# Welcome, one and all, as we worship Christ the King in song and speech, prayer and praise.

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: Melanie Shimer Audio: Chas Shimer Usher: Mark Heimbach Video: Mark Ingram

Deacon Greeter: Liz Kenny Nursery: Michael Davis

Fellowship: Donna Call, Pam Melchior

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



Order of Worship November 26, 2023

Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus

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# 681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made



These stanzas provide Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 118:24-29 (minus a stanza he inserted about Easter and Pentecost as part of his effort to Christianize the Psalms). They are set to a tune composed for and named by a Paul Gerhardt text, "Now Let All Thank and Bring Honor."

# THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP CHRIST THE KING

10:00 AM NOVEMBER 26, 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 "Aria"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

(from Ezekiel 34, Psalm 100, and Matthew 25)

Leader: The Lord God is our shepherd.

People: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

Leader: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak.

People: But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

**\*OPENING PRAYER** 

\*HYMN #681 "This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made"

(Sheet music on prior page.)

#### LITANY OF AFFIRMATION

Leader: God knows our hearts and knows our thoughts. And yet, God loves us.

God offers us grace and forgiveness freely when our repentant hearts
can accept it. With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins
against Christ and one another.

People: Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

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

**EPHESIANS 1:15-23** 

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

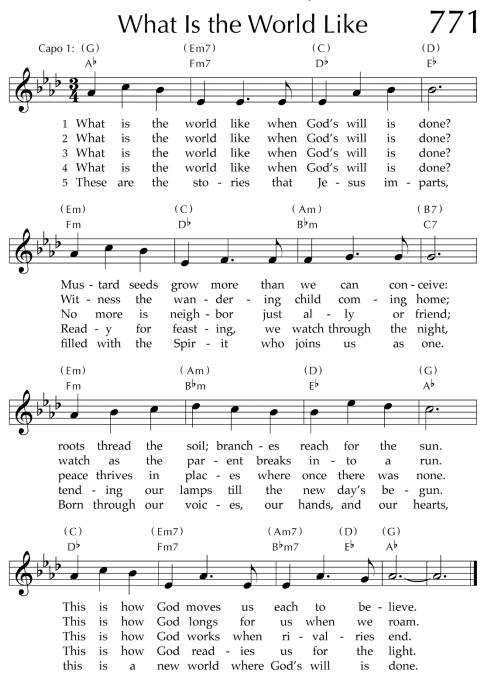
MATTHEW 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup>"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are

blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

"Being a Matthew 25 People"

#### **JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION**



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** 

"Change My Heart, O God"

Faithful Harmonizers

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 #384** 

"Soon and Very Soon"

(Sheet music on next page.)

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

**POSTLUDE** 

"Be Thou My Vision"

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

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#### <u>Music Licensing Information</u>

Prelude Jan Bender, OneLicense.net A-713988

Hymn #681 Public Domain

Offertory arr. Joel Raney, OneLicense.net A-713988

Hymn #771 OneLicense.net A-713988 (tune CCLI 1695793)

Hymn #384 CCLI 1695793

Postlude arr. James Michael Stevens, OneLicense.net A-713988



This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3–4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

## Faith Life

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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



• TODAY: Help decorate our church for Advent – always enjoyable. Thanksgiving weekend; Kid's Music in Rm. 3.

• December 3: Pot Luck Lunch

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!

#### POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Next Sunday, following worship, we will gather together for our **Pot Luck Luncheon**. The Ministry to the Congregation Committee invites all to attend! The main course is **Taco Bar**. They ask church members to please bring the following. If your name begins with...



A-L..... please bring a dessert. M-Z..... please bring a side dish.

## Weekly Volunteers Needed! Please see Page 3 for details.



#### ANGEL NETWORK

HELP! Ministry to the Community's soup drive for the Angel Network is 130 cans short of the 200 can goal. Donations of soup should be placed on the table in the narthex.

As always, any help you can offer is greatly appreciated, especially during this very guys holiday season.



#### **Calling All Bakers!**

#### The Craft Show is fast approaching!

We welcome donations of all types of baked goods. If you are making cookies, we ask that you package them in 1/2 dozens and label what kind. The church will definitely be open on Friday, December 1st from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Many thanks in advance.



Help with moving tables is needed today following worship and Sunday Morning Together. **Anyone who can help would be greatly appreciated.!** 



#### 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!

12/10 Cookies & bags for Daybreak

12/17 Work Camp Cookie Sale

12/24 Fellowship (Christmas Eve)

12/31 Fellowship (New Year's Eve)

1/7 First Sunday Luncheon

1/14 Fellowship

1/21 Fire Safety & First Aid

1/28 Congregational Meeting

2/4 First Sunday Luncheon

**2/1** Fastnacht

2/8 Fellowship

2/25 Pretzels & Lent Fellowship

3/3 First Sunday Luncheon & Ice Hockey

3/10 Fellowship





SUNDAY MORNING TOGETHER



Let the kiddos come and make a joyful noise!



#### <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!



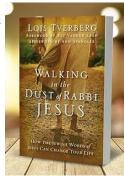
#### THURSDAY WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

#### 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.



#### 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! Thank you.

## HELLO FROM LEHIGH PRESBYTERY HELPING HANDS CARE TEAM

The Helping Hands Care Team volunteers have returned from New Bern, NC. The 14 dedicated workers accomplished many jobs at multiple sites. We worked hard, ate well and enjoyed relaxing together in the evenings.

We thanked God every day for our strength and talents and warm hearts.

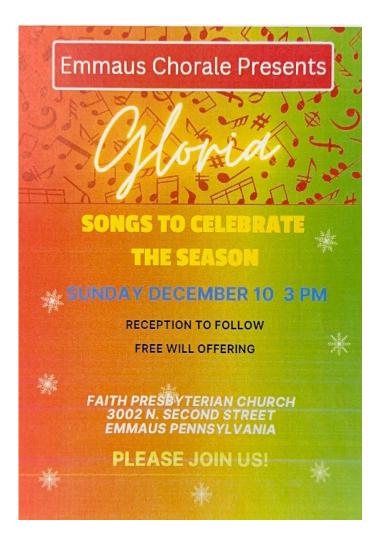
Some projects were insulating at a mobile home, electrical work, ductwork for air conditioning, framing a doorway, painting doors and trim. More work was done at a home removing old flooring and replaced with new plywood for another crew to finish.

Some homeowners will be able to be back in their homes by Jan. Some have waited 5 years for completion They are all thankful and overwhelmed that so many volunteers come to help.

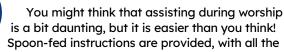
We are thankful for your donations that enable us to make these trips and help with some supplies.

We have a new date for Spring. April 6-13. Please consider coming along for a rewarding experience. Also, maybe a friend or relative would like information.

For information on upcoming trips please contact Carol Bennicoff at <a href="https://helpinghands@lehighpresbytery.org">helpinghands@lehighpresbytery.org</a>.



#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED



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 (8 p.m.), 31

Assistants

Contact Sally Heimbach, or use this link to the SignUpGenius: <a href="https://bit.ly/3FCW8iO">https://bit.ly/3FCW8iO</a> Thank you.



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Let's get connected for Our Latest News, Events and Updates





Public Facebook Page @faithchurchemmaus, Private Group for members & friends @groups/32770546126.

## 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.

Key

BR Brick Room

FH Fellowship Hall

MR Music Room

P Parlor

Zoom

NEXT WEEK		NEXT WEEK	
Sunday, November 26	<u>Craft Fair Set-up</u>	Sunday, December 3	
10:00 a.m.— Worship Service 11:00 a.m.— Sunday Morning Together (FH) 5:00 p.m.— Youth Groups Together		10:00 a.m.— Worship Service 11:00 a.m.— Pot Luck Luncheo Noon— Confirmation Clas	
Monday, November 27	<u>Craft Fair Set-up</u>	5:00 p.m.— Middle School You 6:30 p.m.— Senior High Youth	•
7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale (S)		Monday, December 4	
Tuesday, November 28	<u>Craft Fair Set-up</u>	7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale 7:15 p.m.— Ministry to the Co	• •
Wednesday, November 29  8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH) 9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR) Noon— Word on Wednesday (P)		Tuesday, December 5	
		7:30 p.m.— Ministry to the Support meeting (P)	
5:30 p.m.— Faithful Ringers rehearsal		Wednesday, December 6	
7:00 p.m.— Faithful Harmonizers rehearsal (S)		8:00 a.m.— Rotary Food Program (FH) 9:30 a.m.— Women of Faith (BR)	
Thursday, November 30 9:30 a.m.— Women's Study Group	<u>Craft Fair Set-up</u>	Noon— Word on Wedneso 5:30 p.m.— Faithful Ringers re 7:00 p.m.— Faithful Harmoniz	day (P) ehearsal
Friday, December 1	<u>Church Office Closed</u> <u>Craft Fair Set-up</u>	Thursday, December 7	
Saturday, December 2 Women of Faith Craft Fair	<u>Cran Fall Ser-up</u>	9:30 a.m.— Women's Study G 7:00 p.m.— Narcotics Anonyn	•
		Friday, December 8	Church Office Closed
		7:00 p.m.— Emmaus Chorale	Dress Rehearsal (S)
		Saturday, December 9	
		9:00 a.m.— Zumba (FH)	

#### STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE UPDATE

#### As of 11/17 we have 62 pledges at \$221,114.

It's not too late to pledge. You The Ministry of Support committee would like the pledge forms in by November 19, so the 2024 budget process can be started. There are pledge cards in the pews. Mail them in, bring to church, or use the online form which can be found at this link: <a href="https://faithchurchemmaus.org/donate/pledge/">https://faithchurchemmaus.org/donate/pledge/</a>.

# 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:

## Looking Ahead

# Mark Your Calendars!

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. 7	Pot Luck Luncheon
Jan. 28	Annual Congregational Meeting
Feb. 2	Talent Show
Feb. 4	Pot Luck Luncheon
Feb. 23	Youth Group 30 Hour Famine
Mar. 3	Pot Luck Luncheon