

Faith Presbyterian Church



Order of Worship November 29, 2026

10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP
First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026 – 10:00am

The Congregation is Invited to Stand in Body or Spirit

Prelude "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"
Rory Dowse, Music Director

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Greg Emery

Lighting of Advent Candle Phill and Sharon Word

Opening Prayer Rory Dowse

Call to Worship (Psalm 80)

Restore us, O God of hosts;
let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

Then we will never turn back from You;
give us life, and we will call on Your name.

Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

Special Music "How Beautiful"
Lauren Erickson, flute and Rory Dowse, Music Director

Prayer of Confession

Son of Man, You call us to keep watch, yet we have grown drowsy, distracted, and spiritually asleep. We fill our days with noise and self-reliance, forgetting the coming of Your kingdom and living as if our time

has no limit. When the shadows of the world lengthen, we often look away from Your promises rather than looking up for Your redemption.

Rouse us from our slumber, Lord. Forgive our careless habits and divided loyalties, and keep our hearts awake, faithful, and ready for Your coming.

Words of Assurance

Even when we grow weary, fall asleep at our posts, or lose sight of God's light in the darkness of this world, Christ's promise stands firm: His word will never pass away. **We are gathered from the four winds by the grace of the Son of Man**. Through the cross and resurrection, the Master of the house has already paid the debt of our sin. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen!

***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 Music "Here I Am Lord"
Lauren Erickson, flute and Rory Dowse, Music Director

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

Sermon "(a), (b), (c) or (all the above)?"
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 "Give Thanks"

***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**

Faithful God, whose word endures when heaven and earth pass away, we bring these gifts as signs of our watchfulness and trust in Your coming reign. Keep us awake in hope and faithful in service, using what we offer to care for Your world and prepare for the return of Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #9

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

[Refrain]
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]

O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]

***Benediction**

Go into the world with eyes wide open and hearts anchored in hope. Even when shadows fall and the day or hour remains unknown, the Son of Man comes with power and glory. Tend the work given to your hands, keep watch for the signs of new life, and stay awake to God's grace in every hour—morning, noon, or night. May the Lord who calls you watchful strengthen you in faith, and go with you always. **Amen.**

***Postlude** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Rory Dowse, Music Director

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

Thank you to Lauren Erickson, flute, and Rory Dowse, Music Director, for the beautiful music in worship this morning.

No Men's Fellowship - Monday, November 23, 2026.

Last day for the Faith Piecemakers/Yarn Angels Annual Craft, Quilt, Jams & Jellies Sale. Be sure to stop by the tables in Illingworth Hall and help support local charities. Tickets are still available for the quilt raffle – 6 for $5. The drawing will take place at 11:30am today.

All Christmas Angel Tree gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 6, 2026. Thank you for your generous support.





Women of Faith – Advent/Christmas Holy Communion
Our Women of Faith have been invited to attend the Service of Advent/Christmas Holy Communion on Monday, December 7, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. The service will be held in the Sanctuary at Desert Palms Church, followed

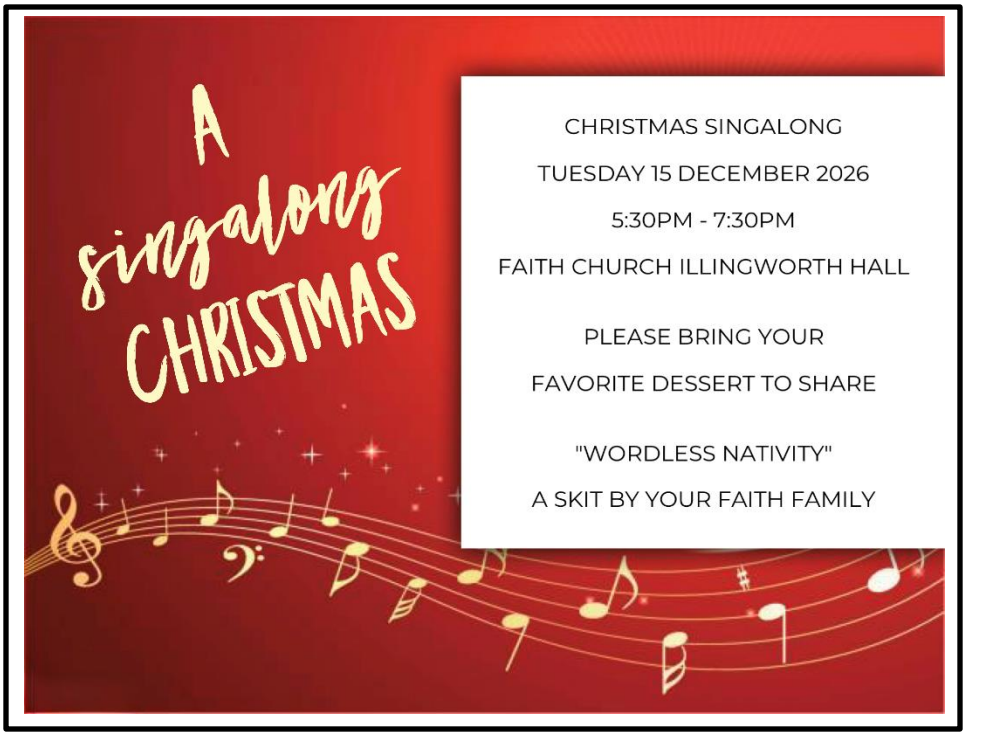
by a reception in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend and need a ride, please contact Priscilla Hoskins by phone or text at 623-258-1192. We will meet in the parking lot here at Faith Church and plan to leave no later than 1:00 p.m. We hope you will join us for this special time of worship, fellowship, and celebration of the Christmas season.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas! Tickets are now on sale in the Narthex (and at the reception desk on weekdays) for Thursday @ Faith on December 10. Rev. Mike and Rev. Sheryl Campbell lead this popular Combo, and will treat us to a musical variety including jazz, Latin, folk, country and a bit of the classics. Tickets are $15 and must be purchased by noon on Monday prior to the concert. A dinner featuring holiday fare and presented by Echelon Catering is served at 6 p.m. The program follows at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor Greg mentioned that there is a recently released four-part series entitled "Christianity at a Crossroads", a film by Martin Doblmeier, which aired on PBS. It is available on YouTube by simply searching for the name of the series. Though it is rather far-reaching, many aspects of the program are important for our congregation to see and understand. Please take the time to view.

Little Dinner Groups! January – March. Singles and couples are welcome to enjoy a meal once a month for 3 months with friends, old and new. Contact Laurie Cathey information is in the church directory.

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.



Morning Musings:
Wednesday, 10:00 AM
“Mosey on in”

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.