"Let [us] give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds" (Psalm 107:8, NIV). Welcome to 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 https://bit.ly/FPClive

Worship Assistant: Terry Eck Ushers: Jim & Ellie DePhillips Deacon Greeter: Liz Kenny Nursery: Michael Davis Audio: Sally Heimbach Video: Mark Ingram Fellowship: Pot Luck Luncheon

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

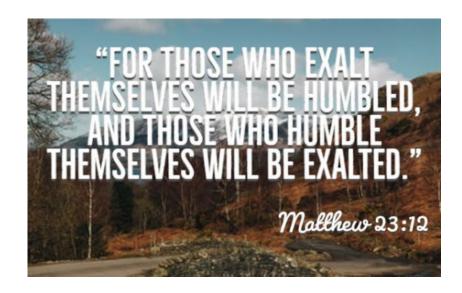


Order of Worship November 5, 2023

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THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

10:00 AM NOVEMBER 5, 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

"See, the Mighty Angel Flying"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 107)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those God redeemed from trouble.

Leader: God gathers us from all over: from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

People: God delivers us from distress; God leads us and stays with us, loves us and knows us.

Leader: Let us worship God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

*HYMN #346 "For the Healing of the Nations" (Sheet music on the next page.)



The first line of this text quotes the declared purpose of the leaves of the tree of life growing beside the river of life in the heavenly Jerusalem (Revelation 22:2). The hymn continues by identifying some of the many ways we are called to share with God in this healing work.

LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Leader: We do not always lead a life worthy of God...

...Therefore, let us confess and pray as we cling to God's grace and compassion.

People: God of mercy, you alone are good. You alone are worthy of praise.

We can get so distracted by the world around us. We can get so lost in our sense of fairness and justice that we forget to wonder what you would have us do and how you would have us behave.

We often let our feelings rule us and we cling to past anger and regret. We let our differences separate us and fear or indifference keeps us from seeking justice and loving kindness. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that by your grace, we can try to do better.

Remind us that your forgiveness comes through Jesus and help us to live lives worthy of you. And help pick us up when we fall short.

Through Christ and in Christ we pray.

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.

THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 THESSALONIANS 2:9-13

⁹You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹²urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

¹³We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

MATTHEW 23:1-12

23Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²"The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; ³therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. ⁶They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, ⁷and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. ⁸But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. ⁹And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. ¹⁰Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

MESSAGE "Finding Humility"



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GATHERING JOYS & CONCERNS

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CALL FOR OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY

"I Will Arise"

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!

DOXOLOGY #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
INVITATION TO THE TABLE
PRAYER w/ LORD'S PRAYER
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION
MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "Kurotane"

PRAYER (in unison)

Almighty God, you have fed us and nourished us at this table. As we prepare to leave this place, may we go knowing that your Spirit sustains us for whatever comes next. May we be your hands and feet in the world, sharing your love and grace and letting your light shine in and through us wherever we go. Thank you for this communion meal and the way it reminds us of your endless love and mercy. Amen.

*HYMN #757 "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" (Sheet music on the next page.)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE "Shall We Gather at the River"

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

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JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



Faith Life

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 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: Enjoy the monthly potluck luncheon with fellow members and friends.



POTLUC

 November 12: Please join with the Deacons in making Christmas Cards for shut-ins.

POT LUCK LUNCHEON

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 **Chicken Pot Pie**, which the committee will supply. Side dishes and desserts will be supplied by church friends and family.

See the back of this page for a list of SMT's future Sunday and mid-week events. Youth Group News is also on the next page!

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 10/31, we have received **\$4,508.00** 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!

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE UPDATE

As of 10/31 we have 45 pledges at \$167,976.

There is still plenty of time to pledge. You can mail in your pledge form, put it in the offering plate or use the on line form. Pledge forms can be found in the pew racks. Or go to this link: https://faithchurchemmaus.org/donate/pledge/.

The Ministry of Support committee would appreciate if pledges could be in by November 19, to aid us in the planning of the 2024 operating budget.

DAYBREAK - NOVEMBER 13

Needed: 3-4 persons to bake 2 doz. cookies each

Faith Church cooks and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month, from 1:30 to 4:30pm. Daybreak is a drop-in center for people suffering from mental illness, who may or may not also be homeless. Can you find the time to bake a batch or two and drop them off by noon tomorrow?

- Drop cookies off in the kitchen by noon of that Monday. Because of possible nut allergies, please mark cookies that have nuts in them. Sugar-free and aluten-free cookies are also appreciated.
- Helpers are also needed, especially cooks, from approx. 1:30 to 4:30pm. (Carpool leaves from church!)

For more information, speak with Carolyn Baittinger or Zona Farmer. Don't pass up this very easy opportunity to "do unto others."



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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!

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

YOUTH GROUP NEED

Pastor Jo Marchetto, our Youth Group Director, could use some help from us here at FPC. At times, an adult or two are needed to assist in the Youth Group activity, program.

No experience is needed or special skills, just a genuine interest in our youth. The commitment can be flexible. Why not give Pastor Jo a call (phone number is in the directory) and find out what it's all about. You will be greatly appreciated! THANK YOU!

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</u> <u>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>.

Daybreak Meal—November 13 Winter Flyer deadline—November 19 2023 Per Capita—\$48.00

<u>WORD ON</u> WEDNESDAY (WOW)

Our Wednesday at noon Bible study is meeting again! We're continuing with the Gospel of Matthew. Reading the gospel together helps us process and learn together as we grow together. All are welcome!



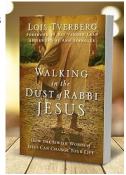
THURSDAY WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Fall 2023

This group meets Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the 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.



Lament

The Church, with declining membership and prominence. COVID and its ongoing effects. Divisions in American Society. Lament in the face of such things is a natural human response. What is the place of lament in the church today? And how can it help heal us?

Join us as we are let by Br. Stefan Waligur in this timely discussion.





Br. Stefan is a contemplative, a musician/composer, and founder of Community of Peace in Louisa, VA, an ecumenical community inspired by the Taizé Community in France. We will meet on Thursday, November 16 at 10 a.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church in Emmaus, at 3002 N. 2nd St, Emmaus, PA, or by Zoom (link will be shared with all registrants). Ample parking is available.

This event is supported by the ministries of Faith Presbyterian Church in Emmaus PA, Immanuel United Church of Christ in Shillington PA, and anonymous supporters.

WOMEN OF FAITH



Holiday Craft Fair

December 2, 2023

9 AM to 3:00 PM

Faith Presbyterian Church 3002 N. Second Street • Emmaus, PA

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.

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 dates where hosts are needed:



December 3, 17 & 31

Assistants

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

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 a worship assistant is needed:

December 24 (10 a.m. & 8 p.m.), 31

Contact Sally Heimbach, or use this link to the SignUpGenius: https://bit.ly/3FCW8i0 Thank you.

THE NURSERY NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for volunteers for the nursery during the worship time. If you do not have your clearances, we can assist you in obtaining them. Here are the dates where volunteers are needed:

December 3, 17 & 31

Sign up on the whiteboard in the narthex, or see Heather Davis or Sally Heimbach. Thank you.





MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, the Ministry to the Community has several opportunities to support local organizations.

There will be a table in the Narthex for the donations

Emmaus High School Angel Network

The Emmaus High School Angel Network has asked Faith Presbyterian Church to donate 200 cans of soup to their holiday grocery collection. These cans will be picked up following worship on December 3.



Please consider buying cans that have pop tops, eliminating the need for a can opener.

Angel Networks help children at risk by providing basic assistance to students in need on an immediate, short term basis; supporting students' ability to focus on learning in school; and giving anonymously in the true spirit of community. They provide students with basic necessities such as EMERGENCY groceries, clothing on an individual basis, curriculum-based field trips, academic expenses, and personal need products

Ripple Church

We are a Christ-centered. community-focused church seeking to have a ripple-effect in our neighborhoods and beyond by loving ourselves, our neighbors, and one another as we live towards peace and justice in Allentown.

Charley and Helen Underwood have been volunteering at the Ripple Church, 1421 W Turner St. in Allentown, providing two meals a year during their Sunday service at 4 p.m. Their next date is January 21, 2024. Ask them how you can help.

The church is also looking for donations of hand warmers and "cup of soup" (just add water type).

Family Promise of Lehigh Valley

Family Promise of Lehigh Valley is a nonprofit 501(c)3 affiliate of the National Family Promise Organization. Our mission is to assist children and families experiencing homelessness find or retain affordable housing and gain sustainable financial stability.

Here is a wish list of items in need:

Paper towels Feminine care products **Sponges**

Toilet paper Deodorant

TWO WEEKS OF FAITH

This calendar is prepared on the Thursday prior to distribution. Please see the church <u>website</u> for the most up-to-date information.

BR Brick Room FH Fellowship Hall MR Music Room

Parlor Sanctuary Zoom

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, November 5

10:00 a.m.— Worship Service
11:00 a.m.— Potluck Luncheon (FH)
Noon— Special Session Meeting (BR)

5:00 p.m.— Middle School Youth Group
6:30 p.m.— High School Youth Group

Monday, November 6

7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale (FH)

7:15 p.m.— Ministry to the Congregation Committee

Tuesday, November 7

General Election—Voting

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

Wednesday, November 8

8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH)
9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR)
Noon— Word on Wednesday (P)
1:00 p.m.— Garden Club Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.— Faithful Ringers rehearsal
5:30 p.m.— Communications Committee (P)
7:00 p.m.— EPNHN (P)
7:00 p.m.— Faithful Harmonizers rehearsal (S)

Thursday, November 9

9:30 a.m.— Thursday Women's Study Group 7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, November 10

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 11

9:00 a.m.— Zumba (FH) Noon— Outside Use (FH)

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, November 12

10:00 a.m.— Worship Service 11:00 a.m.— Sunday Morning Together (FH) 4:00 p.m.— Confirmation Class (Kindness Project) 5:00 p.m.— Middle School Youth Group 6:30 p.m.— High School Youth Group Book Club

Monday, November 13

1:00 p.m.— Garden Club Board (FH) 1:30 p.m.— Daybreak Meal

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

7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale (FH)

Tuesday, November 14

9:00 a.m.— Emmaus Garden Club (FH) 7:00 p.m.— Session Meeting (BR)

Wednesday, November 15

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, November 16

9:30 a.m.— Thursday Women's Study Group 10:00 a.m.— Outside Group 7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, November 17

Church Office Closed

8:00 p.m.— Youth Group Sleepout for Homelessness

Saturday, November 18

9:00 a.m.— Zumba (FH) 10:00 a.m.— Crazy Quilters (FH)

POINSETTIA ORDERS...ALREADY?!



Yes! Although Christmas is weeks and weeks away, it is time to consider purchasing a poinsettia or two to decorate the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve service. Plants will all be in 6" pots and are priced at \$7.00 ea. Envelopes for ordering are in the pews, and order forms will be included in the email blast and on the Facebook group

page. Please check off the color you would like, and be clear about the dedication *in memory* or *in honor* of someone.

To get the plants ordered from the supplier in time, your orders must be turned in and paid for by Tuesday,

November 21. Please be advised that orders may not be placed using our online giving site.

Looking Ahead

Mark Your Calendars!

| Nov. 19 | Winter Newsletter Deadline |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| Dec. 2 | Women of Faith Craft Fair |
| Dec. 3 | Pot Luck Luncheon |
| Dec. 17 | Christmas Joy Offering, |
| | Congregational Meeting |
| | Work Camp Cookie Sale |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas |
| Jan. 1 | Happy New Year 2024! |
| Jan. 28 | Annual Congregational Meeting |