Welcome to worship! As we gather beneath the open sky, surrounded by God's creation, we give thanks for the gifts entrusted to us. May we faithfully plant the seeds of our time, talents, love, and resources, trusting God to nurture them and bring forth new life.

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: Ministry Teams/Deacons
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September 13, 2026

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
LAITY SUNDAY

10:00 AM ***SEPTEMBER 13, 2026***

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*HYMN

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.
MUSIC: George Job Elvey, 1858

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
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LITANY OF AFFIRMATION — MELANIE SHIMER

One: Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—

All: we have not lived for you.

One: You have forgiven us—

All: we have not forgiven others.

One: You have loved us—

All: we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another.

One: Take pity on us and forgive us, God.

All: Help us to forgive.

One: Help us to live for you.

All: Help us to love through Christ our Lord.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS — MELANIE SHIMER

✳SHARING THE PEACE — MELANIE SHIMER

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 — DOUG BOYD

1st SCRIPTURE: Psalm 96:11-12 — DOUG BOYD

11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar and all that fills it; **12** let the field exult and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

2nd SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 9:10 — JANIE SLAMON

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will

supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the

harvest of your righteousness.

3rd SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15:36-38 — JANIE SLAMON

36 Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. **37** And

as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be but

a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. **38** But

God gives it a body as he has chosen and to each kind of seed

its own body.

MESSAGE — *"We Grow Better Together"*

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

✳HYMN

707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord



This hymn began with the tune, which the composer hummed to the author with a request for a text that would challenge the hearts and minds of young people. The text of the first three stanzas was written that day, and the fourth stanza later emerged at a youth conference.

TEXT: William H. Foulkes, stanzas 1–3, 1918, stanza 4, c. 1920
MUSIC: Calvin Weiss Laufer, 1918

HALL
10.10.10.10

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS — LYNN INGRAM

INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please use "debts & debtors".)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY — **SALLY HEIMBACH**

OFFERTORY — *"Andante from Three Interludes"*

✳SONG OF RESPONSE #606 — *"Doxology"*

✳PRAYER OF DEDICATION — **SALLY HEIMBACH**

✳HYMN



Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976
MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988
Text © 1979 The Hymn Society (admin. Hope Publishing Company)
Music Harm. © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House (admin. The Copyright Company)

LAND OF REST
CM
(alternate harmonization, 545)

✳CHARGE & BENEDICTION MINISTRY TEAMS & DEACONS

POSTLUDE *"Moderato from Three Interludes"*

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

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Faith Life

September 13, 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.



This Sunday's Worship Leadership

This Sunday, our worship will be led by members of Faith's Ministry Teams and Board of Deacons, who will share a message on stewardship.

Through their reflections, we'll hear how the gifts we offer—our time, talents, resources, care, and commitment—plant seeds throughout the life of our congregation and beyond. We may not always see where those seeds take root or how they will grow, but each one is part of the ministry we share.

We are grateful to our church leaders for sharing their voices, experiences, and faith with us today.

Crop Hunger Walk

Do we ever wonder where our next meal is coming from? Probably not too often, yet this is not the case for millions of people.

This year's Allentown Area CROP Hunger Walk is **October 18.** Our campaign to raise awareness, walk, and collect donations to fight hunger locally and worldwide begins today! You can be a meaningful part of this effort.

Donations can easily be made by sponsoring a walker or online through this link to our church's direct online donation page https://bit.ly/4gw4vQv or scan the QR code. Stop by the CROP table in our narthex for more information, to donate, or to sign up as a walker.

Thanks to our Ministry of Support, which again this year will contribute $100 for every walker, up to $1,000! Choose between the popular "Golden Mile" walk or the 10K through Allentown.

THANK YOU in advance for your participation and support. You are good.

Daybreak Meal—September 14

*F*aith 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.. (The office is closed on Mondays, so please make arrangements with someone who has a key.) 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.

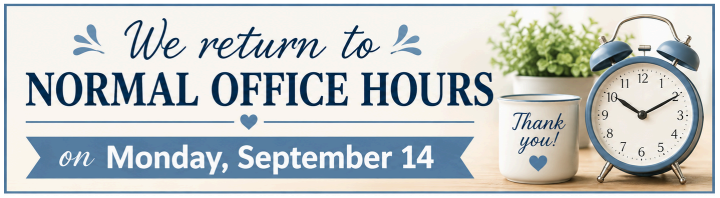
If you're able to help or would like more information, please speak with Carolyn Baittinger or Zona Farmer.

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.



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Church Office Hours
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Closed 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.

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.

Current needs:
Expo markers, clipboards, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, magnets, colored pencils, markers, crayons, regular adult scissors, 3-hole punch, single-hole punch, sensory items, loose-leaf paper, copy paper.

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

Scripture calls us to seek justice through love, kindness, and humble action. Through the World Communion Offering, Presbyterians support ministries promoting justice, global witness, and interfaith relationships here at home and around the world.

Once again, East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors (EPNHN) will receive the local 25% portion of our offering. EPNHN provides short-term assistance to families in the East Penn School District, helping them regain stability and independence.

Faith Presbyterian Church has supported this offering since signing the Commitment to Peacemaking in 1983. In 2024, our offering totaled $2,070, providing $517.50 to EPNHN; in 2025, we gave $2,570, providing $642.50.

As you prayerfully consider your gift, remember that together we make a difference. At the Lord's global table, none are strangers, regardless of language, culture, or circumstance.

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

Celebration of Life

The Celebration of Life service for **Peter Ferguson** will be held at Faith Church on Saturday, September 19 at 2 pm. There will be refreshments following.

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, September 13
9:30 am: Worship Service @ Devonshire Park
5:00 pm: Youth Group Kick-off Party

Monday, September 14
8:00 am: Garden
10:00 am: Conversations
1:30 pm: Daybreak Meal
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, September 15
5:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)
6:00 pm: Deacons Meeting (BR)

Wednesday, September 16
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
Noon: Word on Wednesday (P)
3:30 pm: Teachers' Closet
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers

Thursday, September 17
10:30 am: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 18: Office Closed

Saturday, September 19
2:00 pm: Celebration of Life for Peter Ferguson (S & FH)

nextweek

Sunday, September 20
9:30 am: Worship Service: Rev. Scott DeCaro

Monday, September 21
8:00 am: Garden
7:00 pm: Ministry to the Community (P)
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, September 22
5:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)

Wednesday, September 23
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
Noon: Word on Wednesday (P)
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers

Thursday, September 24
10:30 am: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 25: Office Closed

Saturday, September 26
9:00 am: Quilters (FH)

Pastor Becki is on sabbatical until September 28.

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

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

Name & email:_____

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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