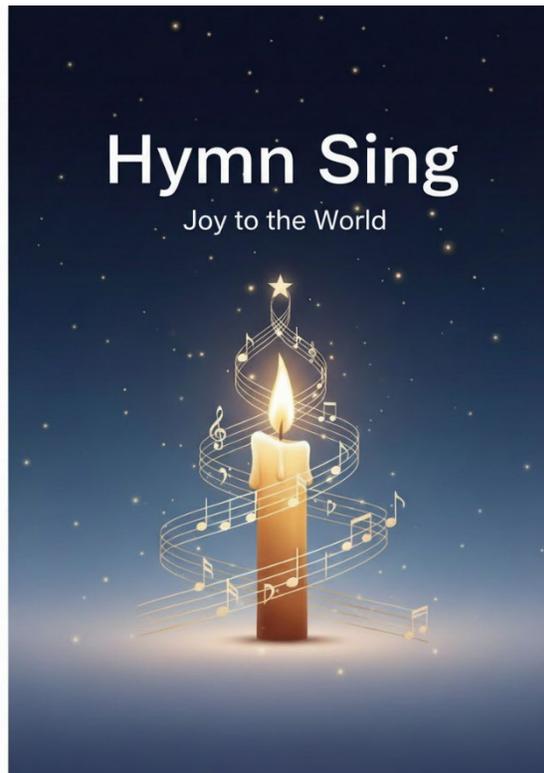


Order of Worship
December 28, 2025

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***THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS***

10:00 AM

DECEMBER 28, 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 First Nowell/Silent Night"

MELANIE SHIMER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Joy to the world! The Lord is come.

All: The joy continues as we keep the hope of Christmas alive in our hearts.

One: So let us offer our joy to God today and always.

All: Joy to the world! The Lord is come!

*HYMN #93

"Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates"

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

PSALM 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

² Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

³ Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.
⁶ He established them forever and ever;
 he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.^[a]
⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹² Young men and women alike, old and young together!
¹³ Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
 his glory is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
 for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

MATTHEW 2:13-23

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph^[a] got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi,^[b] he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi.^[c] ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah,
 wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
 she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

My Soul Gives Glory to My God 99

Song of Mary

1 My soul gives glo - ry to my God; my
 2 My God has done great things for me: yes,
 3 From age to age to all who fear, such
 4 Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -
 5 Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
 ho - ly is God's name. All peo - ple will de -
 mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing jus - tice -
 motes the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its
 ports those in dis - tress, re - mem - ber - ing past

low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.
 clare me blessed, and bless - ings they shall claim.
 far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.
 sat - is - fied; the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.
 prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

This 20th-century paraphrase is based on the Song of Mary (Luke 1:46–55), commonly known by its opening Latin word, *Magnificat*. This song of praise offers clear reminders that God's purposes often lead to the reversal of human values, exalting the poor and dethroning the mighty.

Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan
 2 By his Word was all cre - at - ed; he com-mand-ed; it
 3 O, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full
 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one
 5 O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him. An - gel hosts, his prais -
 6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga; he the
 was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean, u - ni -
 of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the
 ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom-ised
 es sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex -
 to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un -



source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 verse of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft
 Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's Re -
 in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -
 tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 wea - ried prais - es be. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 shin - ing, all that breathes be - neath the sun,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed. Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,
 si - lent; ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages.

There's a Star in the East 135

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

1 There's a star in the east on Christ-mas morn. Rise up, shep-herd, and
 2 If you take good heed to the an - gel's words, rise up, shep-herd, and

fol - low. It will lead to the place where the Christ was born.
 fol - low. You'll for - get your flocks; you'll for - get your herds.

Refrain

Rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low. Fol - low, fol - low;

rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low. Fol - low the star of

Beth - le - hem. Rise up, shep-herd, and fol - low.

This African American spiritual, cast in a characteristic call-and-response style, provides a reminder that the good news of the Incarnation should lead Christians not only to awe and adoration but also to living and acting in ways that make God's purposes known to others.

Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth, our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:

field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,

west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1–12) as “kings,” perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

Faith Life

December 28, 2025

We warmly invite you to linger after worship and share in a time of fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect, catch up, and build community—and we'll have refreshments and snacks waiting to make it even sweeter. We'd love for you to stay and join us!

A Morning of Song & Celebration

Pastor Becki is currently enjoying her vacation, so today is all about the music! We hope you're ready to sing along as we dive into our most-loved Christmas hymns this morning. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just a "joyful noise" maker, we're glad you've joined us!

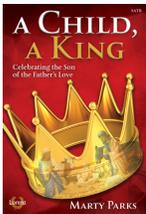
Pizza Potluck!

Stick around after service next Sunday for our monthly luncheon, this time hosted by the Ministry to the Congregation Committee. They're providing the pizza, and we'd love for you to join us! To help make the feast complete, please see the requested contributions below. If your name begins with...

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

Cantata

The Faithful Harmonizers' Christmas Cantata, *A Child, A King* by Marty Parks, which was postponed due to snow, will be presented next Sunday.



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.

Mission Project for Daybreak

The Ministry to the Community Committee is collecting supplies to create takeout bags for Daybreak clients who may lack food and shelter when they are not at the center. These bags will offer care and nourishment beyond regular mealtimes, and our goal is to have them ready for Faith's Daybreak meal in February. Thank you for helping us extend compassion to our community.

We will need 100 of each item:

- Hand warmers & lip balm (we have fulfi)
- Applesauce (individual)
- Pudding (individual)
- Fruit cups (individual)
- Granola bars
- Peanut butter crackers (individual)



There is a table in the Narthex for the collection of items.

Installation of Officers

After the congregation approves the Nominating Committee's recommendations, we will joyfully install our officers on January 11.



Wrapping Up Your 2025 Giving

To make sure your generous giving is counted on your **2025 giving statement**, please ensure we **receive** your donation no later than **Sunday, January 4**. Donations that arrive after January 4th—even if they have a 2025 date on them—will need to be recorded on your **2026** statement. Thank you so much for your continued partnership and support of Faith Presbyterian Church!

Thank You!

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Church Office Hours

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



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 January**

☛ 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 grow together as a church family. Hosting is simple—clear instructions are provided—and your warm hospitality blesses everyone who gathers!

- **January 11, 18, 25**

☛ 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. Our ushers help everything run smoothly by greeting worshipers, sharing materials, and offering a friendly smile. It's easy to do—and we provide all the reminders and instructions you need!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to usher.

Check the sign-up sheet for January dates

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

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 today, we have received **\$4,348** 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. **Have you paid yours?**



January 4 - "Purveyors of Awe"
Matthew 2:1-12

January 11 - "Appreciating Beauty"
Psalm 27



SUNDAY
Morning
TOGETHER

SCHEDULE

TODAY—Fellowship

Jan. 4—Potluck (Ministry to the Congregation)

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)

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

Feb. 15—Talent Show, Fellowship

Feb. 22—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship, Children's Music



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 28 - Pastor on Vacation

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
2:00 p.m. - Youth Group Movie Marathon (5)

Monday, December 29

Tuesday, December 30

Wednesday, December 31

Thursday, January 1, 2026 - Church Office Closed

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

Friday, January 2 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 3

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



Next Week

Sunday, January 4

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - SMT Potluck Lunch (FH)
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, January 5

7:15 p.m. - Ministry to the Congregation (P)

Tuesday, January 6

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

Wednesday, January 7

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Foods Program
9:30 a.m. - Growing in Grace Academy (3)
5:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, January 8

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

Friday, January 9 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 10

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



Snow Cancellation Policy

If snow falls enough to make you wonder if worship will be held, check WFMZ for cancellation information:

<https://www.wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter/>

Daybreak – January 12
Flyer deadline – February 15
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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Announcements | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Chain | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Alerts |

Name & email: _____



- Dec. 31..... Annual Report Submissions Due**
- Jan. 4..... Christmas Cantata
- Jan. 11..... Installation of Officers
- Jan. 25..... Annual Congregational Meeting**
- Feb. 15..... Talent Show
- Mar. 29..... Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 5..... Easter
- Apr. 19..... Clean-Up Day