

Welcome, friends. In a world that often feels ordinary, God is quietly at work—shaping us into a community marked by resurrection hope. Come, let us worship together.

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
May 3, 2026

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

10:00 AM

MAY 3, 2026



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 "Air"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we worship as a community of faith, we are witnesses together of God's steadfast love and mercy.

All: When we gather for worship as a community of faith, we are witnesses to each other of the ways God shows up in and through us.

One: God is constantly shaping us and reshaping us, molding us as a community in God's own likeness.

All: Let us each be open to how God's Spirit is drawing us together in worship today.

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

TEXT: Attr. Adrianus Valerius, c. 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894
 MUSIC: *Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clanck*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

KREMSER
 12.11.12.11
 (this tune in a higher key, 612)

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: In Acts 2, we see a picture of the early church—devoted to teaching and fellowship, to prayer and shared life, to generosity and gladness. It is a compelling vision, but it can also feel distant from our own reality. We know how easily we become distracted, disconnected, or guarded. And yet, God continues to call us into this kind of life together. So we come before God not pretending we've lived it perfectly, but trusting that God is still forming us into a community shaped by grace. Let us confess our sin together.

All: Gracious God, you call us into a life of faith that is shared, generous, and rooted in your presence. Yet we confess how often we resist that call. We become preoccupied with our own concerns and lose sight of one another. We hold tightly to what we have instead of trusting in your abundance. We neglect practices that nourish our faith and struggle to remain attentive to your presence in our daily lives. Forgive us for the ways we fall short of the life you intend for us. Renew our hearts and reshape our habits. Draw us more deeply into community with one another and into trust in you. By your Spirit, form us into a people marked by gratitude, generosity, and joy.

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

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

- ¹ In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;
do not let me ever be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me.
- ² Incline your ear to me;
rescue me speedily.
Be a rock of refuge for me,
a strong fortress to save me.
- ³ You are indeed my rock and my fortress;
for your name's sake lead me and guide me,
- ⁴ take me out of the net that is hidden for me,
for you are my refuge.
- ⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit;
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God
- ¹⁵ My times are in your hand;
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.
- ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

ACTS 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds^[a] to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home^[b] and ate their food with glad and generous^[c] hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

MESSAGE

"The Shape of Belonging"

*HYMN

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

*APOSTLES' CREED

GATHERING JOYS & CONCERNS

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

Faithful Harmonizers

"With A Voice of Singing"

*SONG OF RESPONSE #606

"Doxology"

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER w/LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

MUSIC

"Three Interludes"

PRAYER (*in unison*)

Almighty God, thank you for this meal. Let your Spirit nurture and sustain us for the week ahead, reminding us that you are with us always, even to the end of the age. Amen.

*HYMN

We Will Go Out with Joy

SENDING

539

C
Leader

1 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 2 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 3 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

C
All

We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.
 Now an - y - one who's born of the Spir-it, sing a new song of joy.
 We will go out with joy in the Spir-it; we will go out with God.

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! We will go out with joy.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Drawing on the phrasing of Isaiah 55:12, this joyful sending hymn was created by a musical Canadian father and daughter, beginning with the tune that emerged from a four-hand piano improvisation. The completed hymn later served as the recessional music for her wedding.

TEXT and MUSIC: Andrew Donaldson and Hilary Seraph Donaldson, 2003
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WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY
 10.6.10.6 with refrain

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Faithful Harmonizers

Reprisal of "Hallelujah Chorus"

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



Faith Life

May 3, 2026

You're invited to stay for lunch! Join us in Fellowship Hall after worship on the first Sunday of each month for our Potluck Luncheon. Come for the food—stay for the community!



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 Lunch

This morning, right after worship, join us for our monthly Potluck Luncheon—a time for good food and even better fellowship. All are welcome, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

Today, the Ministry to the Community committee will be providing a delicious pasta dish, served with salads, sides, and desserts provided by members of the congregation.



She Nailed It! — Tomorrow!

Join us at Dimmick Park (Hellertown), 2–5 pm, as our Built on Faith team—Anne Zayaitz, Mary Horst, Heather Davis, and Sally Heimbach (with Lynn Ingram as alternate)—takes on the hammering challenge to support Habitat for Humanity of the Lehigh Valley and address housing inequity for women.

Come cheer us on—there will be food trucks, raffles, and plenty of fun! Visit our “[Thanks for Stopping By](#)” tailgate tent sponsored by Women of Faith!

We reached our goal but every additional gift helps extend the impact. Donations may be made online by scanning this QR code.



Daybreak Meal—May 11

Faith Church prepares and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month from 1:30–4:30 pm. We'd love your help!

Bake & Drop Off:

Please bring cookies or other homemade treats to the church kitchen by noon that day. Label items with nuts; sugar-free options are appreciated. We typically serve 80–100 people, and your contributions are always enjoyed!

Kitchen Helpers Needed:

We especially need cooks! Gather at the church at 1:30 p.m. to carpool over together.

Thank you for sharing your time, gifts, and heart.

If you're able to help or would like more information, please speak with Carolyn Baittinger or Zona Farmer.



Caps Off to Our Graduates!

Are you graduating this year? Do you have a high school or college graduate in your household this year? We would love to celebrate with you!

Please send the graduate's name, where they are graduating from, and their future plans (work, school, adventures, or all of the above!) to the church office for inclusion in our summer newsletter.

Your church family is so proud of all the hard work, perseverance, and growth that has brought you to this milestone—we can't wait to share and celebrate your accomplishments together!

Let's cheer on our grads—send those details in!



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Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Closed Fridays
Summer Hours begin the week of May 24 (closed Mondays)



TODAY—Potluck (Ministry to the Community)
May 10—Fellowship, Children’s music
May 17—SMT wrap up, Fellowship



Teachers’ Closet
Supporting Educators

Faith Church’s Teachers’ Closet provides local educators with a welcoming place to pick up free classroom supplies—items

many would otherwise buy with their own money. Elementary and middle school teachers in our area are deeply grateful for this support.


Remaining Date:

- Wednesday, May 20: 3:30–5:00 p.m.

Please continue to support the closet through our Amazon Wish List. Scan the QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/46Pjb7L>.



Even though the school year is winding down, the need doesn’t stop. Restocking the closet over the summer ensures we’re fully prepared to support teachers when school begins again in the fall.



the Gospel of John

Word on Wednesday Bible Study

Join us Wednesdays at noon in the church parlor. All are welcome!
 WOW will not meet April 1 or 8. Our last WOW before summer break will be May 27.



Seeking
VOLUNTEERS
 TO HELP ON
Sunday Mornings

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX.

Lost & Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with sunglasses and assorted items. Please take a moment to check if anything belongs to you!



Stewardship Kaleidoscope 2026

“Doing More in BaltiMORE”

Sept. 21–23 | Baltimore, MD (or online)

The Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference is coming up in September! Our church family constantly thinks about what it looks like to do the best we can with what we have. To assist in the Holy Dreaming, it’s helpful to engage in workshops that encourage us, inspire us, and give us new ideas.

Pastor Becki attends this annual conference and has attended workshops on subjects like reimagining building use, crafting year-round stewardship programs, the use of Artificial Intelligence in the church, and cyber security (she’s happy to give you a full workshop list if you want to hear more about her experiences!). She will attend again this year (in Baltimore) and would love company to share the experience with and think about how we take care of our church together.

You can attend in person and network with other church people just like you from around the globe wrestling with the same questions of how we serve as God’s faithful stewards. You can also attend virtually from the comforts of your own home. The conference is worth it (in your pastor’s humble opinion!).

Financial assistance is available both through our church and through the Stewardship Kaleidoscope program.

This annual conference offers practical tools and fresh perspectives for stewardship ministry. In-person participants will enjoy a wide range of workshops, inspiring plenary sessions, and meaningful worship experiences. Virtual attendees can participate through live-streamed and recorded plenaries, worship, and select workshops.

Early Bird (through June 30): \$375
 Regular: \$425 | Virtual: \$150

Hotel rooms are available at the conference rate (reserve by Aug. 28). Grants and limited scholarships may be available.

Learn more and register:
<https://stewardshipkaleidoscope.org/>



Conversations

Conversations is a women’s group that meets monthly at coffee cafes to discuss various topics of interest.

Conversations will meet at **Art Beat on May 14** at 10 am, and explore the ideas/experience of the recent Faith 250.

If you have any questions about Conversations, speak to Anne Laubach or Donna Call.



News from Ripple

Ripple Church has created an Amazon Wish List highlighting their most urgent needs. If you wish to learn more, or would like to donate, use the link below or scan the QR code. Any items you purchase will be sent directly to Ripple, so there’s no need to worry about delivering your donation yourself.

Clean undergarments are especially needed as many of their clients do not have access to laundry facilities nor a safe place to keep spare clothing. Any donations will be truly appreciated.



Link to Amazon wish list: <https://bit.ly/4t92zRX>

YARD SALE!
MAY 30
8 AM TO 1 PM
TWO OR THREE VENDOR SPACES AVAILABLE
SPACES \$10 EACH
 CONTACT
Sally Heimbach



May 10 - “Lydia’s Open Door”
Acts 16:11-15

May 17 - “Faith in the Public Square”
Acts 17:16-34



Tithely Giving Statements

Please take a moment to confirm that you received the email with your 1st quarter giving statement. If you did not receive it, **first check your spam folder**. If it’s not there, contact Lynda Scheirer in the office. (**NOTE:** No statements were sent by postal mail. That was a typo in the email blast.)

To help ensure you receive future quarterly statements, **mark Tithely as a safe sender in your email program** and be careful not to unsubscribe from Tithely emails.

If you have not yet set up your account, please take a few moments to do so using the instructions provided by following this link to their site: <https://give.tithe.ly/login>. Once your account is created, you will be able to securely access your giving statement at any time.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don’t hesitate to reach out—we’re happy to help.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Please note: We are not currently set up to accept donations through Tithely. Kindly continue using the online giving option on our website. Thank you!

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 **\$6,115** toward our 2026 total amount due of **\$9,100**. The apportionment per member is **\$50** for 2026. You can pay your per capita online, or by check made payable to Faith Presbyterian Church.

Two Weeks of Faith

This calendar is prepared a few days ahead of distribution.
For the most current information, please visit the church [website](#).



Key
BR Brick Room
FH Fellowship Hall
MR Music Room
P Parlor
PL Parking Lot
S Sanctuary
Z Zoom

thisweek

Sunday, May 3

10:00 am: Worship Service: Communion
11:00 am: Pot Luck Luncheon
5:00 pm: Youth Group

Monday, May 4 - She Nailed It!

8:00 am: Emmaus Chorale (S)
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (S)
7:15 pm: Ministry to the Congregation (P)

Tuesday, May 5

9:30 am: Growing in Grace (3)
7:00 pm: Ministry of Support (BR)

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Growing in Grace (3)
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
Noon: Word on Wednesday
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, May 7

9:30 am: Growing in Grace (3)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, May 8- Office Closed

Youth Group Lock-In

Saturday, May 9

nextweek

Sunday, May 10

10:00 am: Worship Service
11:00 am: Sunday Morning Together

Monday, May 11

1:30 pm: Daybreak Meal
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, May 12

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
7:00 pm: Session (BR)

Wednesday, May 13

8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
Noon: Word on Wednesday (P)
7:00 pm: East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors (P)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, May 14

9:30 am: Growing in Grace Academy (3)
10:00 am: Conversations
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, May 15- Office Closed

Saturday, May 16

10:00 am: Quilters (FH)

**Daybreak—May 11
Flyer deadline—May 18
2026 Per Capita—\$50.00**

A Look Ahead

May 17..... Youth Group End of Year Party
May 18..... Summer Flyer Deadline
May 24..... Pentecost
May 25..... Memorial Day: Summer Office Hours
May 30..... Yard Sale
June 20-28..... Work Camp
June 21-25..... Office Admin Vacation
July 4..... Independence Day
July 26..... Praise God in Community
July 26..... Montreat Youth Conference
July 27-30..... Vacation Bible School
Sept. 9..... Labor Day (office closed)
Sept. 14..... Regular Office Hours Resume
Oct. 4..... World Communion Sunday
Oct. 12..... Indigenous Peoples' Day (office closed)

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: _____
