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

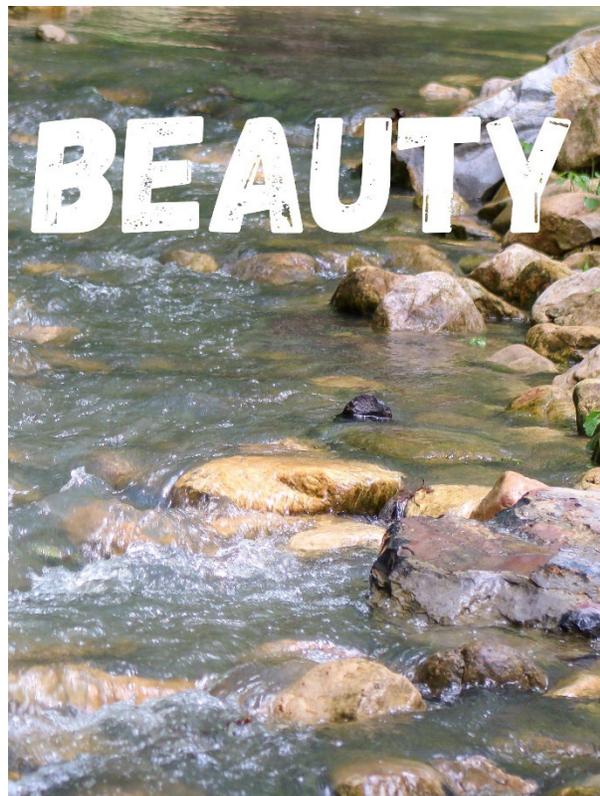


Order of Worship
January 8, 2026

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

10:00 AM

JANUARY 11, 2026



Welcome to worship! As beloved children of God, we gather with grateful hearts to experience God's grace, love, and presence among us.

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 "Meditation"

***CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 27)**

**One: Light, space, zest – that's God! So, with him on my side I'm fearless,
afraid of no one and nothing.**

**All: We ask God for one thing, only one thing: to live with God in God's
house our whole life long. We'll contemplate God's beauty; we'll study
at God's feet.**

**One: That's the only quiet, secure place in a noisy world, the perfect getaway,
far from the buzz of traffic.**

All: Let us contemplate God's beauty and worship at God's feet.

***OPENING PRAYER**

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

*HYMN

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

TEXT: Follitt Sandford Pierpoint, 1864, alt.

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; abr. William Henry Monk, 1861; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: Beauty is complex and often subjective. It is easy to get so weighed down by what we would call ugly that we forget that when God made the world, God called it “good.” What would it look like to contemplate God’s beauty and truly study at God’s feet? Our prayer of confession invites us to wonder. Let us pray together.

All: Almighty God, we can be very judgmental of people and things around us. We see something different and call it scary. We see something that we perceive as crooked and do our best to try to fix it. We often do this without wondering if it’s even our job to fix it. We often try to correct what is not wrong. We try to reshape people into our own image rather than seeing others as your already beloved and beautiful children. Help us take the logs out of our eyes, God, so we see the world as you see it rather than how we may have been taught to see it. Help us contemplate your beauty and study at your feet.

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.

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

MATTHEW 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved,^[a] with whom I am well pleased.”

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

PSALM 27

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold^[a] of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I asked of the Lord;
this I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord

all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”
Your face, Lord, do I seek.

⁹ Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the Lord;
 be strong, and let your heart take courage;
 wait for the Lord!

MESSAGE

“Appreciating Beauty”

*HYMN

152 God, Who Touched Earth With Beauty

MARY S. EDGAR

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CARL HAROLD LOWDEN, 1883-

1. God, who touch - est earth with beau - ty, Make me love - ly too,
 2. Like Thy springs and run - ning wa - ters, Make me crys - tal pure,
 3. Like Thy danc - ing waves in sun - light, Make me glad and free,
 4. Like the arch - ing of the heav - ens, Lift my thoughts a - bove,
 5. God, who touch - est earth with beau - ty, Make me love - ly too,

With Thy Spir - it re - cre - ate me, Make my heart a - new.
 Like Thy rocks of tower - ing gran - deur Make me strong and sure.
 Like the straight - ness of the pine trees, Let me up - right be.
 Turn my dreams to no - ble ac - tion, Min - is - tries of love.
 Keep me ev - er, by Thy Spir - it, Pure and strong and true. A - MEN.

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SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS
 INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS
 THE LORD'S PRAYER
 (Please use "debts & debtors".)

Glory to God Hymnal - Pg. 35

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

Faithful Harmonizers

"Sing of God and Manifest"

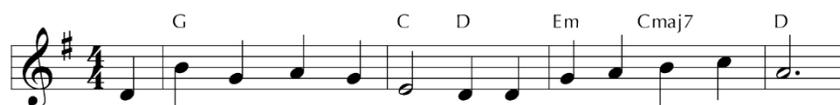
*SONG OF RESPONSE #606

"Doxology"

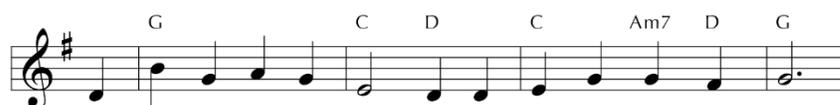
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

402 How Lovely, Lord (Psalm 84)



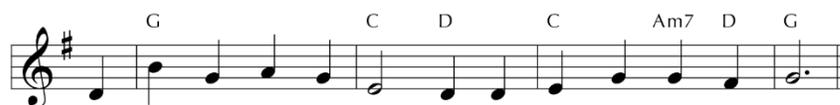
1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



my soul is long - ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.



The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,



and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Faithful Harmonizers

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

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



Prelude
Hymn #14
Insert
Offertory
Hymn #402
Postlude

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Faith Life

January 11, 2026

We'd love for you to stick around for a bit after the service, to grab a coffee, share a snack, and catch up with friends. Whether you're a regular or visiting for the first time, come say hello and enjoy some refreshments with us.

Installation of Officers

We are delighted to install our new church officers during this morning's service. Thank you to each of these leaders for answering the call to serve.

Elders: Ann Greenwood (ordained & installed)
Deacons: Carolyn Benner, Anne Laubach,
Elaine Smits, Anita Krause

2026 Church Directory

The new church directory is now available on the table in the narthex. As is our custom, each family is invited to take one copy. Officers will also find an additional copy in their mailbox in the church office.

We have made every effort to ensure the information is accurate. If you notice any errors or updates, please notify the church office. Thank you!

Save the Date

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching on February 18. This year, we will gather for a worship service and soup meal at 6:30 p.m., with the meal thoughtfully incorporated into the service. If you would be willing to prepare a pot of soup, please contact Sally Heimbach.



Donations Needed!

It will soon be time for the deacons to be mailing goodie boxes to our college students, and they rely on donations to make the boxes a success! Things like hot chocolate packets, granola bars, cookies, gum, candy, etc.

The deacons will have a box by the bench outside Fellowship Hall for your donations. We plan to assemble the boxes on Sunday, February 8. Thank you in advance for your help in putting together a special gift for our college students.



Daybreak Meal—January 12

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.

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 fulfilled!!*)
- Applesauce (individual) (*we have fulfilled!!*)
- pudding (individual)**
- Fruit cups (individual)**
- Granola bars (*we have fulfilled!!*)
- Peanut butter crackers (individual)**



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

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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 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!

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.

- **January 18, 25**

☛ Be part of creating a meaningful worship experience. Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex or reach out to Sally Heimbach.



January 18 - "Meaning Makers"
John 1:29-42

January 25 - "The Curious Children of God"
Matthew 4:12-23



SUNDAY
Morning
TOGETHER

SCHEDULE

TODAY—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

Mar. 1—Potluck (Ministry of Support), Lenten Bible Study

Mar. 8—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship, Children's Music

Mar. 15—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship

Mar. 22—Lenten Bible Study, Fellowship

Mar. 29—Easter Egg Hunt, Fellowship





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!



BIG, BIG THANK YOU to Faith Mission Givers

We collected **\$3,670.00** for the CHRISTMAS JOY offering
This is a \$355.00 increase over 2024
!!!ROCK STARS!!!

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!
SPAGHETTI DINNER!
FEB 7, 2026

Ticket donations benefit East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors. \$10 advance, \$15 at door
Seatings at 5pm and 7pm. Take out is available!
Hosted by Emmaus Moravian Church
Tickets available now at Emmaus Moravian Church office and Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus office!



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!



Teachers' Closet

Faith Church's Teachers' Closet offers local educators a free and welcoming place to gather the classroom supplies they need—items they would often otherwise purchase out of their own pockets. Our local teachers, especially those working in elementary and middle schools, have expressed deep gratitude for this support.

- 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>



Scan me



Sights, Sounds, and Spuds

On Sunday, February 15, following worship, we will be holding a talent show, SIGHTS, SOUNDS, and SPUDS.

The Ministry to the Congregation will have a potato bar (spuds) for your dining pleasure before heading to the sanctuary for the talent (sounds) portion of the day.

If your talents are more visual than musical, there will be a space available to display them.

You may sign up on the whiteboard in the Narthex or see John Shilanskas or Tim Bagnull.



Annual Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 25, when we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following worship. Copies of the Annual Report will be available for review the week prior. During the meeting, we will hear the report from the Ministry of Support.

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

thisweek

Sunday, January 11

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group Game Night

Monday, January 12

1:30 p.m. - Daybreak Meal

Tuesday, January 13

9:30 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)
3:00 p.m. - Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 p.m. - Session (BR)

Wednesday, January 14

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Foods Program
9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)
9:39 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)
5:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)
7:00 p.m. - EPNHN (P)

Thursday, January 15- Church Office Closed

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

Friday, January 16- Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 17

9:00 a.m. - Zumba (FH)
10:00 a.m. - Quilters (FH)

nextweek

Sunday, January 18

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:00 a.m. - Sunday Morning Together (FH)
11:00 a.m. - Deacons meeting (BR)
5:00 p.m. - Youth Group

Monday, January 19

7:00 p.m. - Ministry to the Community (P)

Tuesday, January 20

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

Wednesday, January 21

8:00 a.m. - Rotary Foods Program
9:30 a.m. - Women of Faith (BR)
9:30 a.m. - Growing with Grace Academy (3)
3:30 p.m. - Teachers' Closet
5:30 p.m. - Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 p.m. - Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, January 22

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

Friday, January 23 - Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 24

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



Snow Cancellation Policy

If the snow starts piling up and you're wondering about our Sunday service, stay safe and check WFMZ StormCenter for the latest cancellation updates:

wfmz.com/weather/stormcenter/

**Daybreak –January 12
Flyer deadline—February 15
2026 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: _____

- Jan. 25..... Annual Congregational Meeting
- Feb. 15..... Talent Show, Spring Flyer Deadline
- Feb. 18..... Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 29..... Palm Sunday, Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr. 2..... Maundy Thursday
- Apr. 3..... Good Friday
- Apr. 5..... Easter
- Apr. 19..... Clean-Up Day