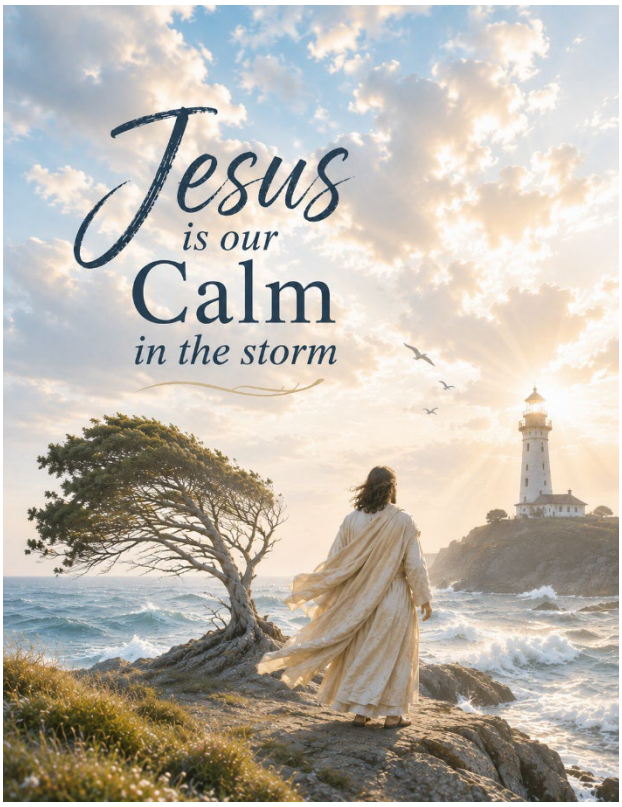
Welcome to worship! When life leaves us windswept and overwhelmed, we are reminded that nothing can separate us from God's love. Jesus is our calm in the storm.

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

Worship Assistant: Terry Eck
Ushers: Pam & Phil Martin
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Video: Mark Ingram
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Order of Worship

August 30, 2026

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM ***AUGUST 30, 2026***

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✳HYMN

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears



This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

TEXT: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. John Wesley, 1737, alt.
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1872

FESTAL SONG
SM
(this tune in a higher key, 744)

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: Let us confess our sin to God. Compassionate God,

All: We confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy, and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

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 a sign of God's peace together.

✳HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581 *"Gloria Patri"*

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON ROMANS 8:26-39

26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray
as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes[a] with groanings too deep for
words. **27** And God,[b] who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit[c] intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
28 We know that all things work together[d] for good for those who love God, who are
called according to his purpose. **29** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to
be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a
large family.[e] **30** And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he
called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ[f] who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? 36 As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON MATTHEW 14:22-33

22 Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,[a] for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

28 Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." 29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind,[b] he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

MESSAGE *"Windswept"* HEIDI SHILANSKAS

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

✳HYMN



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007, © 2000, GIA Publications, Inc.
Tune: CWM RHONDDA, 8 7 8 7 8 77; John Hughes, 1873–1932

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

"Lord, In Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayers"

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 — *"Andante con espressione"*
From Sonatina Op. 36, No. 4

✳SONG OF RESPONSE #606 — *"Doxology"*

✳PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✳HYMN #840 — *"When Peace Like a River"* *(Sheet music next page)*
(It Is Well With My Soul)

✳CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — *"Allegro Vivace"*

From Sonatina Op. 36, No. 4

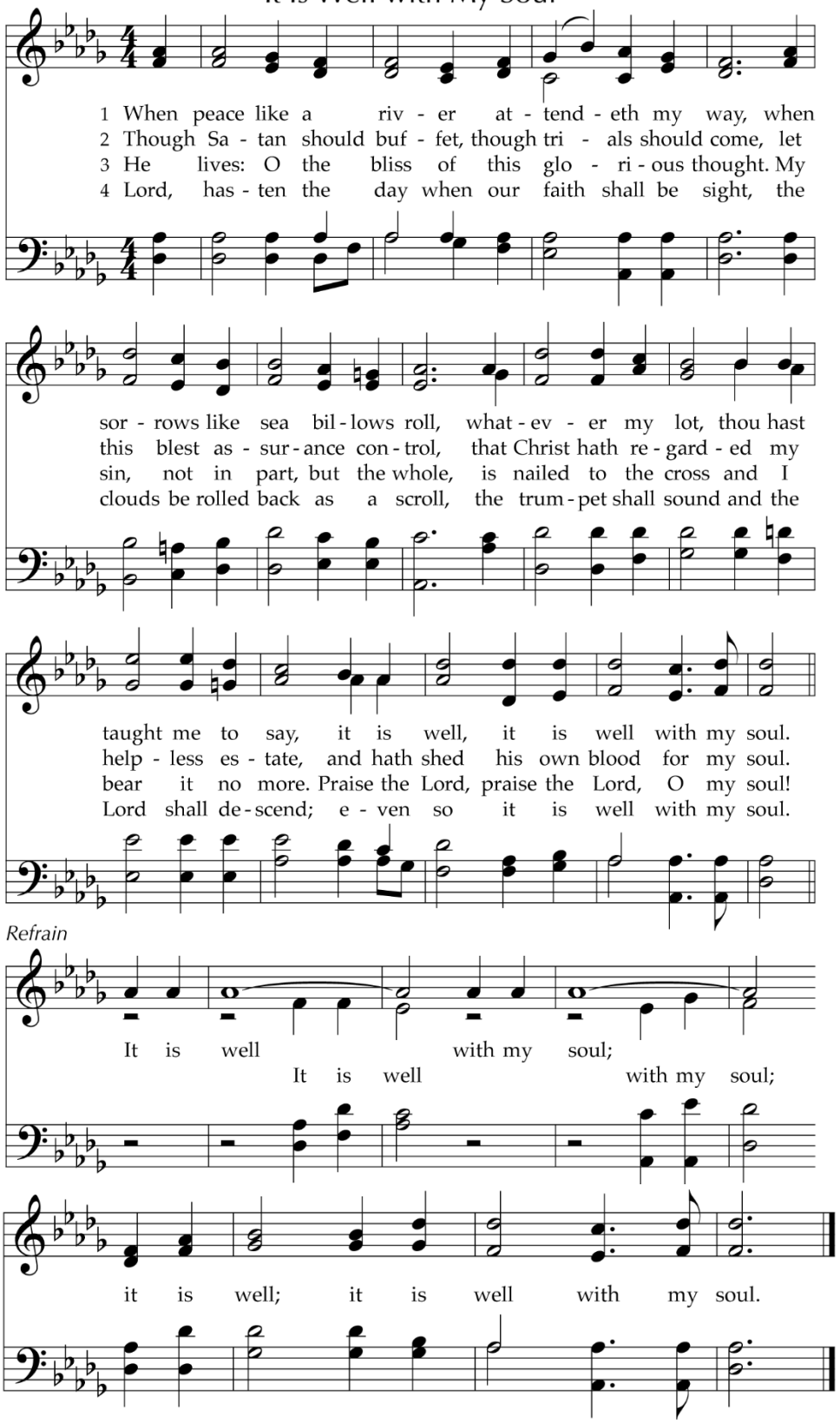
Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.

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TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

840 When Peace like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



Faith Life

August 30, 2026

After the worship service, take a moment to relax! Join us for refreshments, snacks, and engaging conversation. This is a fantastic chance to reconnect with friends, forge new relationships, and enjoy fellowship within our community.



Please welcome **Heidi Shilanskas** to the pulpit this morning. As Pastor Becki continues her sabbatical, we are thankful for Heidi's presence among us and for the gifts and ministry he shares with our congregation today.

Heidi Shilanskas has a Master's Degree in Ministerial Leadership from United Lutheran Seminary and is awaiting ordination as a Minister of Word and Service in the Lutheran Church. She works at Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church as Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship where she preaches, teaches, and shares God's love. Heidi's call to serve others comes directly from Jesus' own commandment to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

In her free time, Heidi loves to camp in her 33ft travel trailer with her husband, John and two kids, Wes (14) and Graeme (11). The beach is Heidi's happy place and where her soul finds rest. Her favorite cup of tea is vanilla chamomile and her coffee order is a large hot latte with just a little caramel drizzle.



Shirt Update

Our committee is happy to report that the shirts have arrived and are currently out for embroidery. We hope to have them ready for delivery by the beginning of September.



September 6: Rev. Susan Gilbert-Zencka

September 13: Laity Sunday
Outdoor worship @ Devonshire Park
Bring a chair!



It may be hard to believe that Autumn will soon be upon us, but September 19th is Emmaus' Farewell to Summer celebration at the Triangle. It runs from 11 am - 3 pm.

This is one of Faith's major end-of-year opportunities to join in fellowship with the broader community.

The ministry teams are looking for volunteers to be ambassadors at our table, handing out temporary tattoos and sharing information about us with whoever may stop by. We will welcome however long or short a time that you are able to join us.

Please contact Tim Bagnull or Pam Martin for more information.

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Church Office Hours
Tuesday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Closed Mondays and Fridays

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. The teachers in our area are deeply grateful for this support.

There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the narthex.

41 teachers from 8 districts visited our opening day!

Next Date:

- **Wednesday, Sep. 16: 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.

We are now in need of a restock for the closet on the following items as many supplies were scooped up by our teachers to help start their year!

8.5x11" copy paper (white and colored), Baby wipes, Bandaids, Board games, Card games, Cardstock paper (white and colored), Clipboards, Clorox wipes, Colored pencils, Crayons, Glue, Kid scissors, Loose leaf paper, Lunch bags, Magnets, Markers, Notecards, Pencils, Play-Doh, Post-its, Regular scissors, Sensory items, Single hole punch, Stickers, 3-hole punch, Tissues, Tooth holders (for teeth to be sent home to the Tooth Fairy), Whiteout.

Groceries PLUS Food Bank

Current Needs:

- Salad Dressings: 10 oz. plastic bottle Thousand Island, Balsamic, Italian Ranch
- BBQ Sauce: 18 oz. plastic bottle
- Chef Boyardee: 15 oz. can
- Pancake Syrup: 24 oz. plastic bottle
- Kids Cereal: 10-12 oz. boxed
- Granola Bars: 7.5 oz. boxed

Ongoing Needs:

- Gift cards from Aldi, Giant, Wegmans, and Weis (used to purchase food when needed)
- Any non-perishable food within its "use by/best by" date.

Please, no:

- Food beyond its "use by/best by" date
- Large or family-sized items
- Over-the-counter medicines/vitamins/supplements
- Clothing or household items

Too busy to shop?
There is an Amazon wishlist:



World Communion Sunday

Received on September 27, 2026

Reconciling God's people at the Table of Grace through ministries of justice.

"What does the Lord require of you?"
"... to do justice, and to love kindness
and walk humbly with your God."
Micah 6:8

These words from scripture call us to seek justice and, through actions of love and kindness, to humbly work toward justice on behalf of those who have not received it. Through the World Communion Offering, Presbyterians support programs that promote global witness, interfaith relationships, and justice. In the coming weeks you will hear more about some of these programs that are happening here at home in the Lehigh Valley, as well as across the United States and around the globe.

Our ministry partner, East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors (EPNHN), has once again been chosen to receive the local 25% portion of our offering. EPNHN serves families within the East Penn School District through multifaceted short-term assistance, helping to restore and sustain healthy, independent living.

Faith Presbyterian Church has participated in this offering, previously known as the Peace and Global Witness Offering, since 1983 when we signed the Commitment to Peacemaking agreement.

In 2024, Faith Presbyterian Church received $2070.00 with $517.50 going to EPNHN and in 2025, we received $2570.00 enabling us to give $642.50 to EPNHN. As you prayerfully consider your offering over these next few weeks, please remember that by joining together we are making a difference in the lives of many. At the Lord's global table, none are strangers, regardless of language, culture, or circumstances.

At Christ's table there is no East or West. Feast joyfully, give generously. The table is set, and all are welcome.

Conversations

Conversations will meet on **September 14 @ 10 am** at Donna Call's home.

A discussion from "Theo of Golden is planned.

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

Tithely News

The Tithely database has been serving us well by recording weekly offerings and generating quarterly giving statements. But those are just some of the many features it offers. As we continue to learn the software, we're finding new ways it can support the ministry of our church.

One recent addition is using Tithely to create the Deacons' Care Group lists and the monthly birthday lists. Although it took a little time to learn the process, it is working well.

Our next step, after a little bit of prep work, will be using Tithely to send the various church-wide emails. We'll let you know before we begin. Based on our testing, you shouldn't notice any difference in receiving our emails, but if you do experience any problems, please let the church office know. Instructions for how to sign up or remove yourself will be provided.

As we continue to explore and use more of Tithely's features, we'll keep you updated on the new ways it can help us serve our congregation.

Ripple Wish List

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



Emmaus Community Yard Sale
Saturday, September 12
8 am - 1 pm

We are excited to participate once again in the Emmaus Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 12.

Setup Details:

- Setup will take place on Friday, September 11 @ 10 am.
- If you would like to reserve a table, please reach out to Sally Heimbach.

Donations:

- If you have items to donate, feel free to bring them, properly priced, on the setup day.

The community yard sales provide us with an opportunity to welcome visitors into our space, where they can enjoy our facilities and a light lunch.

If you are available to help with setup or assist during the sale, please contact Sally Heimbach.



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, August 30
10:00 am: Worship Service

Monday, August 31: Office Closed
8:00 am: Garden
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (P)

Tuesday, September 1
7:00 pm: Ministry of Support (BR)

Wednesday, September 2
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers

Thursday, September 3
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 4: Office Closed

Saturday, September 5

Pastor Becki is on sabbatical until September 28.

nextweek

Sunday, September 6
9:30 am: Worship Service: Communion

Monday, September 7: Office Closed
8:00 am: Garden
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (P)
7:15 pm: Ministry to the Congregation (P)

Tuesday, September 8
5:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)
7:00 pm: Session (BR)

Wednesday, September 9
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
Noon: Word on Wednesday
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers
7:00 pm: East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors (P)

Thursday, September 10
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 11: Office Closed
10:00 am: Yard Sale Set-up (FH)

Saturday, September 12
8:00 am: Yard Sale (FH)

Flyer deadline—November 16 @ 9 am
Daybreak—September 14
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.

☐ Weekly Announcements ☐ Quarterly Newsletter
☐ Prayer Chain ☐ Emergency Alerts

Name & email:_____

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Sept. 13..... Worship @ Devonshire Park
Sept. 14..... Regular Office Hours Resume
Sept. 19.....Farewell to Summer
Funeral for Peter Ferguson
Sept. 27.....World Communion Offering
Oct. 4..... World Communion Sunday @ The Barn
Oct. 12..... Indigenous Peoples' Day (office closed)
Oct. 18..... Crop Walk for Hunger
Nov. 15..... Winter Flyer Deadline
Nov. 26..... Thanksgiving
Dec. 5..... Craft Fair
Dec. 13..... Work Camp Cookie Sale
Dec. 25..... Christmas