

# Rejoicing!



*Order of Worship*

*December 27, 2009*

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**10:30 AM**

**DECEMBER 27, 2009**



**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

**SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

*“Gracious God, you have called men and women alike, young and old together, to lead your people in the paths of faithfulness. Uphold our deacons, elders, and pastors; teach them to listen to your word and do your will; remind us to thank them; and help us to praise and thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who guides and strengthens all of us by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”*

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 364 in the Mission Yearbook in the pew.)

THE FIRST NOTE OF THE PRELUDE begins our worship. Please use the prelude time to listen for God’s invitation to praise Him.

**OUR APPROACH TO GOD**

PRELUDE

*Carol Sing*

10:15 AM

\*HYMN #31

*“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

MENDELSSOHN

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

SAM & MARY LEE WILBER

God, who never fails to keep his promises, promised his people a Savior.

**God, who claims us as his people, sent his Son to be our Messiah and our Savior.**

Today we relight the four candles of Advent waiting. We also light the Christmas candle, the Christ candle. We light it because Jesus was born in Bethlehem in a stable. We light it because Jesus showed us how much God loves us. We light it because Jesus died and rose to forgive us. We light it because Jesus is our Lord.

\*HYMN #49

*“Once in Royal David’s City”*

IRBY

WELCOME



PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy and joy, you call us to celebrate the salvation you have brought us in Jesus your Son. You remind us through the witness of Simeon and Anna that**

**Jesus is our light and shows us your glory. Yet we hear this story as ancient, and do not make it our own.**

**O God, forgive us. Place your Son in our arms and show us our salvation. Join our voices with those of Simeon and Anna so we may sing your praise to all who will hear and be bearers of your good news.**

HYMN #572

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*HYMN #579

GLORIA PATRI

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.



\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 61:10-62:3

OT – Pg. 709 in the gray Bible, Pg. 650 in the blue Bible

PSALM

SUNG TO LAUDA ANIMA  
(SEE HYMN #478)

Praise God in the highest heaven, sun and moon and stars in space;  
Sing, ye angels, of God's goodness; tell, ye ordered skies, God's grace.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Who but God your course can trace?

All the earth will shout God's praises, mountain peaks and ocean floor;  
Wind and fire and beast and forest, hill and desert, vale and shore.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Honor God whom you adore

Rise, O child of God, in wonder at creation's majesty;  
Young and old, God's glory claiming, praise the Lord in unity.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Now and for eternity.

SECOND LESSON

LUKE 2:21-40

NT – Pg. 55 in both Bibles

SERMON

*“Our Joyful Gift”*

REV. ROBERTA J. KEARNEY

\*HYMN #603

*“Song of Simeon”*

MERLE’S TUNE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

...Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven...

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

LORD’S PRAYER (*Please use “debts & debtors”.*)

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 16

### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

OFFERTORY

Chas, Melanie & Joel Shimer

*“All Is Well”*

MICHAEL W. SMITH  
WAYNE KIRKPATRICK

DEDICATION HYMN

*“Freely, Freely”*

CAROL OWENS



Free - ly, free - ly, you have re - ceived,  
free - ly, free - ly give. Go in my name, and be -  
cause you be - lieve, oth - ers will know that I live.”

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\*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A PORTION OF *“A GUIDING VISION FOR FAITH  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—JOURNEYING WITH CHRIST”*

**We have God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit in the center of our lives, individually and as a community of believers. We are called to open our eyes and our hearts to Christ, and to journey with Him on the road from Emmaus. The road we take is a prayerful one; it is a road of discovery and surprise. It is walked hand-in-hand with others.**

**We are inclusive of all who travel on the road and all who seek to join us. Together, we joyfully praise God and passionately seek God’s word and will for us. We are continually learning, sharing and singing to the Lord a New Song.**

**We work and pray with our partners to spread the joy and the promise of the Gospel, both in our neighborhood and around the world. As we develop caring and prayerful relationships among ourselves and with those with whom we minister, our way is lit by “God Sightings” – the unexpected ways in which we encounter God throughout our day. As we serve God, we begin to live God’s word and will. We seek to know God’s voice, to hear God’s song, and to share it with others. We strive to leave the path we travel well-lit and inviting to others.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #28

*“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”*

IN DULCI JUBILO

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*ORGAN POSTLUDE

*“Joy to the World”*

LOWELL MASON



\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

❖❖❖❖❖Latecomers may be seated.



## *Follow the Star!*

**When:** January 10, 2010 following Worship

**Time:** Approx. 11:45 am – 1:45 pm

**Other:** Input from Children (age 6 and above) and Youth will enrich the discussion

Nursery care provided

Lunch provided

The vision statement is now being used in worship; we are ready to start living into it and trying it on for size. It is the result of three years of Bible study, conversation and discernment involving the entire congregation. The next steps are for our leadership to begin to ponder how we live into this vision. Session and Deacons will begin having these conversations in 2010.

The congregation is invited to **“Follow the Star”**, hosted by FOR, to help us as we begin living with the guiding vision.

# Announcements

## *Stewardship at Faith Church*

As of December 20, 2009, we have received a total of **99** pledges in the amount of **\$232,807.16**. Pledges cards are available in your pew and are still being collected with the morning offering.

If you have already completed a pledge card, your envelopes are available in the Narthex.



## *Church Directory*

Today is the final Sunday for updating your personal contact information in the upcoming 2010 Church Directory. Find the green notebook on a table in Fellowship Hall and follow the instructions inside to ensure your information is accurate.

The deadline is December 31, so if you get home and have forgotten to make your changes, please contact the church office by phone or email.



## *Annual Report deadline: December 31!*

The deadline for submissions to the Annual Report is Thursday! Please have the utmost respect for this deadline as there is a multitude of material that has to be prepared in January.

As is our tradition, the Annual Report will be ready for review on January 24, the Sunday prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting.

## *The New Flower Chart Is Ready!*

The Flower Chart for 2010 is ready! Please take some time and sign up to donate flowers for the upcoming year. We are especially looking for flowers for the months of January and February. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside of Fellowship Hall. You will be billed directly from George's Greenhouse. If you have any questions, please feel free to see Melanie Shimer, Deacon/Flower Coordinator (610-965-8764). Thank you for helping to beautify our sanctuary!



## *2009 Mission Yearbooks*

If you would like to have one of the 2009 Mission Yearbooks, that have been in the pews for the past year, please help yourself to one following worship. The remaining books will be recycled.



## *An Evening with Sue*

All are invited to *An Evening with Sue* at Chuck & Amy Waters' home (4463 Vera Cruz Road) on Friday, January 8, beginning at 7:30 pm. Come hear some of what God has been doing overseas and how he has been working in the life of Sue Robinson, someone who grew up here at FPC and who has been a cross-cultural worker in Europe for the past 2.5 years.

Snacks and beverages will be provided. For any questions, please contact Amy Waters.

RSVP by 1/4/2010 at [archernw@msn.com](mailto:archernw@msn.com) or (610) 798-7371.



**IF YOU ARE A VISITOR**, we welcome you to Faith Presbyterian Church. We invite you to join us for fellowship following worship. Also, we would be pleased if you filled in a visitor card and placed it in the offering plate. If you would like to know more about Faith Church, you may speak to an usher or check the appropriate box on the visitor card.

## *My Time with God*

To appreciate this week's readings in Luke's gospel we need to refer back to chapter 4. Luke, in chapter 4, wants to be sure we understand that Jesus is not ready to begin his ministry until he is filled with power and wisdom from the Holy Spirit.

After Jesus receives the Holy Spirit, who helps him resist 40 days of temptation, Jesus goes to his hometown to preach his first sermon. In that sermon Jesus announces the Holy Spirit has given him power to preach good news by freeing and healing the hurting, the despairing and the wounded.

A man ready to put his words into action, Jesus immediately reveals the power of the Holy Spirit at work in him by healing and preaching among the Jewish people in Galilee.

Chapters 6 through 9, our readings this week, are filled with stories of Jesus' healing people. Although there is some preaching in these chapters, with a shorter version of the sermon on the mount (in chapter 6), Luke prefers to show us the power of the Holy Spirit and the compassion of Jesus as he heals people.

In each healing story Jesus focuses on each person he meets — so we see what deep faith looks like. We see people who recognize God in the work of Jesus, including the Gentile army officer in 7:1-10. And we see people who are not able or willing to see God at work in Jesus.

If you have been distracted this Advent season, perhaps you have not seen God at work in our world. Perhaps you have not seen what Jesus wants to do in your life. In these days following Jesus' birth really stop and take time to look for Jesus. Make time, in your conversations with family and friends, to listen to for ways Jesus is working in their lives, or for places they are longing to be touched by Jesus. Then pray for them — with prayers of thanksgiving for being blessed by their lives and for healing in their places of need.

*My Time With God—Week #15  
For this week we are reading  
Luke 9:18—12:7*

## *Devotional fellowship group*

Take some time away from your hectic schedule to continue looking at scripture on **Thursday mornings**. Join us for a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. We meet from **9:30 — 11:30 a.m.** in each others' homes.

**NO MEETING: Dec. 31.**

We will begin again on **January 7.**

Directions available in the church office or email Deanna at [DSWRobinson@ptd.net](mailto:DSWRobinson@ptd.net)



## *First Thursdays Sunrise Devotional*

Join us the first Thursday of each month, at 6:30 am in the parlor, for a brief devotional to start the day. There is no commitment to attend every month.

Drop in if you need prayer, support or just want to try it out. The group meets at 6:30 am sharp and closes promptly at 7:00 am. Come if you have a question about your faith, want to talk more about Sunday's sermon, are wondering about something, or need prayer or support.

For questions see Janie Slamon or Louise Schaefer. **Next meeting, January 7, at 6:30 am.**



## *Fairly Traded Coffee*

The Mission Committee is offering the congregation the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange Fairly Traded Coffee. Fairly traded coffee is served at our fellowship hour following worship if you'd like to get a taste before buying. Please look for the display on the table in Fellowship Hall. If paying by check, please write "Fair Trade Coffee" on the memo line.



There will be a fresh selection in January.

## *Joys & Concerns*

Keep these people in your prayers!

- ◆ The **Nicholas** family, as **Dorothy's** daughter **Heather** undergoes treatment for cancer.
- ◆ **Lorraine Whaley**, sister of **Kathy Hemberger**, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ◆ **Blanche Ring**, mother of **Debbie Lillegard**, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ◆ All **church members** & their families who are experiencing job loss and economic uncertainty.

We respect your privacy. If you have a joy or a concern you would like printed in the bulletin, please contact your deacon, or call the church office (610) 967-5600.

## **MILITARY SERVICE**

Keep these people in your prayers!

- ◆ **Anthony Acciani**, cousin of the **McWhinney/DePhillips** family.
- ◆ **Bethany Kauffman**, niece of **Jim & Penny Pantano**.
- ◆ **Charles Van Heest**, grandson of **Kay & Dave Weber**.
- ◆ **Doland J. Miller**, son-in-law of **George J. Smits**
- ◆ **Amanda** and **Jeremy Miller**, grandchildren of **George J. Smits**.
- ◆ **Lucas Whittington**, grandnephew of **Cliff & Donna Lucas**.

## **LEHIGH PRESBYTERY CHURCHES**

Please remember to pray for your brothers and sisters of the Lehigh Presbytery.

- ◆ **Hope of Christ Presbyterian Church**, Summit Hill
- ◆ **Washington Presbyterian Church**, Reading

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### *Contact Information for Pastoral Care Needs*

To contact our Interim Pastor, please use Roberta Kearney's email address:  
[pastor.roberta@faithchurchemmaus.org](mailto:pastor.roberta@faithchurchemmaus.org).

For pastoral needs between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm on a Monday through Thursday, contact the church office—610-967-5600.

After hours, please contact Carolyn Baittinger, Moderator of Deacons—610-967-2858; or Lynn Ingram, Clerk of Session—610-966-0897, who will make the appropriate connections.

For medical emergencies or deaths, contact Roberta at 610-428-1835.

#### **REGARDING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please plan for your announcements to be printed in the church bulletin and bring or email them to the church office no later than Wednesday afternoon.

Office hours: Monday through Thursday—9:00 am to 2:00 pm...Closed Friday  
[faithchurch@faithchurchemmaus.org](mailto:faithchurch@faithchurchemmaus.org)

# Two Weeks of Faith

Room Numbers, indicating where meetings will be held (when known), are shown in parenthesis following the listing.

## This Week

**Sunday, December 27**

No Sunday School

10:15 am— Christmas Carol Sing (S)

10:30 am— Worship Service

**Monday, December 28**

7:00 pm— Christian Ed (P)

**Tuesday, December 29**

**Wednesday, December 30**

No Bible Exploration

No Rehearsals

7:30 pm— Senior Choir party (Mitchell home)

**Thursday, December 31**

Church Office Closed

7-10 pm— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

**Friday, January 1, 2010**

**Saturday, January 2**

**New Year's Eve**

**New Year's Day**

## Next Week

**Sunday, January 3**

9:00 am— Sunday School

10:30 am— Worship Service

Noon— Y2K\*

3:00 pm— Confirmation Class Information Session

**Monday, January 4**

**Tuesday, January 5**

6:30 pm— PNC\*\*

7:30 pm— Admin

**Wednesday, January 6**

Noon— Bible Exploration

7:30 pm— Senior Choir (S)

**Thursday, January 7**

6:30 am— First Thursday Sunrise Devotional (P)

9:30 am— Devotional Fellowship

7-10 pm— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

**Friday, January 8**

**Saturday, January 9**

*\*Youth to Kenya*

*\*\*Pastor Nominating Committee*



December 27 Jack Ferlino, Beth Kunkle

December 28 Archer Waters

December 30 Amy Carney, Matthias Staack

January 1 Daniel Hemberger, Theodore Rogal,  
Ruth MacHose

**SO THAT THOSE PRESENT MAY APPROACH GOD WITHOUT DISTRACTION, WE ASK THAT CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES BE TURNED OFF PRIOR TO THE START OF WORSHIP.**

**INTERIM PASTOR:** Rev. Roberta J. Kearney

**ORGANIST/DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:** Eleanor Focht, SPC

**SECRETARY:** Lynda Scheirer

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT:**

**DEACON GREETER:** Debbie Lillegard

**FLOWER DEACON:** Hank Rath

**USHER/GREETER CAPTAIN:** Ron Gingrich

**USHERS:** Todd Greb, Brandon Greb, Daria Greb, Ron Gingrich

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Poinsettias

**PASTOR EMERITUS:** Rev. J. Earl Naegele

**PASTOR EMERITUS:** Rev. Dr. Charles E. Colson

**CUSTODIAN:** Sally Heimbach

**SOUND TECH:** Hank Rath

**FELLOWSHIP DEACON:** Don Piper

**CLOSER:** Lisa Decker

**CHILDCARE:** Danielle Freeman

**ELDERS:**

Class of 2009—John Baittinger, Lisa Decker, Ann Lowell, Sam Wilber

Class of 2010—Lynn Ingram, Dorothy Nicholas, Alicia Shussett, Joe Smits

Class of 2011—Ron Gingrich, Sue Vitale, Tom Lawall, Jim Millick

**DEACONS:**

Class of 2009—Carolyn Baittinger, Sally Heimbach, John Stewart, Chuck Waters

Class of 2010—Peter Ferguson, Larry Hemberger, Debbie Lillegard, Melanie Shimer

Class of 2011—Darlene Dourney, Zona Farmer, Don Piper, Hank Rath

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

❖❖❖❖❖❖ Latecomers may be seated.

- ◆ Worship sheets and activity bags for children are available from the ushers.
- ◆ Assistive listening devices are available for those with hearing difficulties.
- ◆ Large print hymnals are available, as are scripture materials.

Please ask an usher for assistance.



The large candle on the communion table is a symbol for us that, as Christians, we believe Christ is still the light of the world. May it also remind us that PEACE is what we hope for.

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