



Faith Presbyterian Church



Order of Worship September 6, 2026

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
September 6, 2026 – 10:00am

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

Prelude

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”
“Immortal, Invisible”

Rory Dowse, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Greg Emery

Opening Prayer

Rory Dowse

Call to Worship

We come from the battles of our daily lives,
carrying our pride, our titles, and our hidden wounds.
Like Naaman, we look for grand gestures and mighty displays,
expecting God to move according to our plans.

Yet God meets us in the ordinary places.

**God’s voice whispers through the unexpected and the lowly,
calling us to let go of our pride and be made whole.**

Hear the invitation of the Lord:

“Wash and be clean.”

Come with your brokenness, your doubts, and your weariness.
Drop the heavy armor of self-reliance.

We come to dip into the living waters of God's mercy.

**We come to confess that there is no God on earth or in heaven
except the one true God.**

Open your hearts and raise your voices.

**Let us worship the Lord together, for His grace is real, and His healing is
free!**

Special

“J.S. Bach: Arioso” (arr. Jullian Lloyd Weber)

Oxana Cochran, cello, and Rory Dowse, Music Director

Prayer of Confession

O God of grace and healing, we come before You acknowledging our brokenness and our pride. Like Naaman, we often look for Your salvation and transformation on our own terms and according to our own grand expectations.

We grow angry or disappointed when Your answers do not look the way we imagined, and we reject the simple, humble paths You lay before us. Forgive us when we despise small beginnings, when we turn away from the quiet guidance of everyday servants.

Wash us, Lord. Strip away our pretense and grant us the deep humility to dip ourselves into the ordinary waters of Your grace.

Words of Assurance

Friends, hear and believe the good news: When we let go of our pride and our own expectations, God’s grace meets us in our brokenness. Just as Naaman’s flesh was restored like that of a little child, your past does not define you, and your uncleanness is washed away. Through God’s merciful and surprising love, you are seen, you are cleansed, and you are fully 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*Special**

“Schubert: Ave Maria” (arr. W. F. Ambrosio)

Oxana Cochran, cello, and Rory Dowse, Music Director

Scripture

2 Kings 5: 1-14

Sermon

“Between You and God”

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

“Saint-Saëns: The Swan”

Oxana Cochran, cello, and Rory Dowse, Music Director

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

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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

We bring our gifts to You today. Like Naaman coming from afar with his grand expectations and pride, we sometimes look for Your work only in dramatic and startling events, overlooking the simple, humble ways You invite us to love and serve.

Bless these tithes and offerings, and bless the hands that give them. Use these modest gifts to bring profound healing, renewal, and hope to a world in deep need. In Christ's name, we pray. **Amen.**

Communion

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 may share in the life of Christ.

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

*Closing Hymn

"When Israel was in Egypt's Land"

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**When Israel was in Egypt's land,
Let my people go!
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go!**

[Refrain]

**Go down, Moses,
Way down in Egypt's land,
Tell old Pharaoh,
To let my people go!**

"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said:

Let my people go!

"If not I'll smite your first born dead,"

Let my people go! [Refrain]

**"No more shall they in bondage toil,"
Let my people go!
"Let them come out with Egypt's spoil,"
Let my people go! [Refrain]**

***Benediction**

May God strip away your pride and quiet your grand expectations, leading you instead to the quiet places of His choosing. May you find healing in unexpected grace and obedience, washing away the burdens you carry. And may the Lord bless you and keep you, renewing your spirit to walk in lifelong faith and peace. Amen and **Amen**.

***Postlude** "Come Ye Faithful, Rise the Strain" Rory Dowse, Music Director

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

Our thanks to Oxana Cochran, cello, and Rory Dowse, Music Director, for the beautiful music in worship this morning.

Faith Campus will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026, for Labor Day.

Today is Birthday Sunday!

Monday, September 7, 2026, Men's Fellowship (Billiards) Bell Rec Center at 1:30pm.

Wednesday, September 9, 2026, Forward in Faith/Morning Musings at 10:00 am in Westminster.

Little Dinner Groups! October – December. Singles and couples are welcome to enjoy a meal once a month for 3 months with friends, old and new, in groups of 6-8. Contact Laure Cathey contact information is in the church directory.

Would you like to help with "Thoughtful Thursdays"? Please contact Joanna Condé contact information is in the church directory. See the flyer in the bulletin for more information.

ATTENTION FAITH SONGBIRDS! CHOIR REHEARSAL STARTS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026, at 2:00pm in the Choir Room. Everyone welcome!



Contact information for: Rev. Anne Emery, Honorably Retired
contact information is in the church directory.

Monday, September 14, 2026, at 10:30am Faith Church Book Club will meet in the library. Book is "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napalitano; discussion leader is Faye Owens. Snacks will be provided along with coffee, tea and water. Please come and join us.

Please prayerfully consider your contribution to the capital campaign for our vision of The Faith Center. If you did not receive a mailing, please let us know. Be sure to contact Vern Meury or Pastor Greg to discuss the various ways to give.

The organization that created and was conducting the Marty Robbins Open Mic nights has discontinued the program.

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!

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FAITH CHURCH

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, great things are possible." (Matthew 17:20)

That is our theme. It plays out this way: we are big enough to flourish, but small enough to be personal; caring for the world & community, but above politics; take the Word seriously, but ourselves not so much.

Our pastor, elders, deacons and members are here for you.