Welcome to worship! This morning, we reflect on how God calls us to boldly use the gifts we've been given to serve others and further God's kingdom.

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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Order of Worship

November 15, 2026

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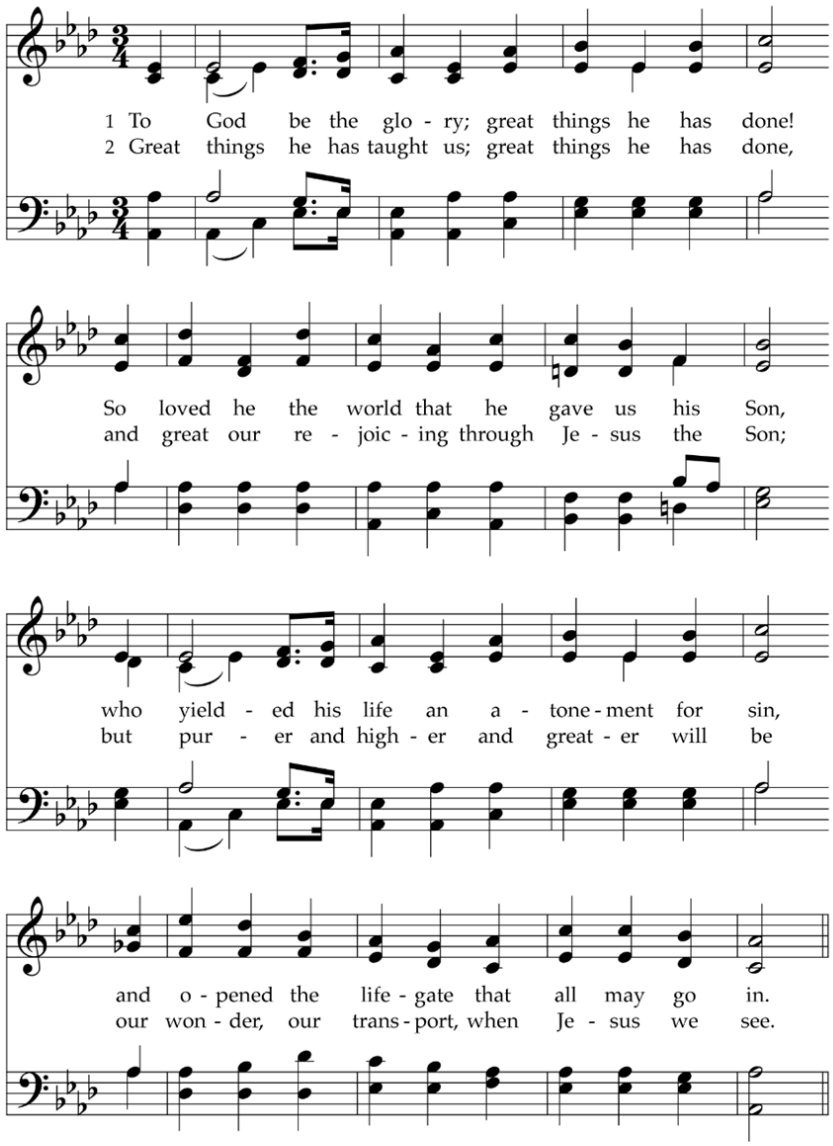
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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00 AM ***NOVEMBER 15, 2026***

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634 To God Be the Glory
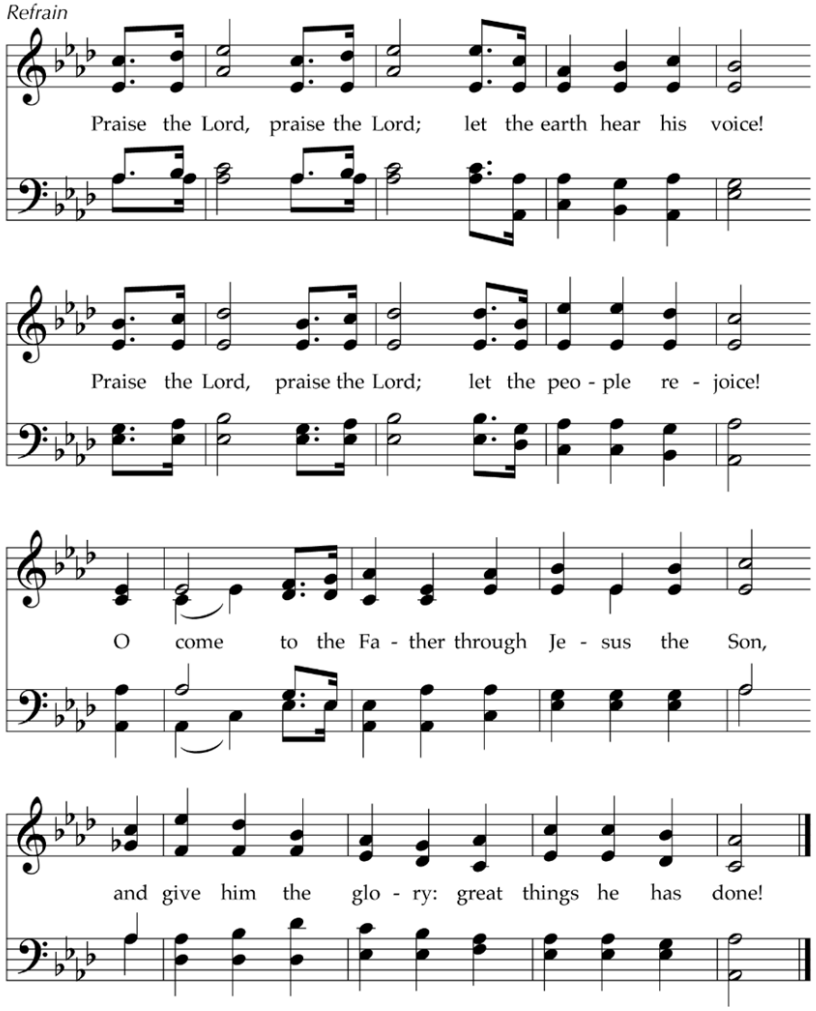


This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

TEXT: Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William Howard Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
11.11.11.11 with refrain

Refrain



LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: It's tempting to act with fear. It's tempting to think we know what God is about. We may have learned once that God is into punishment. Do this wrong, God will do this as punishment. Do good, God will reward you. Do something wrong or do something the wrong way, and prepare for gnashing of teeth. And yet Jesus tells us differently. Jesus' whole life tells us that God is about forgiveness and mercy. Jesus' story tells us that God acts with love and justice, and so we can use the gifts God gives us without fear. So in this prayer of confession, let us offer God our fear. Let us name what we fear about God and listen again for the ways God tells us a new story in Christ. Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, we are very good at second-guessing ourselves and second-guessing you. We are good at assuming we know what you want and what you will do in response to whatever it is we do or leave undone. So, sometimes we forget that our picture is incomplete. We forget that you have given us exactly what we need to be your beloved children. We forget you have given us exactly what we need to live faithful lives in service of the gospel. Help us to steward our gifts in ways that honor you and reflect your love and trust. Remind us of your love and mercy when we forget.

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 123:1-4

1 To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.
3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,
for we have had more than enough of contempt.
4 Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease,
of the contempt of the proud.
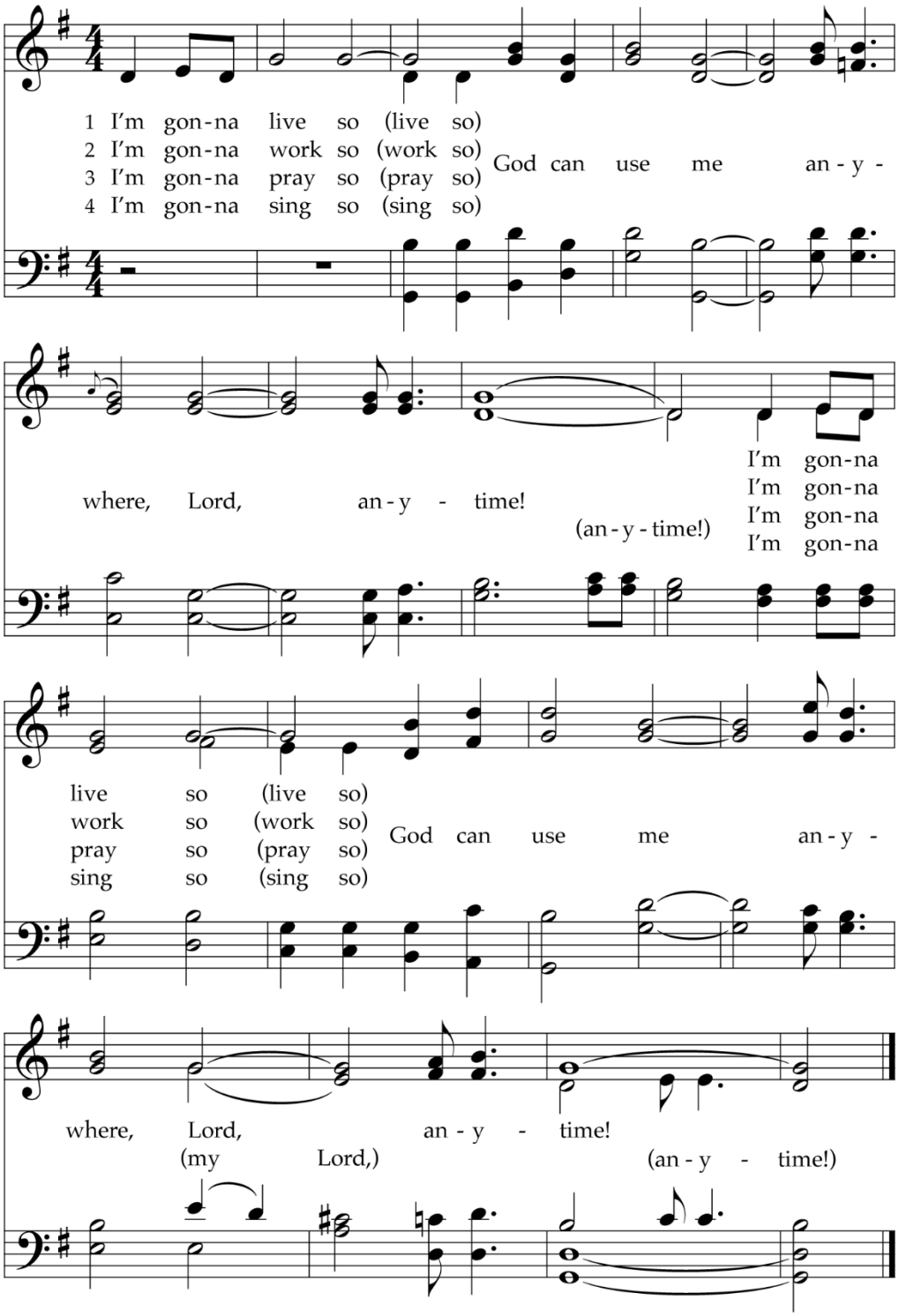
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON MATTHEW 25:14-30

14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his
property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to
each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received
the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the
same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who
had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's
money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with
them. 20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five
more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made
five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things;
enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And the one with the two talents also came
forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two
more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter
into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came
forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did
not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and
hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master replied,
'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and
gather where I did not scatter? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the
bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. 28 So
take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29 For to all those
who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who
have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30 As for this worthless slave,
throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

MESSAGE *"Don't Bury Your Talent"*

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me



This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

TEXT: African American spiritual
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984
Music Arr. © Estate of Wendell P. Whalum

I'M GONNA LIVE
Irregular

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS
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 — *"Pendaneni"*
Faithful Ringers

✳SONG OF RESPONSE #606 — *"Doxology"*

✳PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✳HYMN #177 — *"I Will Come to You (You Are Mine)"*
(Sheet music on next page.)

✳CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE — *"Somebody's Knocking At Your Door"*
Faithful Ringers
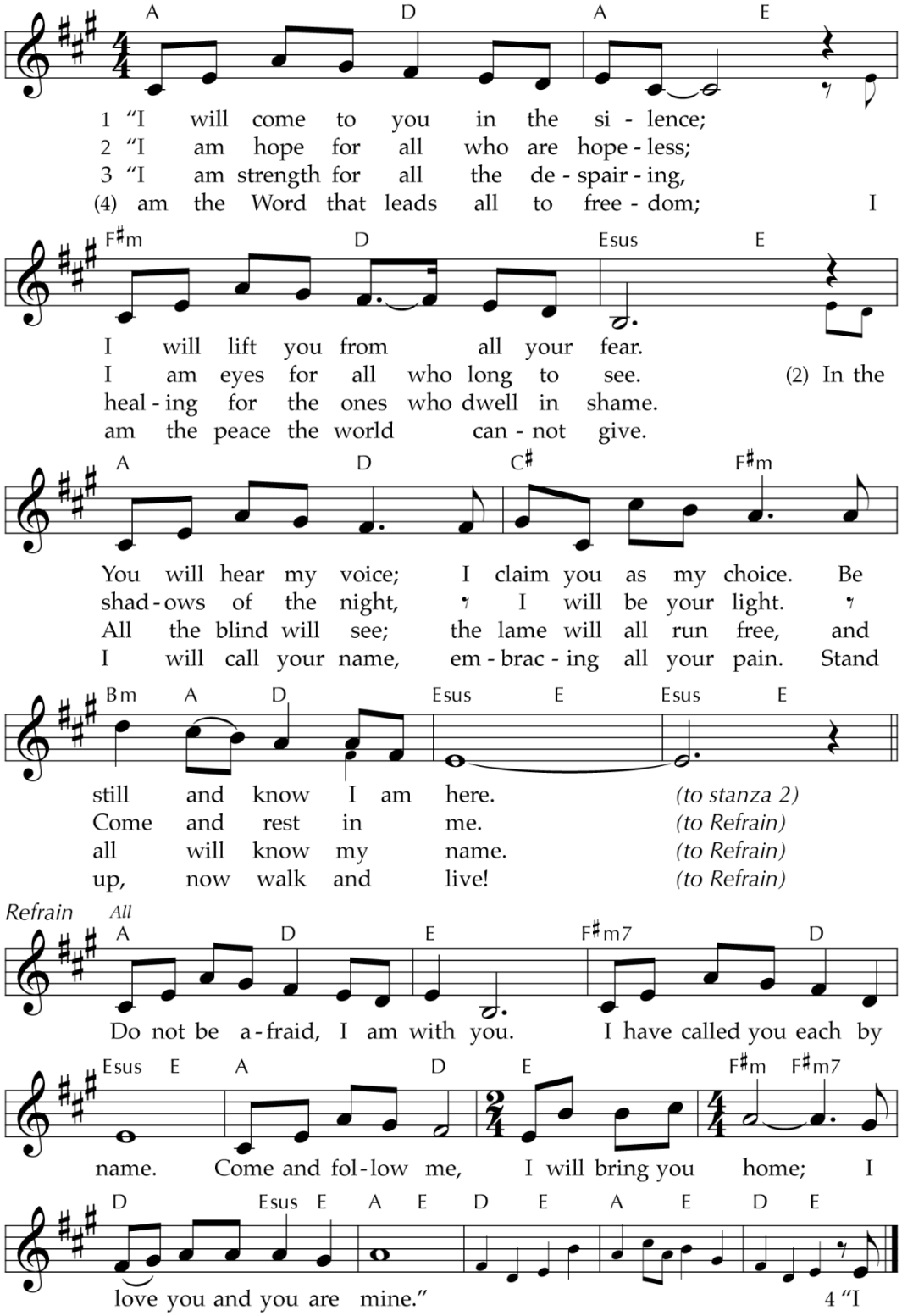
Please feel free to sit and reflect during the postlude or depart and join us in Fellowship Hall.

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177 I Will Come to You

You Are Mine

Leader or All



Presuming to speak in the voice of God, as this song does, can only be done with integrity if the singers understand their words as an expression of what they believe about God's nature and God's intentions. It is an occasion for affirming faith, not for wishful thinking.

TEXT and MUSIC: David Haas, 1991
Text and Music © 1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

YOU ARE MINE
Irregular

Faith Life

November 15, 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!





It's Time to Order Poinsettias!

It may only be early November, but it's already time to order the poinsettias that will beautify our sanctuary during the Christmas season!

Please consider honoring or remembering someone special with a poinsettia this year. Prices have increased slightly since last year, but your contribution will help fill our sanctuary with the beauty of the season.

The deadline for orders is Sunday, November 22, and it is FIRM! If you plan to mail your order, please do so right away to ensure it arrives on time. Late orders cannot be accepted.

Order forms are available in the pews and will also be included in the weekly email blast and posted on our Facebook group page.





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Church Office Hours

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



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!

- **11/15: Deacon card making—decorate greeting cards for the upcoming holiday seasons, create sympathy cards and get-well cards, 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
- 12/6: Potluck luncheon (Diane Policelli hosts)
- 12/13: Congregational meeting – report of the Nominating Committee and Pastor Terms of Call, Work Camp Cookie Sale, Fellowship
- 12/20: Christmas song fest – join us for a spirited sing-along, Fellowship
- 12/27: Fellowship

Do You Have an Extra Minute?

The Board of Deacons has identified the following members who are either confined to their homes, at a nursing facility, or sometimes unable to attend Sunday worship services:

- Barbara Newman
- Dick Garber
- Betsy Han
- Ruth Bieler
- Dottie Smickley

If you have an extra minute, perhaps you could call, send a card or even visit one of these members. Their phone numbers and addresses are located in the Faith Directory. Be a Deacon in your own right and help make someone's day a little brighter.





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

Advent: Reflecting with the Christmons

November 29: "Lord of All, Coming Soon"
(Mark 13:24-37)

December 6: "IYKYK (If You Know You Know)"
(Mark 1:1-8)

December 13: Christmas Cantata

December 20: "Gabriel's Spoilers"

December 24: "Christmas Storytellers"
(Luke 2:1-20)

December 27: Carol Sing



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.

Hosts are needed for April 3 and April 21.
There is a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the narthex.

Next Dates:

- **Wednesday, Nov. 18: 3:30–5:00 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Dec. 5: 10:00 to 11:30 a.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, masking tape, earbuds, Band-Aids, whiteboard markers, and AAA batteries.

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



Conversations

Conversations is on hiatus until the new year. If you have any questions about Conversations, speak to Anne Laubach or Donna Call.



Stewardship Update

Thank you for all the pledges we have received so far. While pledges will be accepted through the end of the year, the sooner we receive them, the better! Early commitments help us plan responsibly for the coming year and support the ministries and mission of our church.

Pledge cards are available in the pews.

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."





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, November 15
10:00 am: Worship Service
2:30 pm: Ripple Meal (carpool leaves at 2:00)
5:00 pm: Youth Group (5)

Monday, November 16
9:00 am: **Flyer Deadline**
7:00 pm: Ministry to the Community (P)
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (S)

Tuesday, November 17
5:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)
6:00 pm: Deacons' Meeting (BR)

Wednesday, November 18
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 (S)

Thursday, November 19
10:30 am: Sound Sprouts (2)
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, November 20: Office Closed

Saturday, November 21
9:00 am: Zumba (FH)
10:00 am: Quilters (FH)

next week

Sunday, November 22: Christ the King
10:00 am: Worship Service
11:00 am: ADVENT[ure]

Monday, November 23
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (S)

Tuesday, November 24
5:00 pm: Irish Dance Academy (FH)

Wednesday, November 25
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, November 26: Thanksgiving Office Closed
7:00 pm: Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, November 27: Office Closed

Saturday, November 28
9:00 am: Zumba (FH)

- **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. 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