Welcome to worship! Today we begin exploring how Christmons tell the story of our faith. What's up with the three triangles? Let's find out 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

Advent Candle Lighting: Word on Wednesday (WOW) Bible Study from noon to 1 pm in the Parlor, led by Pastor Becki

Worship Assistant: Lynn Ingram
Ushers: Janie Slamon, Bruce Luff
Deacon Greeter: Beth Folio

Audio: Sally Heimbach
Video:
Fellowship: Mel & Chas Shimer

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Order of Worship

November 29, 2026

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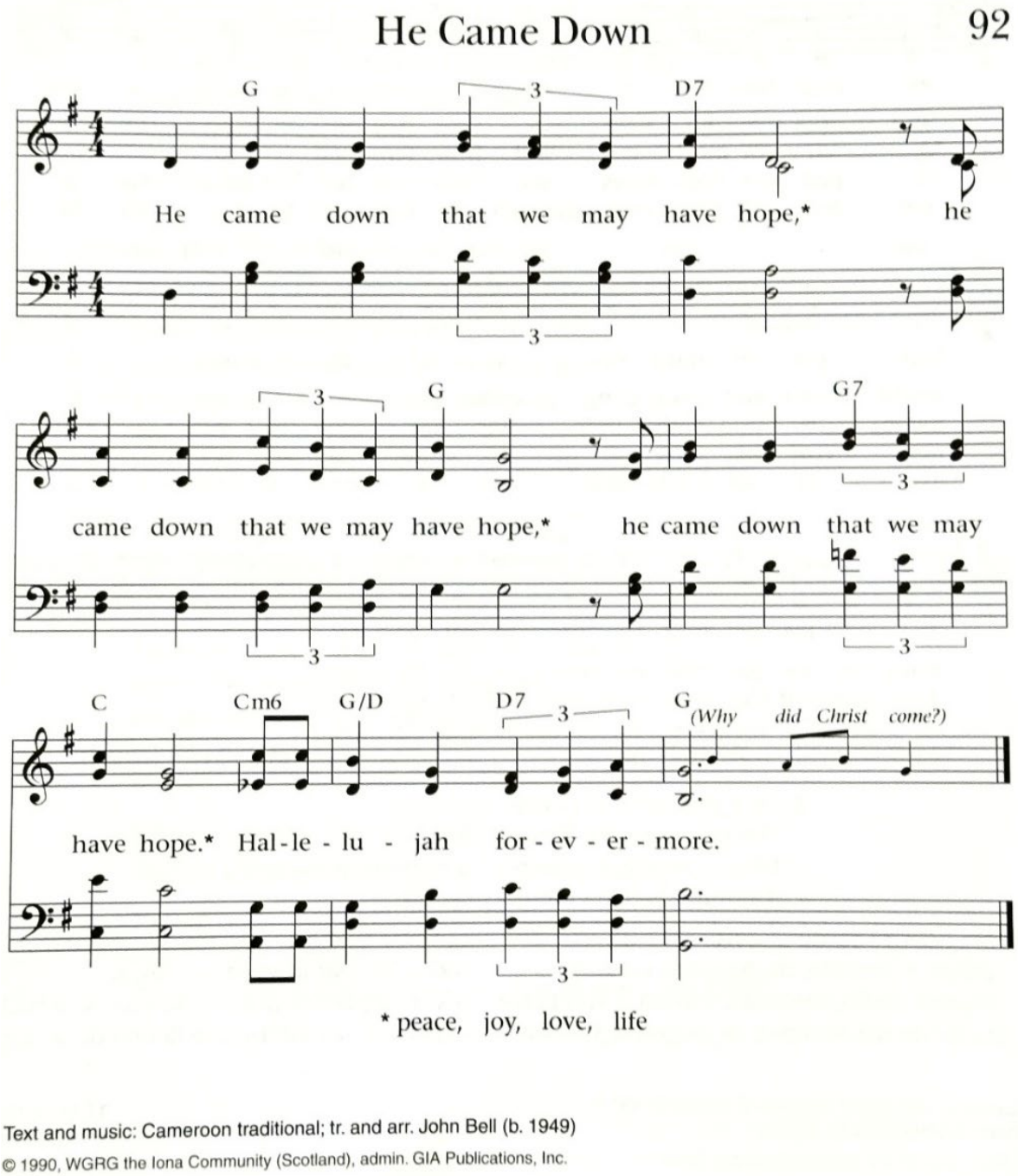
You can support the mission and ministry of our church by donating online at https://bit.ly/39QO3dQ. You can scan this QR code, which will take you directly to the donate page on our website. We deeply appreciate your generosity and are so thankful for each of you!

THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:00 AM ***NOVEMBER 29, 2026***

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SONG OF RESPONSE



Text and music: Cameroon traditional; tr. and arr. John Bell (b. 1949)

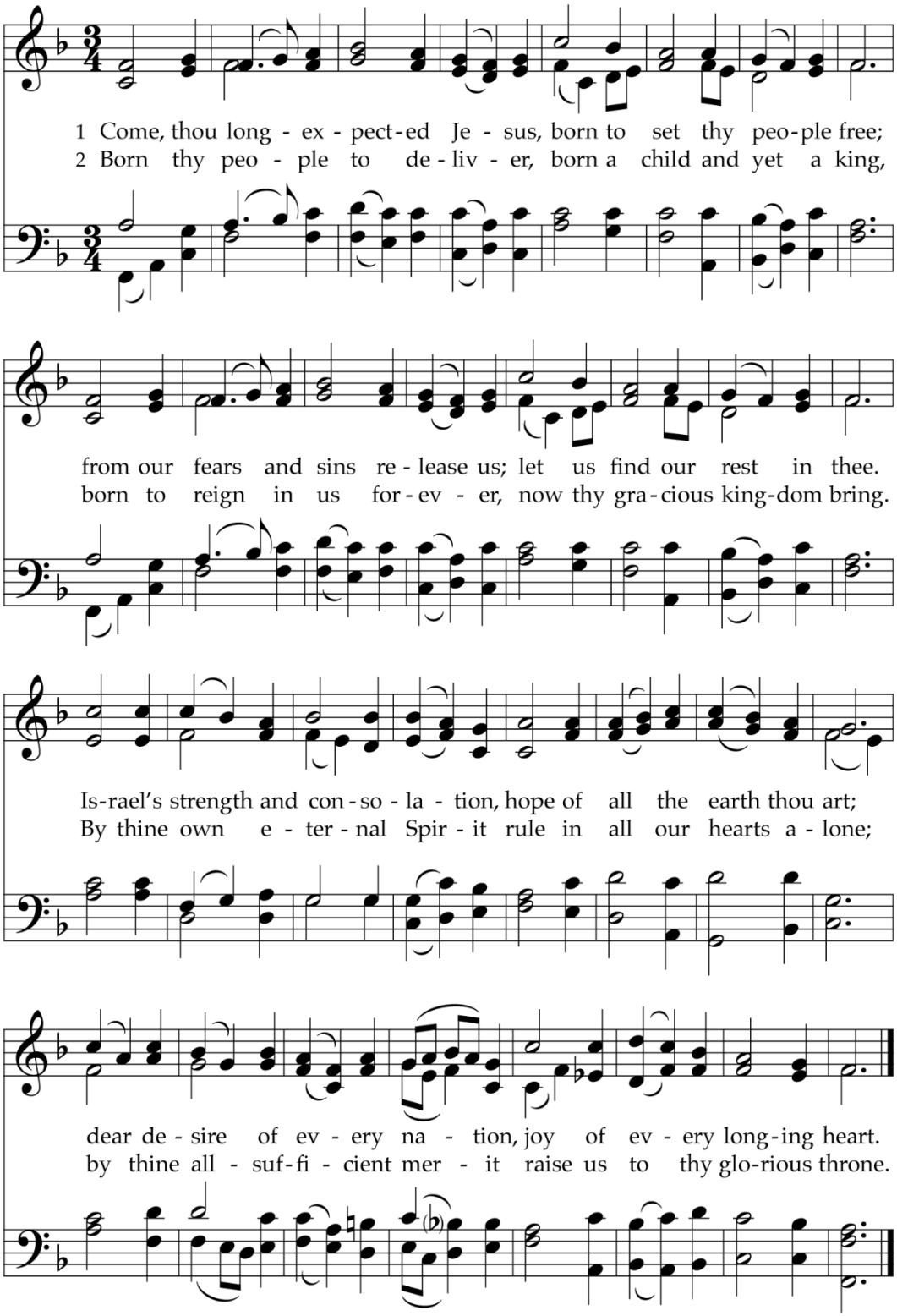
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Reader: Hope is where we begin.

All: May hope be our foundation. May hope be our fresh start. May hope be our new beginning.

OPENING PRAYER

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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(alternate tune: STUTTGART, 83)

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

One: There are moments when we stop paying attention. We become so fixated on the to-do lists and the hustle and bustle of the seasons that we forget to pause. We forget to appreciate what this season actually *is.* It is a miracle season, reminding us of this incredibly new thing God did: to come down as a human because God loves humans that much. And because of that love, there is forgiveness for what we have done and what we have left undone. Because of that love, we can come to the throne of grace with confidence, trusting that God's mercies never fail. Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, you invite us to pay attention. You challenge us to notice what you're up to. You send signs and wonders in ways that are both incredibly obvious and delightfully subtle. Hear our confession that we often avert our eyes. We often turn away not because we want to be rude, but because we don't remember to focus on what you're showing us. In this season of Advent, help us to turn back to you again. Help us to refocus our gaze on your story and the incredible truth of what your birth meant for us.

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

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

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

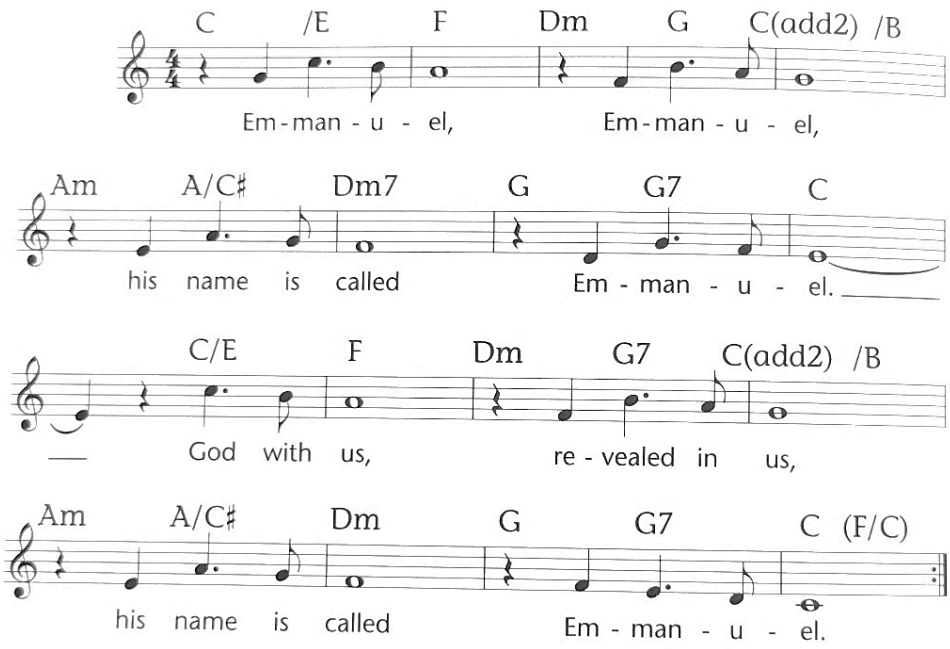
✳SHARING THE PEACE

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 *"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"*



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THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON ISAIAH 64:1-9

64 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 [a]as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.[b]
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered[c] us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

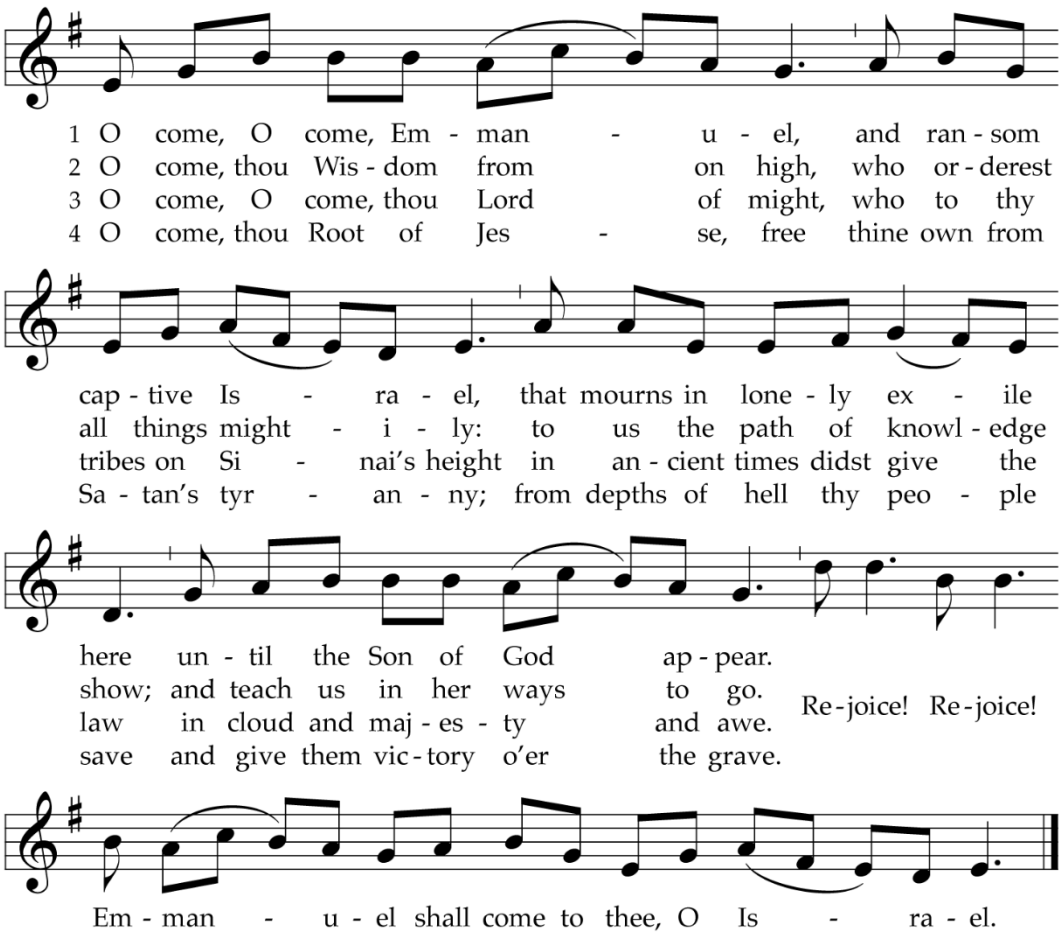
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON MARK 13:24-37

24 "But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
25 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory.
27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the[a] elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he[b] is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert,[c] for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.
35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

MESSAGE *"Lord of All, Coming Soon"*

✳HYMN #88 JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT *vv. 1-4*

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Maverick and Malachi Arndt

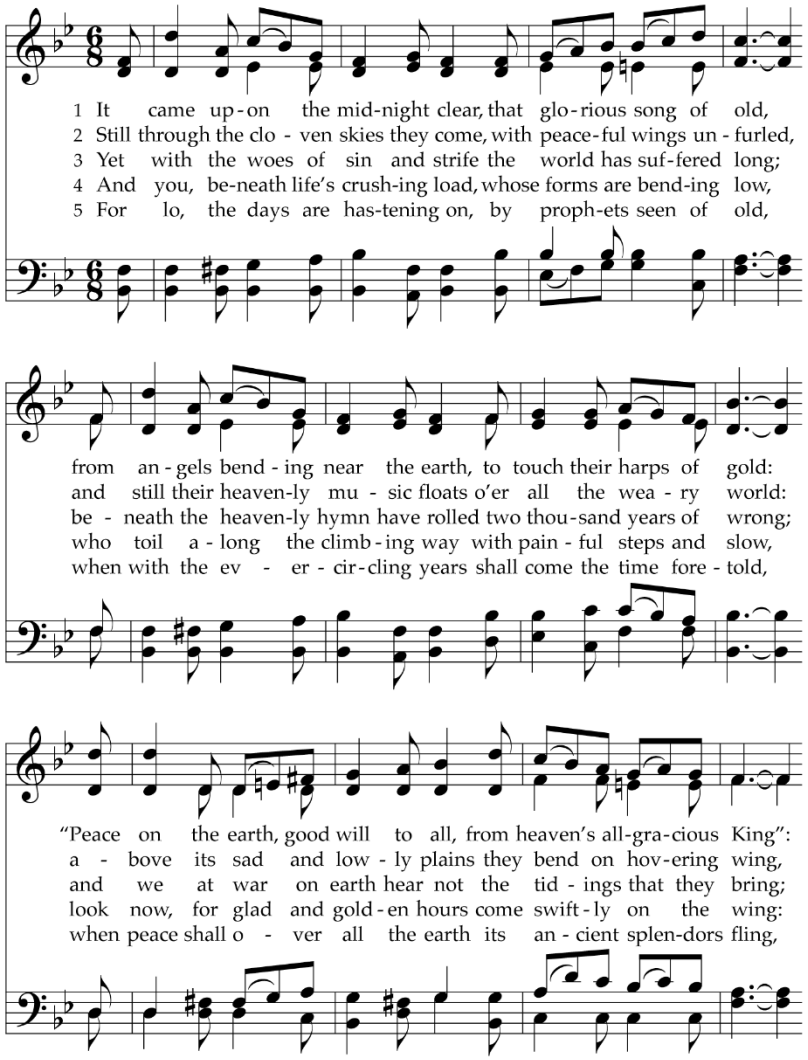
CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY *"Breath of Heaven"*
Sandy Jorgensen

✳SONG OF RESPONSE #606 *"Doxology"*

✳PRAYER OF DEDICATION

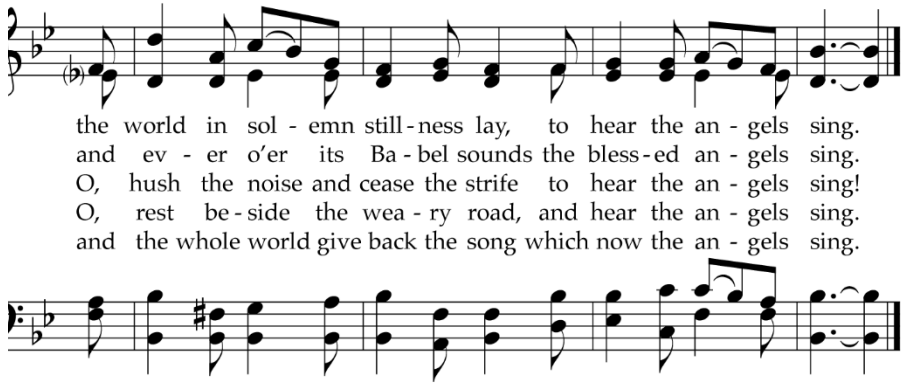
123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



The "it" of the first line of this text by a Unitarian minister does not refer to the birth of Jesus, but to "that glorious song of old," the angelic tidings of peace on earth. The restored third stanza laments how often the noise of human strife has obscured that message.

TEXT: Edmund Hamilton Sears, 1849, alt.
MUSIC: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

CAROL
CMD
(alternate tune: NOEL)



✳CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“Savior of the Nations, Come with O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after the postlude.

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Faith Life

November 29, 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!

Know Thyself

In the midst of cold and flu season (and whatever else might be going around), remember to pay attention to how you are feeling and who is around you. Stay home if you aren't feeling well. Listen to your body and get rest when you need it. Masks are not required, but are welcome for anyone who feels more comfortable with one, or anyone who might be feeling even a little under the weather. We can love our neighbors as we love ourselves when we take consideration for everyone's physical health.

Advent Mission Project



Takeout Bags for Daybreak Clients

This Advent, the Ministry to the Community committee invites you to help fill takeout bags for Daybreak clients. We offered these bags earlier this year, and they were very well received.

Daybreak, a program of the Lehigh Conference of Churches in Allentown, provides meals, support, and companionship for adults facing challenges such as homelessness, poverty, mental illness, and addiction.

While clients receive warm meals at the center, some may have limited access to food and shelter at other times. These bags will provide food and warmth beyond their time at Daybreak.

Our goal is to pack and deliver 100 bags in January.

We have already received a donation of 100 lip balms!

We still need 100 of each of the following items:

- Hand warmers
- Individual servings of applesauce
- Individual servings of pudding
- Granola bars
- Individually packaged peanut butter crackers

Donations may be placed on the collection table in the Sanctuary.

Thank you for helping us share Christ's love with our Daybreak neighbors this winter!



2026 Holiday Craft Fair

It's right around the corner!

The Holiday Craft Fair will be held on **Saturday, December 5**, from 9:00 am to 2:00 p.m. There are many ways to help with this important community event!

Vendor Support
Sally Heimbach is coordinating the vendor portion of the fair. Outside vendors will set up on Friday, December 4, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Sally could use assistance that evening, as well as one or two volunteers to help with vendor raffle prizes around 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please contact Sally if you are available.

Setup, Cleanup, and Event Support
Tim Bagnull is coordinating setup on Sunday, November 29, following worship, volunteer support during the fair, and cleanup at 2:00 p.m. on December 5. Please contact Tim if you can help.

Kitchen Help
Diane Policelli is coordinating the kitchen. Please contact Diane if you can lend a hand.

Crafts, Bake Sale, and Basket Raffle
The Women of Faith will offer crafts, a bake sale, and the extremely popular Basket Raffle! Contact Zona Farmer or Sue Lawall if you have crafts to donate or if you plan to bake.

Please consider how you can help make this year's Holiday Craft Fair a success!



Next Sunday, 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!

This month, the main dish will be **Chicken Pot Pie**, and our host, Diane Policelli, invites you to bring a favorite dish to share as follows, if your last name begins with:

A-L: Please bring a side dish.
M-Z: Please bring a dessert.

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Closed Fridays



Advent: Reflecting with the Christmons

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

December 13: Christmas Cantata

December 20: "Gabriel's Spoilers" (Luke 1:26-38)

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

December 27: Carol Sing



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!

- **11/29: 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

Kitchen Request

We are throwing out quite a bit of leftover food from the refrigerator and freezer.

If you are a Fellowship Time host and have leftover food, please take note of these requests:

- Take leftovers home or offer them to someone who can use them.
- If food must remain at church, please wrap it securely before refrigerating or freezing it. Label and date each container.



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!

Changes to the Weekly Email Blast

Following our recent Communications meeting, it was decided that the weekly Faith Highlights email is repetitive and has too much to view. So a change is being made. Our weekly Faith Highlights email will feature upcoming events and deadlines. Click the Weekly Bulletin link in the email to see the full announcements and the church calendar.



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.

As of November 7, we held five shopping days during the 2026–27 school year, welcoming an average of 12 teachers each day and educators from 10 school districts. Teachers frequently express their gratitude for this support.

The Ministry to the Community team also thanks the congregation for its continued generosity through donations of supplies and financial gifts. Your support helps keep the closet stocked and ready to welcome teachers.

With 11 shopping days remaining this school year, donations are still needed. Please visit our Amazon wish list by scanning this code.

Next Dates:

- **Saturday, Dec. 5:** 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 20:** 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Supply donations may be dropped off at the church office or in the Teachers' Closet room. Financial gifts may be mailed to the church office.

A volunteer is needed to host the shopping day on April 21, 2027. Hosts help by greeting the teachers, signing them in, and offering assistance. Please contact Sally Heimbach if you can help or would like to learn more.



Stewardship Update

Over several weeks in October and November, our church leadership groups shared how Faith Presbyterian Church is carrying out its mission through worship, ministry, fellowship, outreach, and service. These presentations highlighted the many ways God is working through our congregation.

If you have not yet made a pledge for 2027, please prayerfully consider doing so. Every commitment, regardless of size, supports the ministries that strengthen our church family and help us serve our community with faith, compassion, and love.

Although we will continue to receive pledges through the end of the year, receiving yours soon will help church leaders prepare a realistic budget and plan our ministries for 2027. Thank you to everyone who has already pledged and to all who support the life and work of our church.

Pledge cards are available in the pews, or you may submit your pledge online.

Winter is coming whether we want it or not.

We have a company that plows and salts our parking lot, main entrance and the Cherokee Street pavement. They do not remove the snow from the following walkways:

- into the Fellowship Hall
- from the parking lot (back door)
- the 2nd St. (garbage corral)
- the Slype (emergency exit)

We will need to do these. There are shovels and salt available to use located at the exterior doors.

Please contact Jeff Krause or Sally Heimbach for additional information.



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 29: Holiday Craft Fair Set-up
10:00 am: Worship Service
5:00 pm: Youth Group Work Camp Meeting (5)

Monday, November 30: Holiday Craft Fair Set-up
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale (S)
7:15 pm: Ministry to the Congregation (P)

Tuesday, December 1: Holiday Craft Fair Set-up
7:00 pm: Ministry of Support Meeting (BR)

Wednesday, December 2: Holiday Craft Fair Set-up
8:00 am: Rotary Foods Program (FH)
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, December 3: Holiday Craft Fair Set-up

Friday, December 4: Office Closed
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale Dress Rehearsal (S)

Saturday, December 5: Holiday Craft Fair
10:00 am: Teachers' Closet

next week

Sunday, December 6
10:00 am: Worship Service
1:30 pm: Emmaus Chorale Concert (FH & S)
5:00 pm: Youth Group (5)

Monday, December 7
7:00 pm: Emmaus Chorale wrap-up party (FH)

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

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

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

Friday, December 11: Office Closed
2:30 pm: Work Camp Cookie Baking (FH & Kitchen)

Saturday, December 12
9:00 am: Zumba (FH)

- **Flyer deadline**—February 15, 2027 @ 9 am
- **Daybreak**—December 14
- **Ripple**—March 14, 2027
- **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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Dec. 13..... Cantata, Congregational Meeting
Work Camp Cookie Sale
Dec. 20..... Christmas Joy Offering
Dec. 24..... Christmas Eve
Dec. 25..... Christmas
Dec. 28..... Last day for year-end giving
Dec. 31..... Annual Reports due

Jan. 10, 2027..... Congregational Meeting
Jan. 31..... Annual Congregational Meeting
Feb. 7..... Talent Show
Feb. 14..... Souper Bowl Offering
Lenten Bible Study begins
Feb. 15..... Newsletter Deadline
Mar. 28..... Easter Breakfast
Apr. 11..... Spring Clean-Up Day