Welcome to worship! This morning we celebrate creativity as a God-given gift that inspires new ideas, fresh possibilities, and a better tomorrow.

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

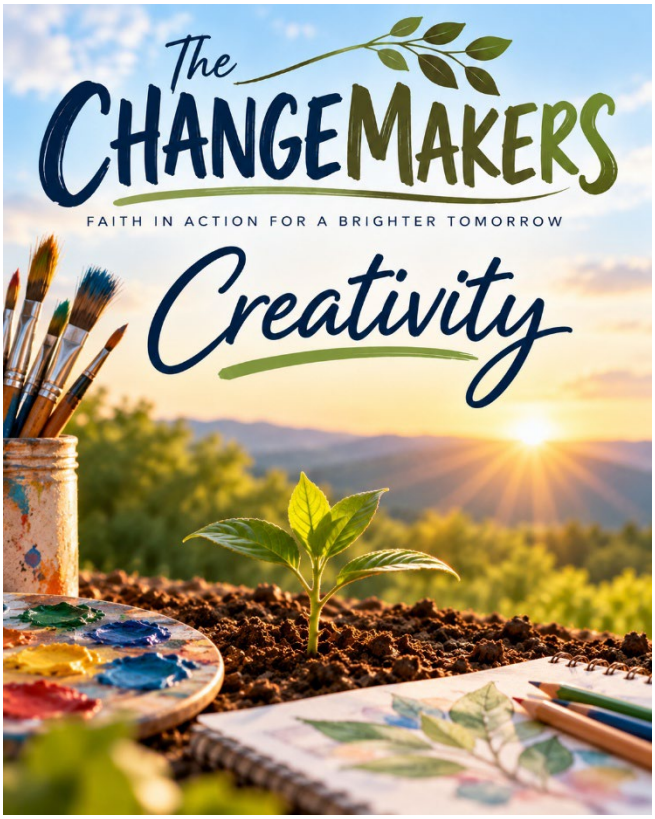
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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM ***OCTOBER 25, 2026***

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DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

694 Great God of Every Blessing



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.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009
MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864
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LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: Beloveds, sometimes we forget to be creative.

We forget to imagine. We forget to be curious. Instead of appreciating routines, we become locked into them. Instead of wondering what else something could be, we make the same old mistakes over and over. Our time of confession helps us imagine a new story: one where we move forward with the freedom of forgiveness. We can use our imaginations extravagantly to bless this world and, in doing so, bless God. So let us turn to God now in prayer.

All: Gracious God, we're sorry. We're sorry we stopped looking for you. We're sorry we stopped creating when you gave us a world where we can be changemakers who co-create alongside you. Break us free so we can see the world through your eyes. Let the extravagance of our love anoint you as our sibling and friend.

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"*

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP: Ministry of Support

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
3 You turn us back to dust,
and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”
4 For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.
5 You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
6 in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.
13 Turn, O LORD! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
14 Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,
and as many years as we have seen evil.
16 Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
17 Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands —
O prosper the work of our hands!

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON LUKE 7:36-50

36 One of the Pharisees asked Jesus[a] to eat with him, and when he went into
the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. 37 And a woman in the city who was a
sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an
alabaster jar of ointment. 38 She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and
began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his
feet and anointing them with the ointment. 39 Now when the Pharisee who had
invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would
have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she
is a sinner." 40 Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say
to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." 41 "A certain moneylender had two
debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 When they could
not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love
him more?" 43 Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the
greater debt." And Jesus[b] said to him, "You have judged rightly." 44 Then
turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I
entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my
feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. 45 You gave me no kiss, but
from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not
anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.
47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown
great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." 48 Then he said to
her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 But those who were at the table with him began
to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" 50 But he said
to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

MESSAGE *"Imagining How We Love"*

✳HYMN #705 *Spiral hymnal: Sing one time*

Change My Heart, O God



SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS
INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS
THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please use "debts & debtors".)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY *"Open My Eyes"*
Faithful Harmonizers

✳SONG OF RESPONSE #606 *"Doxology"*

✳PRAYER OF DEDICATION *(in unison)*

Generous and creative God, you don't tell us what to give or how much to give. You only clear the way so we *can* give. You welcome our gifts and help us see the blessings where they are. You help us wonder what we can do next. So take these gifts and help us to use them in creative ways, God: ways that honor you and bless this world you've given us to share. Amen.

✳HYMN #766 *"The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound"*
(sheet music on next page.)

✳CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Benediction"*

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

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766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

TEXT: Adam M. L. Tice, 2005 MC KEE
MUSIC: African American spiritual; *Jubilee Songs*, 1884; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1940 CM
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Faith Life

October 25, 2026

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!

Stewardship Update

If you are using the QR code in your letter to pledge online, please scroll down and complete the fields under the heading **"Financial Stewardship Commitment for 2027."** Please note: There are pledge cards in the pews.



Ripple Wish List

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





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Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am to Noon
Closed Fridays



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 a faith community is 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, Pastor Jo 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 group is a simple way to support our youth. To schedule or sponsor a meal, scan the QR code, click on the link https://bit.ly/4aGzCq1, or call Pastor Jo. Thank you for supporting our youth!









November 1: "Jesus Helps Us See"
(Mark 10:46-52/Empowerment)

November 8: "Being Prepared"
(Matthew 25:1-13)

November 15: "Don't Bury Your Talent"
(Matthew 25:14-30)

November 22: "Always Assume It's Jesus"
(Matthew 25:31-46)



Thank You!!

Thank you, Faith Church members and friends, for your financial commitment to this year's CROP campaign! Together with the $1,000 donation from our Ministry To The Community, we received more than $2,500.

Also, a special thank you to our dedicated CROP Walkers: Ginnie Tietjens, Sally Heimbach, Art Horst, Mary Horst, Mimi Gilbert, Doug Boyd, Erin Gill, John Gill.

And did you know? **Faith Presbyterian Church was the recipient of the coveted 2025 GOLDEN SNEAKER award at last Sunday's CROP Walk.** This is given to the group with the greatest donation increase from the previous year. We also received the GOLDEN SNEAKER award in 2023 and the BRONZE BOOTIE in 2015. They are all on display in the Narthex.

Thank you to everyone. Indeed, you all made a difference!



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 Dates:

- **Saturday, Nov. 7: 10:00 to 11:30 am**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 18: 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.

Highest needs: Tissues, hand sanitizer, Crayola crayons, colored pencils, Crayola markers, watercolor paint sets, Scotch tape, masking tape, earbuds, Band-Aids, and AAA batteries.

Also needed: Small pencil sharpeners, glue sticks, pencils, rubber bands, stickers, highlighters, magnets, Croc charms, composition books, Play-Doh, whiteboard markers.





Schedule

Sunday Morning Together is a welcoming, intergenerational time of fellowship, outreach, and fun following worship. All are invited to stay, connect, and grow together in faith!

- 10/25: Prepare Ripple utensils—wrap utensils in a napkin for the next Ripple meal, Fellowship
- 11/1: Potluck luncheon (Daybreak crew: Shepherd's Pie)
- 11/8: Cleanup Day with a light lunch
- 11/15: Deacon card making—decorate cards for the upcoming holiday seasons, Fellowship
- 11/22: ADVENT[ure] with a light lunch, prepare the church for Advent
- 11/29: Luminaries—prepare luminaries for distribution at the Holiday Craft Fair, Fellowship



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
K Kitchen
MR Music Room
P Parlor
PL Parking Lot
S Sanctuary
Z Zoom

this week

Sunday, October 25
10:00 am: Worship Service
5:00 pm: Youth Group Halloween Party

Monday, October 26
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, October 27
5:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)
7:15 pm: Ministry to the Congregation (P)

Wednesday, October 28
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 (S)

Thursday, October 29
10:30 am: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, October 30: Office Closed

Saturday, October 31
1:30 pm: Sound Sprouts (S & FH)

next week

Sunday, November 1
10:00 am: Worship Service: Communion
11:00 am: Potluck Luncheon
5:00 pm: Youth Group

Monday, November 2
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, November 3
7:00 am: General Election Voting (FH)
7:00 pm: Ministry of Support (BR)

Wednesday, November 4
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program
9:30 am: Women of Faith (BR)
Noon: Word on Wednesday (P)
5:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)
5:30 pm: Faithful Ringers (MR)
7:00 pm: Faithful Harmonizers (S)

Thursday, November 5
10:30 am: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, November 6: Office Closed

Saturday, November 7
9:00 am: Youth Group Community Service @ Luther Crest
10:00 am: Teachers' Closet

- **Flyer deadline**—November 16 @ 9 am
- **Daybreak**—December 14
  (not serving in November)
- **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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Nov. 8..... Clean-Up Day
Nov. 16..... Winter Flyer Deadline
Nov. 22..... ADVENT[ure]
Nov. 26..... Thanksgiving
Dec. 5..... Craft Fair
Dec. 13..... Congregational Meeting
Work Camp Cookie Sale
Dec. 24..... Christmas Eve
Dec. 25..... Christmas
Jan. 31, 2027..... Annual Congregational Meeting
Feb. 7..... Talent Show
Feb. 14..... Lenten Bible Study begins
Mar. 28..... Easter Breakfast