Welcome! God says: "Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth" (Psalm 78:1). Let us listen for God's voice as we worship.

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 <a href="https://bit.ly/FPClive">https://bit.ly/FPClive</a>

Worship Assistant: Joanne Herring Ushers: Deanna & Jim Robinson Deacon Greeter: Carolyn Benner

Nursery:

Audio: Sally Heimbach Video: Mark Ingram

Fellowship: Pot Luck Lunch

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



Order of Worship
October 1, 2023

Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus

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#### THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

10:00 AM OCTOBER 1, 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 "Prelude on 'Rendez a Dieu"

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: From north and south and east and west,

People: all creation sings forth your praises!

Leader: The mountains and the hills burst into song;

People: the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Leader: Your steadfast love never ceases.

People: With joy and peace, let us worship God together.

#### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

\*HYMN #525 *"Let Us Break Bread Together"*Sheet music on the next page.

## Let Us Break Bread Together 525



#### LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Leader: God's grace was given to us in Christ before the ages began. In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. Trusting in Christ's mercy that never ends, let us with honesty confess our sins before God and one another.

People: Gracious Lord, you created the whole world and called it good, but we look at your world and see division and suffering. You call us to maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, but we choose division over diversity, confrontation over civility, conflict over peace born from justice. You call us to love the least of these among us, but we hear the cries of the oppressed and choose our own comfort. We allow senseless suffering rather than sacrifice for our neighbors. Forgive us. Grant us fresh vision to see one another as siblings in Christ. Rekindle in us your gifts – the spirit of power, love, and self discipline – that with faith in Christ, we might be made new and be part of bringing forth your peaceable kingdom.

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.

**\*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581** 

GLORIA PATRI

#### THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

<sup>3</sup>things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

<sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

<sup>12</sup>In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

<sup>13</sup>He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.

<sup>14</sup>In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

<sup>15</sup>He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.

<sup>16</sup>He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

17From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**MESSAGE** 

"God is With Us"

**APOSTLES' CREED** 

**GATHERING JOYS & CONCERNS** 

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

**OFFERTORY** 

"Let Me Touch Him"

Featuring Sandy Gingrich & Ann Greenwood

**DOXOLOGY #606** 

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### \*HYMN #530

#### "One Bread, One Body"



## CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: We give you thanks and praise, God of all Creation, for the blessing of your earth and all your children, for the mercies you pour forth in fresh rains and harvests of plenty, for joy that comes in the morning. We are a grateful people. You created a world of harmony and peace, but our yearning for power and privilege throughout history led to division and conflict, suffering and violence. We give thanks that you sent prophets and poets to lament and remind to bear witness and call us to yet a better way. to write the vision of a peaceable kingdom for all to see. With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly chorus to sing:

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: We give you thanks that in the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus to bear witness to your mercy, grace and love. In his living, he showed us how to love. In his dying, he offered us undeserved mercy. In his rising, he granted us grace. Through the gift of faith, even faith as small as a mustard seed, his witness rekindles in us the gifts of God, not so that we can hold onto these gifts for ourselves but so that we can be united across the globe as one family of faith gathered around one table, sharing in one holy meal, sustained by a love that binds us together in peace. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our many tables trusting that Christ is the host of our sacred meal together. May the blessing of grain from the earth and fruit of the vine be a reminder of the true joy of communion that unites us in one worldwide covenant of love. Sustained by your Word, fed by this holy meal, may we go out with joy and be led forth in peace; through Christ our peace.

People: Amen.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

"Break Thou the Bread of Life"

PRAYER (in unison)

Gracious God, we thank you for all that you are and all that you call us to be. We pray for your guidance as we seek to do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with you. We pray for your guidance as we live to embody your peace in our world. We pray for Creation and pray for your presence as we love you and love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

\*HYMN #80 *"You Shall Go Out With Joy"*Sheet music on the next page.

### You Shall Go Out with Joy



#### **\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

#### **POSTLUDE**

"Postlude Brevis on 'Beach Spring"

#### **Music Licensing Information**

Prelude OneLicense.net A-713988

Hymn #525 CCLI 1695793
Offertory CCLI 1695793

Hymn #530

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Communion Hymn #80

CCLI 1695793

Postlude

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### Faith Life

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

We hope you'll join us following worship for our monthly Pot Luck Luncheon.

#### COMMUNION INCLUSION—INTINCTION

Communion is by intinction this morning. For those needing allergen free foods, the pastor will have brown rice crackers, which are wheat free, gluten free, soy and nut free.



**TODAY:** Following worship this morning, we will gather together for our **Pot Luck Luncheon**. The Ministry to the Congregation Committee invites all to attend! The main course is a **Potato Bar**,

which the committee will supply. (Please note the change from last week's announcement.) Side dishes and desserts will be supplied by church friends and family.

• October 8: Fellowship time. Celebration of Columbus Day and Indigenous People's Day weekend.

See the back of this page for a list of SMT's future Sunday and mid-week events.



#### **GENEROSITY ABOUNDS!**

The Leap of Faith offering is a special invitation to give a little extra from your treasures to help with some upcoming unbudgeted church expenses. As of last week's counting, we have currently raised \$8,667. A final total for the Leap

of Faith giving will be announced after the online offering for September has been recorded.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity! We will be receiving the Leap of Faith offering through the end of September. We are grateful for your support of our mission to "live and share the miracle of God's grace" in this way!

# <u>Do You Know What a Lancelet Is?</u> Then join us on Oct. 8, following worship to hear about FINAL STAGE of the STAINED GLASS PROJECT

On October 8<sup>th</sup>, following worship, there will be an informational meeting on the final stage of the stained alass project.

With the completion of the clerestory stained glass windows, the stained glass committee would like to start the conversation on the final stage of the project, the lancelet windows.



#### YOU ARE WITH ME. PSALM 23

The **Peace & Global Witness Offering** draws Presbyterians together, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

The **Peace & Global Witness Offering** encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission to those around the corner and around the world.

A gift to the **Peace & Global Witness Offering** enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world.

Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of the Peace & Global Witness Offering to sustain their local peacemaking ministries. We will be giving our 25% to East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Their mission is to serve families within the East Penn School District through multi-faceted short-term assistance in order to help restore and sustain healthy, independent living.

Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. Lehigh Presbytery uses their 25% to fund churches mission projects. Faith Presbyterian Church has been a recipient of this fund.

The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering will be received today, World Communion Sunday, October 1.

In **2022, Faith Presbyterian Church** received **\$1,780.00**, with **\$445.00** going towards support of *East Penn Neighbors Helping Neighbors*.

Will we be able to increase this amount in 2023?

Please prayerfully consider contributing to this worthy annual program.

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#### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon. Closed on Fridays.



Sunday Morning Together brings our church family together for fellowship and special activities. Most activities take place right after worship. Children of God of all ages are welcome!

10/15 Kindness Bingo and Fellowship

10/22 CROP Walk and Fellowship

10/29 Church Clean-Up Day & Lunch

11/5 First Sunday Luncheon

**11/12** Deacon Xmas cards

11/19 Decorate Luminaries

11/26 Church Advent Decorating

**12/3** First Sunday Luncheon

**12/10** Cookies and bags for Daybreak

12/17 Work Camp cookie sale

**12/24** Fellowship (Xmas Eve!)

**12/31** Fellowship

#### SUPPORT OUR YOUTH! But How?

**Sponsoring a meal** for our Youth Groups is a very beneficial and easy way to show your support for our youth. (For a rewarding experience, consider joining them



for the meal and getting to know them better.) <u>It's easy</u> - scan the QR code to schedule/sponsor your meal, or you can call Pastor Jo Marchetto, our Youth Director. What a wonderful way to show interest in and support our youth! <u>Thank you</u>.

#### GIVING TO FAITH CHURCH IS EASY!

You can donate via credit card or a direct transfer from your bank. Just scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera to bring up a link to our website, click the GIVE NOW button on the church website, and fill out the form. For more information about this option, please read the details about electronic giving on the <a href="Donate">Donate</a> page of the church website: <a href="http://faithchurchemmaus.org/donate/">http://faithchurchemmaus.org/donate/</a>

#### WORD ON WEDNESDAY (WOW)

Our Wednesday at noon Bible study has started up again! We're jumping back into the Gospel of Matthew, starting at Matthew 18. Reading the gospel together helps us process and learn together as we grow together. All are welcome!



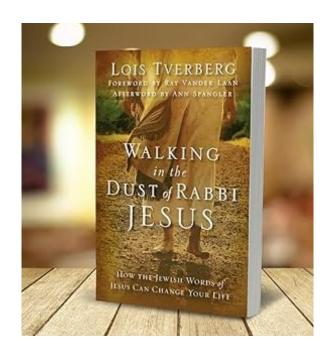
#### THURSDAY WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

#### Fall 2023

This Group meets Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:30 in homes of our members for coffee, study, laughter and prayer.

Join us this fall through early December as we study some of Jesus' most important words and stories in light of their Jewish context.

Interested? Contact Anne Laubach or Deanna Robinson





#### FALL CLEAN-UP

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. Questions? Speak to Sally Heimbach.

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

You might think that assisting during worship is a bit 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 dates where worship assistants are needed:

November 12

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:



October 8, Nov. 19 & 26

Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex, or contact Sally Heimbach. Thank you.  $\begin{tabular}{ll} \hline \end{tabular}$ 

#### CROP WALK



The Ministry to the Community Committee will pledge \$100 to the first ten walkers who sign up for the CROP Walk on October 22. This will apply to both the mile option and the 10K option. We currently have five walkers signed up. Can we get another five?

#### PER CAPITA UPDATE

The per capita payment has portions sent to the Lehigh Presbytery, the Synod of the Trinity and the General Assembly to help pay for the operation expenses of those organizations.



As of 9/25, we have received **\$4,268.00** towards our total payment of \$11,904.00. The apportionment for 2023 is \$48.00 per member.

You can pay your per capita online, or by check made out to Faith Presbyterian Church. Thank you!

#### FUNDING OUR MISSION & VISION

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



# Holiday Craft Fair December 2, 2023 9 AM to 3:00 PM

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- Christmas Ornaments
- Totes, Purses
- Jewelry
- Paintings
- Handmade Baskets
- Dog Treats
- Soaps & Lotions
- Embroidered Items
   Quilted Items
- Candy & Bake Sale
- Hand Painted Items
- ...and much, much more!

Faith Presbyterian Church



Help with preparation is always needed! Many hands make light work. As we get closer to the date of the Holiday Craft fair, more help is appreciated. Crafting skills are not necessary! There are tasks for anyone. If you want to help, join Women of Faith in the brick room at the church on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

More vendors are needed for this year. Please share with anyone who might be interested in participating! Those who want to learn more should reach out to Sue Lawall.

#### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

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





#### 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.

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

Zoom

#### **NEXT WEEK**

#### Sunday, October 1 <u>Peace & Global Witness Offering</u>

10:00 a.m. - Worship Service

11:00 a.m.— Pot Luck Luncheon (FH)

2:30 p.m.— Youth Group Back to the Arcade

#### Monday, October 2

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

7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale (FH)

7:15 p.m.— Ministry to the Congregation meeting (P)

#### Tuesday, October 3

9:00 a.m.— Emmaus Garden Club (FH)

5:30 p.m.— Crazy Quilters (FH)

7:30 p.m.— Ministry of Support meeting (P)

#### Wednesday, October 4

8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH)

9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR)

Noon— Word on Wednesday (P)

5:30 p.m.— Faithful Ringers rehearsal

7:00 p.m.— Faithful Harmonizers rehearsal (S)

#### Thursday, October 5

9:30 a.m.— Thursday Women's Study Group

7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

#### Friday, October 6

#### Church Office Closed

#### Saturday, October 7

9:00 a.m.— Zumba (FH)

10:00 a.m.— Crazy Quilters (FH)

4:30 p.m.— Outside Use (FH)

#### **NEXT WEEK**

#### Sunday, October 8

10:00 a.m.— Worship Service

11:00 a.m.— Sunday Morning Together (FH)

Noon— Confirmation Class Meeting (P)

5:00 p.m.— Middle School Youth Group

6:30 p.m.— High School Youth Group Book Club

#### Monday, October 9

1:00 p.m.— Emmaus Garden Club Board (FH)

7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale (FH)

#### Tuesday, October 10

7:00 p.m.— Session Meeting (BR)

#### Wednesday, October 11

8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH)

9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR)

Noon— Word on Wednesday (P)

5:30 p.m.— Faithful Ringers rehearsal

7:00 p.m.— Faithful Harmonizers rehearsal (S)

7:00 p.m.- EPNHN (P)

#### **Thursday, October 12**

9:30 a.m.— Thursday Women's Study Group

7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

#### Friday, October 13

Church Office Closed

Youth Group Community Service

#### Saturday, October 14

9:00 a.m.— Zumba (FH)

Daybreak Meal—November 13
Daybreak is closed on our October date.
Winter Flyer deadline—November 19
2023 Per Capita—\$48.00

#### **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.

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	Weekly Announcements		<b>Quarterly Newsletter</b>	
	Prayer Chain		<b>Emergency Alerts</b>	
Name & email:				

#### LOOKING AHEAD...

Oct. 22Crop Walk for Hunger	
Oct. 20 Evening on the Lawn	
Oct. 29Pledge Dedication	
Fall Clean-Up	
Nov. 5Pot Luck Luncheon	
Nov. 19 Winter Newsletter Deadline	
Dec. 2 Women of Faith Craft Fair	
Dec. 3Pot Luck Luncheon	
Dec. 17 Christmas Joy Offering,	
Congregational Meeting	
Work Camp Cookie Sale	
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve	
Dec. 25Christmas	
Jan. 1 Happy New Year 2024!	

Jan. 28..... Annual Congregational Meeting



Our Peace & Global Witness
Offering enables the church
to promote the peace of Christ
by addressing systems of injustice
in our own communities
and across the world.

Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!



The Peace & Global Witness Offering is one of four annual special offerings. The church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) play an important role in defining what it means to be a connectional church in the twenty-first century, bringing together the diversity of the PC (USA) to focus and take faith-based action on shared concerns. The Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church.



#### **WAYS TO GIVE**



Through your congregation

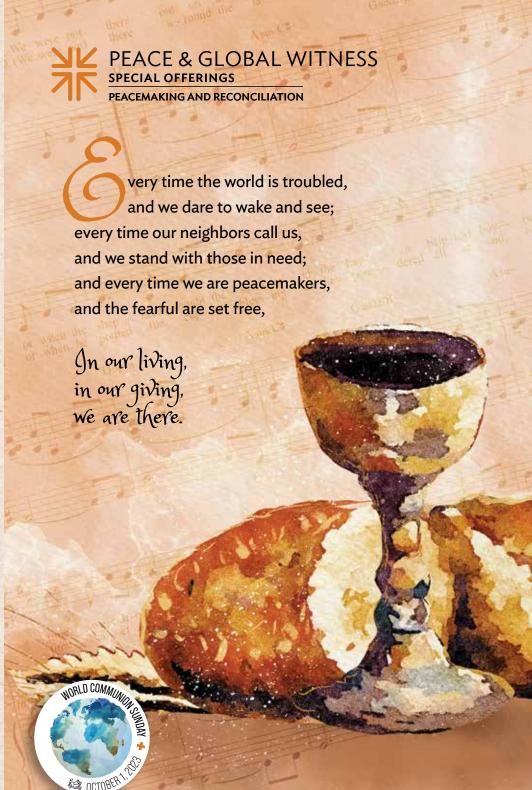


Donate by credit card online at pcusa.org/peace-global



Text PCUSAPEACE to 41444 or scan this QR code for more information.







#### "YOU ARE WITH ME"

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which He looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

~ Teresa of Ávila

# We are there.

The Peace & Global Witness Offering offers light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace.

We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.





Please give what you can.

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Thank you!