



# Faith Presbyterian Church



**Order of Worship January 5, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

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**THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP**  
**January 5, 2025 – 10:00am**

*\*The Congregation is Invited to Stand in Body or Spirit*

**Prelude**

“Sing Lullaby” by Rawsthorne Debra Senelly  
“Christ Was Born On Christmas Day” by Rawsthorne  
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” by Rawsthorne  
“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” by Rawsthorne

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Greg Emery

**Opening Prayer**

Reveal yourself, Gracious God, within this time of worship. Speak to us through songs we sing, prayers we speak, words we hear. Reveal yourself Gracious God, within Your family here, in our speaking and listening. Reveal yourself, Gracious God, within these coming days, in the places we live, the lives we live, and people we meet. Amen.

**\*Call to Worship (Psalm 72: 1-7)**

Endow the king with Your justice, O God, the royal son with Your righteousness.

**May He judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.**

May the mountains bring prosperity to the people, the hills the fruit of righteousness.

**May He defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy; may He crush the oppressor.**

May He endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

**May He be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.**

In His days may the righteous flourish and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

**\*Hymn**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

#23

**Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.**

**[Refrain]**

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song? [Refrain]**

**Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]**

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

**Most holy and most loving God, we admit to You and to each other,  
that we are creatures who either through foolishness or wilfulness  
often choose darkness instead of light.**

**Here and now, we surrender to You our fears and proud opinions,  
our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom, our deep-seated sins and  
our apathy towards change and renewal.**

**Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others,  
and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls.  
Trusting Your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within us."**

**Words of Assurance**

**My friends, Epiphany is good news!  
The Light comes not to sear and blind us, but to save us.  
Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners.  
In His name I declare to you: Yours sins are forgiven!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**#579**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

**\*Welcome Wave / Passing of The Peace**

**Choir Anthem**

**"Three Men on Camelback"**

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

## Sermon

“The Real ‘Magical Mystery Tour’”

Pastor Greg Emery

## Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in Heaven.**

**Hallowed be Thy Name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done**

**On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:**

**For Thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Offertory

“Offertory on a Welsh Tune” by Paxton

Debra Senelly

## \*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

#592

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Loving God You are never far from us; You are as close as our breathing. We recognize You as the one who heals the wounded spirit and gives new life to the broken hearted. We offer these gifts to You, Lord, as a sign of our commitment to Your grace and authority. Take us and use us and all that we have, so that the Kingdom of Heaven will be realized on earth; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give You thanks, O God, ... we join their unending hymn,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith,

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

God's gifts are ready for the people of God.

*Please hold the elements until all have been served.*

We now take and eat this bread so that we all can share in the life of Christ.

We now take and drink this cup so that we all can share in the Spirit and presence of Christ.

**\*Closing Hymn**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

#31

**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

**[Refrain]**

**Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time, behold Him come,  
Offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel. [Refrain]**

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!**

**Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that we no more may die.  
Born to raise us from the earth,  
Born to give us second birth. [Refrain]**

**\*Benediction**

Go out into the world to share the many gifts that have been given to you. Do not let them go to waste; share them through the power of the Spirit. And as you do so, may the grace and peace of Jesus Christ abide with you along the way.  
**Amen.**

**\*Postlude** “Ding Don Merrily On High” by Rawsthorne Debra Senelly

**Welcome Visitors! Faith Presbyterian Church welcomes you. Everyone is invited to Illingworth Hall for fellowship following the service.**

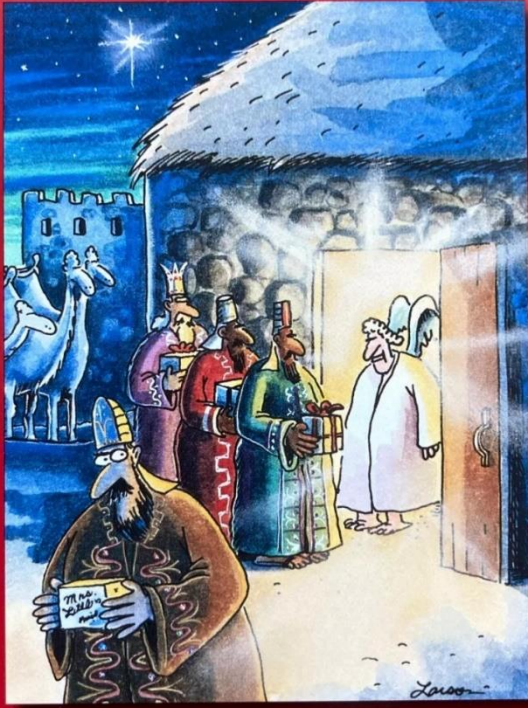
**VISIONING PROCESS** - Be sure to contact Pastor Greg if you would like to participate in the next phase of the Visioning Process, beginning January 10, 2025 at 10:00 AM in the Westminster Room. Contact Greg whether or not you can make that first meeting date, as he will ensure that you are up-to-speed as we move forward.

**Thursdays@Faith – January 9, 2025. Bach to Bebop** musicians play everything from jazz to classical. Tickets are available for purchase after service in Illingworth Hall and at the front desk Monday-Thursday. Cut-off for purchasing dinner tickets is 11:00 am on Monday, January 6, 2025. Tickets are \$15. Dinner is at 6:00pm with the program at 6:30pm

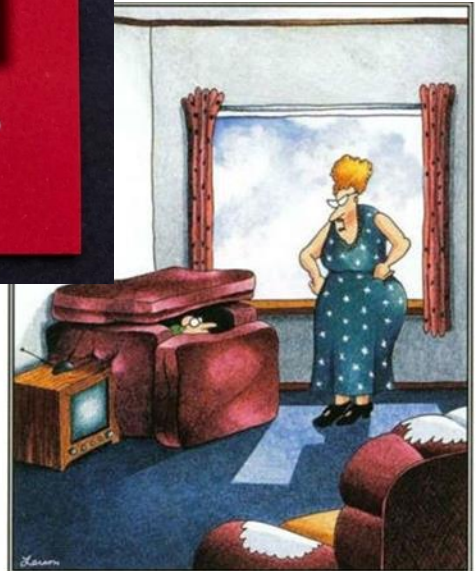
**WHAT GOES UP DOES COME DOWN!** Please join members of the Congregational Life Ministry for the **UN-HANGING OF THE GREENS** on **Tuesday, January 7 at 8 a.m.**, where coffee and donuts will be waiting for you in Illingworth Hall. Let Ann Kennaly know if you help out!

**Please pickup your giving envelopes located in the Narthex. Thank you.**

**The Best Ever Library Book Club - Monday, January 13, 2025 at 10:30 am in the Library.** The book for discussion is, ‘The Frozen River’ by Ariel Lawton. A fascinating story, loved by many readers. Please join us for what will be proven to be an interesting discussion. Feel free to come even if you have not read the book. All are welcome.



*Unbeknownst to most theologians, there was a fourth wiseman, who was turned away for bringing a fruitcake.*



*"Well, you can just rebuild the fort later, Harold. ... Phyllis and Shirley are coming over and I'll need the cushions."*

# Welcome!

*Welcome to those who have no church home, need strength, have doubt, want to follow Christ, or do not believe. Welcome to those who have worshiped in this place for years! Welcome to our first-time guests! Welcome to all generations, single people, couples, believers, and to questioners, and, of course, to questioning believers! We hope you find peace and uplift in our worship today.*

*We are very glad you are here!*

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

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## **FAITH CHURCH — MISSION STATEMENT**

Faith Presbyterian Church is an inclusive, welcoming, caring community, committed to serving Jesus Christ, who calls us to love God and to love one another. We worship, study and grow in understanding as we work for justice and peace in the world, inspired by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, great things are possible. (From Matthew 17:20)