

**Welcome to worship and a time of fellowship as the family of Christ. I invite you to greet those around you in the peace of the Lord.**

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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Fellowship: Deacons

**NOTE: Sheet music for the hymns can be found on the next page or pages.**

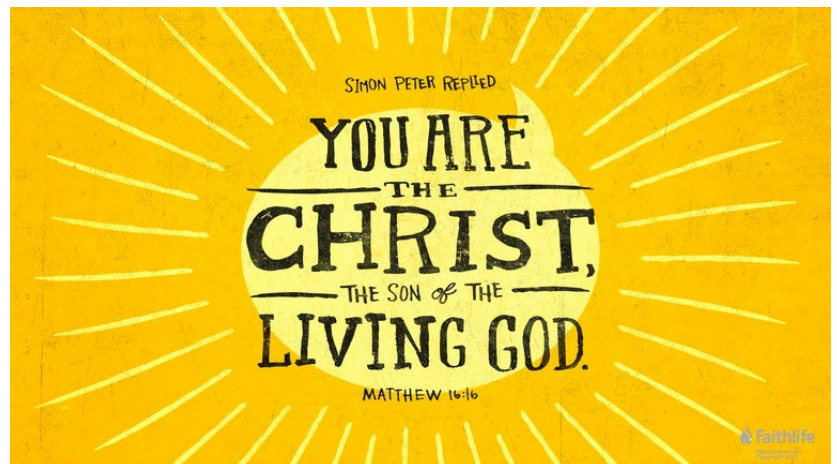


***Order of Worship***  
***August 27, 2023***

***Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus***

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## We Praise You, O God

612



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;  
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.  
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.

**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**10:00 AM**

**AUGUST 27, 2023**



THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship.

Please use the prelude time to turn your attention to God's presence and help. Nurturing our relationships and friendships in fellowship is essential to our life as a congregation, so please continue to do so following our time of worship.

*\* Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**FOCUSING UPON GOD'S PRESENCE AND VOICE**

PRELUDE

*"Jesus, My Treasure"*

AMANDA PARKER  
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Hallelujah! You who serve God, praise God!

People: Just to speak his name is praise. Just to remember God is a  
blessing – now and tomorrow and always.

Leader: God is higher than anything and anyone, outshining everything you  
can see in the skies.

People: Hallelujah!

**\*OPENING PRAYER** *(read only by Worship Assistant)*

Almighty God, we come into this place this morning to worship you. You are the rock of our salvation and our great redeemer. As you build your church on us, remind us to see everyone through your eyes: as worthy of love just as we are worthy of love. Let us not keep your love a secret in how we live or in how we worship. Amen.

**\*HYMN #612**

*"We Praise You, O God"*

PUBLIC DOMAIN

## LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

**Leader:** God gives us access to His love and mercy. There are times when we forget we have such access. And there are times when we hoard access and block others from experiencing a love that knows no end. Confession invites us to admit how much we need a Savior and reminds us that God's forgiveness is already available to us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess together.

**People:** Gracious God, sometimes we forget what it means to be your disciple. We get so busy and distracted that we don't see you clearly in our midst. We get so annoyed by something or someone else that we forget how to be neighbors who love. We forget that sometimes love means making hard choices and standing up for what's right. Lord, remind us again. Remind us again of your call to love you and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Remind us again that you are building your church on us and through us as we learn and relearn how to live in community together. Hear our prayers as we confess both things we have done and things we have left undone.

**Leader:** Lord, in your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayers.

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

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### \*SHARING THE PEACE

**Leader:** Since God has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

**Leader:** 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** *(read only by Worship Assistant)*

Gracious God, as you build your church, may each of your words be another brick in our foundation. Give us eyes to see and hearts and minds to listen so we can get the complete picture of the story you're trying to tell us. Then help us as we try to tell the story in our words and deeds. Amen.

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**PSALM 124**

<sup>1</sup>If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—let Israel now say—  
<sup>2</sup>if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,  
<sup>3</sup>then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;  
<sup>4</sup>then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;  
<sup>5</sup>then over us would have gone the raging waters.  
<sup>6</sup>Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.  
<sup>7</sup>We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
<sup>8</sup>Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**MATTHEW 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

GOD’S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

## 66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my  
heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the  
Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's  
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the  
mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so  
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

fine,  
track. till I asked my Lord if all was mine.  
It runs to heav - en and then right back.

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

TEXT: African American spiritual  
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. Joseph T. Jones, 20th cent.; adapt. Melva Wilson Costen, 1989  
Music Adapt. © 1990 Melva Wilson Costen

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## SHARING JOYS &amp; 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

Holy Harmonizers

#### *"The Church's One Foundation"*

HYMN #321

PUBLIC DOMAIN

*At this time, we are not passing an offering plate.*

*Please find the plate by the door for in-person giving.*

*See the back page of the bulletin for additional info on how to give. Thank you for your generosity!*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \*HYMN #626

#### *"As the Deer"*

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626 As the Deer

As the deer pants for the wa - ter, so my  
soul longs af - ter you. You a - lone are my  
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.  
You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a - lone  
may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my  
heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship you.

#### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

#### *"Voluntary on 'Dix'"*

DAVID KIDWELL

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



# Faith Life

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

We hope you'll join us following worship for beverages, snacks, and fellowship.

Please note...the nursery is closed during August.

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

You might think that assisting during worship is daunting, but it is easier than you think! Spoon-fed instructions are provided, with all the necessary materials. Everything is prepared for you! Yet, as easy as it is, volunteers are always needed. Here are the immediate dates where worship assistants are needed:

October 1, 8, 22 & 29

Contact Sally Heimbach. Thank you.



## FELLOWSHIP HOSTS NEEDED

Everybody loves fellowship time following worship. It's a wonderful time to catch up with your church family! Hosting is easy, but we still need people to volunteer. Instructions are provided. Here are the immediate dates where hosts are needed:

September 24; all of October

Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex, or contact Sally Heimbach. Thank you.



## FALL CLEAN-UP IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

The Ministry of Support Committee will be holding a fall clean up day on Sunday, October 29 following worship. A light lunch will be served. Please plan on staying.



## EMMAUS COMMUNITY YARD SALE

We will be participating in the Emmaus Community Yard Sale day on **Saturday, September 9.**

WOF will be having a bake sale and have some items for sale. **Bakers are needed!** Speak with Sandy Gingrich or Sue Lawall for details.

We have some items from the church to sell.

We also have one outside group using the space.

There is space available if you would like to participate.

If you have items you would like to donate, here is the process.

- Bring the items, already priced, to the church on Friday September 8. Please contact Sally Heimbach to set up a delivery time.
- On Sunday September 10, come to church and pick up any items that have not sold

Contact Sally Heimbach with any questions or concerns.



## FUNDING OUR MISSION & VISION

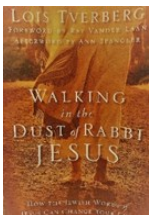
Pledge cards will be mailed out the week of October 9 and Pledge Dedication will be on Sunday, October 29.

## THURSDAY WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP—FALL 2023

### JOIN US FOR COFFEE/"OPEN HOUSE"

Sept. 14, 2023 at 10 a.m. in church parlor

Our regular study will begin on Thurs. Sept. 21. We are studying the book, Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus. Come and see what we are about! Questions: Anne Laubach



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## CHURCH OFFICE IS ON SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday - Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon.  
Closed on Mondays and Fridays.



## **TWO WEEKS OF FAITH**

This calendar is prepared a few days prior to distribution.  
Please see the church [website](#) for the most up-to-date information.

Key	
BR	Brick Room
FH	Fellowship Hall
MR	Music Room
P	Parlor
S	Sanctuary
Z	Zoom

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Sunday, August 27**

10:00 a.m.— Worship Service

#### **Monday, August 28**

7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale (FH)

#### **Tuesday, August 29**

#### **Wednesday, August 30**

8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH)  
9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR)  
5:30 p.m.— Faithful Ringers rehearsal  
7:00 p.m.— Faithful Harmonizers rehearsal

#### **Thursday, August 31**

7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

#### **Friday, September 1**

**Church Office Closed**

#### **Saturday, September 2**

9:00 a.m.— Crazy Quilters (FH)

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **Sunday, September 3**

10:00 a.m.— Worship Service

#### **Monday, September 4 Labor Day**

**Church Office Closed**

3:00 p.m.— Emmaus Garden Club set-up (FH)

#### **Tuesday, September 5**

9:00 A.M.—Garden Club (FH)  
7:30 p.m.— Ministry of Support (P)

#### **Wednesday, September 6\***

**Church Office Closed**

8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH)  
9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR)  
5:30 p.m.— Faithful Ringers rehearsal  
7:00 p.m.— Faithful Harmonizers rehearsal

#### **Thursday, September 7**

7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

#### **Friday, September 8\***

Yard Sale set-up

#### **Saturday, September 9**

Yard Sale

**\*Please note that the church office is closed Wednesday and open Friday this week.**

### **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Multiple fires continue to burn in Hawai'i on the islands of Maui and Hawai'i (The Big Island). While there are no PC(USA) congregations on those islands, PDA is collaborating with UCC and other [National VOAD](#) members to respond.



An initial response grant has been disbursed to address emergency needs, and PDA will be present through the long-term recovery phase. Emergency needs include but are not limited to food, shelter, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), medicine and more.

To support our response, **gifts to aid Maui can be designated to DR000165.**

Scan this QR code to donate to aid disaster relief, or send a check with PDA in the memo line, mail to:

Presbyterian Disaster c/o  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

**Daybreak Meal—September 11**  
**Winter Flyer deadline—November 19**  
**2023 Per Capita—\$48.00**

### **LOOKING AHEAD...**

Sept. 9..... Community Yard Sale  
Sept. 10..... Sunday Morning Together  
                    Welcome back luncheon  
Sept. 11..... Office returns to regular hours  
Sept. 15..... Evening on the Lawn  
Sept. 16..... Farewell to Summer Festival  
Oct. 1..... Peace & Global Witness Offering  
                    Pot Luck Luncheon  
Oct. 22..... Crop Walk for Hunger  
Oct. 20..... Evening on the Lawn  
Nov. 19..... Winter Newsletter Deadline  
Dec. 2..... Women of Faith Craft Fair  
Dec. 17..... Christmas Joy Offering,  
                    Work Camp Cookie Sale