

Welcome to Faith Church! It is a gift to come together in  
worship of god the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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



***Order of Worship***  
***November 12, 2023***

***Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus***

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**10:00 AM**

**NOVEMBER 12, 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

*"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: People of God, listen: the Lord has done marvelous things.

Teach your children all that God has done so that they may live  
in hope and die in peace.

People: Let us worship God, whose love is from everlasting to everlasting.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**\*HYMN #401**

*"Here in this Place"*

*(Sheet music on next page.)*

# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

401



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a - way: here in this place the new light is shin - ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to-geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

## LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

**Leader:** Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus and his righteousness.  
Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin, that we might  
find forgiveness and new life in Christ.

**People:** Holy and gracious God, you are all light and wonder and  
glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we  
need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters,  
continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your  
provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord,  
and turn us back to you. Overwhelm us with your goodness  
and cover us with grace, for we know you are the source of  
life, the fount of all that is good. In the name of Jesus, 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.

### \*HYMN OF ASSURANCE #581

GLORIA PATRI

## **THE WORD OF GOD TO THE CHURCH**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

#### **FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

#### **SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**MATTHEW 25:1-13**

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

MESSAGE

*“Prep Your Lamps”*

\*HYMN #175

*“Seek Ye First”*

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

175

Seek Ye First

*Descant*

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano, Alto/Tenor, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/2 time. The first system begins with a descant of the 'Alleluia' chorus. The lyrics are as follows:

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and seek, its righ - teous - ness,  
you shall find;  
but by ev - ery word

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

*"Keep Your Lamps"*

*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 #357

*"The Days Are Surely Coming"*

*(Sheet music on next page.)*

### \*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*"Toccata Animato"*

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



### Music Licensing Information

Prelude arr. Robert Lau, OneLicense.net A-713988

Hymn #401 OneLicense.net A-713988

Offertory arr. Andre Thomas, OneLicense.net A-713988

Hymn #175 CCLI 1695793

Hymn #357 CCLI 1695793

Postlude Lani Smith, OneLicense.net A-713988

# The Days Are Surely Coming 357

1 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says God to all the earth,  
 2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom-ised one,  
 3 The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last

when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth.  
 when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun.  
 the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.

My righ-teous-ness and jus-tice will spread through-out the land  
 Though earth and heav-en trem-ble, stand up and do not fear,  
 Then righ-teous-ness and jus-tice will spread through-out the land

and you will be de - liv - ered by my al - might - y hand.  
 for I am your re - deem - er, and I am draw - ing near.  
 and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.

This text uses imagery from Jeremiah 33:14–16 and Matthew 24:29–36/Mark 13:24–32/Luke 21:25–36. These passages are especially associated with the beginning of Advent, a season that looks forward to Christ's second coming while also preparing us to remember his first coming.



# Faith Life

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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

## SUNDAY Morning TOGETHER

- **TODAY:** Please join with the Deacons in making Christmas Cards for shut-ins.

- **November 19:** Help make Christmas Eve luminaries again this year for our Church and community along with Fellowship Time.

*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!*

### STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE UPDATE

As of 11/5 we have 49 pledges at \$186,676.

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.

### 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.

**Volunteers Needed!**  
**Please see Page 3 for details.**



### 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 gluten-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."



### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

The last three holiday seasons, our Reverse Advent Calendar has been a big success, so we will be doing it again this year.

The calendar starts in the middle of November and ends a week or so before Christmas so the items can be dropped off at church (in the Narthex), have time to "cool off" and be delivered to the Emmaus Food Bank at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church in January.

The list has been worked to include items that would not be covered by state subsidies. The Mission Committee looks forward to seeing Faith rise to the occasion again this year and help the needy.

**Grab your copy of the Reverse Advent Calendar from the table in the narthex.**

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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!*

- 11/26 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.)

**It's easy** - 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! Thank you.



### 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



### WORD ON 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!



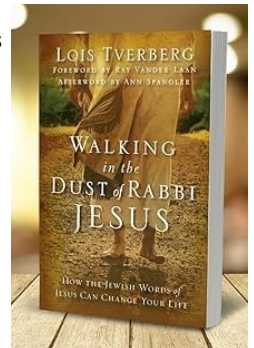
### THURSDAY WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

#### **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 led 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.*



## 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 31**

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/3FCW8iO> 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, 10, 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 non-profit 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	Toilet paper
Feminine care products	Deodorant
Sponges	

# **TWO WEEKS OF FAITH**

This calendar is prepared on the Thursday 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, 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.— 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)

## **NEXT WEEK**

### **Sunday, November 19**

**Flyer Deadline**

- 10:00 a.m.— Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m.— Sunday Morning Together (FH)

### **Monday, November 20**

- 7:00 p.m.— Ministry to the Community (P)
- 7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale (S)

### **Tuesday, November 21**

- 1:00 p.m.— Emmaus Garden Board (FH)
- 7:00 p.m.— Deacons Meeting (BR)

### **Wednesday, November 22**

- 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 (S)

### **Thanksgiving**

**Church Office Closed**

- 7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

### **Friday, November 24**

**Church Office Closed**

### **Saturday, November 25**

- 9:00 a.m.— Zumba (FH)

**Daybreak Meal—November 13**  
**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.

- ☐ Weekly Announcements
- ☐ Quarterly Newsletter
- ☐ Prayer Chain
- ☐ Emergency Alerts

Name & email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Looking Ahead**

*Mark Your Calendars!*

- Dec. 2 ..... Women of Faith Craft Fair
- Dec. 3 ..... Pot Luck Luncheon
- Dec. 10 ..... Christmas Cantata
- 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