

INTERIM PASTOR: Rev. Roberta J. Kearney

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DEACON GREETER: Darlene Dourney

FELLOWSHIP DEACON: Zona Farmer

FLOWER DEACON: Debbie Lillegard

CLOSER: Ann Lowell

STEWARDSHIP: John Baittinger

USHER/GREETER CAPTAIN: Beth Kunkle

USHERS: Cawley Waters, Archer Waters, Chuck Waters, Amy Waters

COMMUNION SERVERS: Chuck Waters, Debbie Lillegard, Carolyn Baittinger, Darlene Dourney, Lynn Ingram

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Chuck & Amy Waters, in honor of their wedding anniversary.
The Payea family, in celebration of Laura's birthday.

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

**ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
9:15 AM
SEPTEMBER 6, 2009**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving God, we give thanks for your voice that calls to us at the time of baptism and never stops. May we continue listening to and responding to that call throughout our lives. We pray that each of your children may hear and recognize your presence, visible through the many gifts given to us by you. For it is in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ, that we pray. Amen.

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 252 in the Mission Yearbook in the pew.)

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

"God's Time Is the Best"
J. S. BACH

WELCOME

*SONG FOR ASSEMBLY

"For Surely I Know the Plans"
G. S. OATEN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Who are we, God, that you have brought us this far? You have blessed our homes and our church.

You provided bread to satisfy our hunger and keep us day by day in your covenant.

You have spoken to us in words of promise and you placed a lighted lamp on our way.

You have granted us wisdom and insight into the mystery of your will.

Let us explore together what this means for our daily lives and for our church.

We seek to know God's presence here and to receive spiritual blessings.

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*HYMN

“Called to Gather As God’s People”

WORDS BY CARL P. DAW, JR.

Called to gather as God’s people, We assemble in this place
To unite our hearts and voices In thanksgiving for God’s grace:
For the birthing of creation, For Christ’s rising from death’s hold,
For the coming of the Spirit, Week by week claimed and retold

Taught and formed by proclamation, We await God’s promised word:
Song and story, psalm and precept, All the range of scripture heard.
By this ancient, living witness We are summoned to confess
How we fall short, yet can trust that God will hear, forgive, and bless.

Fed at Christ’s abundant table, We partake of holy food,
Wake the gifts of hope and mem’ry, Taste and see that God is good.
So our mingled lives are taken, Blessed and broken for Christ’s sake,
Given out to feed and comfort Bodies, minds, and hearts that ache

Sent to share the Spirit’s blessing, We go forth renewed, restored,
Humbled by the task before us, Strengthened by the Love outpoured.
Finding faith confirmed in action, Led by hope through each new day,
We are called to be God’s people, Living what we sing and pray.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Lord, you know our hearts. As Guide, you would have us follow you to the ends of the earth, but you know how we hide in the corners of ourselves. As Teacher, you would have us discover you in the depths of our being, but you know we meditate on the surface of things. As Lover, you would have us pledge ourselves to you with an unbreakable vow, but you know that we wed ourselves to other gods.

Lord, you know our hearts. Guide, teach, and love us into knowing what we do not know about ourselves, that we might become what you would have us be.

SILENT CONFESSION

HYMN #572: KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN #592: DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
MINUTE FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sue Vitale
JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE WORD OF GOD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

FIRST LESSON: MARK 12:28b-31

'Which commandment is the first of all?' ²⁹Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."³¹The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

*HYMN

"Thy Word"
AMY GRANT

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still You're right there beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; I will love You to the end.

SECOND LESSON: PSALM 1

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; ²but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. ⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; ⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SERMON

"Being Present, Being Fed"
REV. ROBERTA J. KEARNEY

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

"I Come with Joy"

AUSTIN C. LOVELACE

Senior Choir Ensemble

*DEDICATION HYMN

"Freely, Freely"

CAROL OWENS

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell;

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #515

"Now to Your Table Spread"

LOVE UNKNOWN

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(The custom at Faith Church is to hold the Bread and Cup until every one is served, and to join in it together.)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: Jesus said, Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if those who hear my voice open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them, and they with me.

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all who trust him to share the feast he has prepared.

Let us draw near to him and feed on him in our hearts by faith.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, at all times and places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning.

People: With joy we praise you, gracious God, for you laid the foundations of the earth. You are the creator of all things, and the source of every blessing. By your power and wisdom you brought the universe into being, and created us in your image.

Leader: Above all we give you thanks and praise for your grace in sending Jesus Christ, not for any merit of our own. We have repeatedly turned away from you, bound in sin. But in your reconciling compassion you redeemed us, reconciling us to you through the death and resurrection of Christ.

People: In Christ you have made us a holy people by sending us your holy and life giving Spirit, who came to lead your church into all truth. In the power of the Spirit, and made ready through your spiritual blessings we take the joy of the gospel into the world.

Leader: Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with people of faith from all times and places. We lift our hearts to you, for you alone are holy.

People: 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!

Leader: By your Spirit make us one in Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. Strengthen your church to proclaim your justice, joy and peace and to live for your kingdom in the world.

People: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

Leader: On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and when he had given God thanks and praise, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying "Take, eat, this is my body given for you.

In the same way, when the supper had ended, he took the cup, and again gave God thanks and praise, saying, "This is the cup of the new covenant, sealed in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this, remembering me.

(It is the custom of Faith Church to hold the Bread and Cup until everyone is served, and to join in it together When all have received the Bread the pastor will offer the ancient Hebrew blessing for the bread. When all have received the Cup the pastor will offer the ancient Hebrew blessing for the Cup.)

Leader: Having been fed by Christ, we pray the kingdom prayer of Jesus, who taught us to pray together saying,

All: 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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Leader: We have been forgiven, loved and freed by Jesus Christ. On the evening of the first Easter day when the disciples were together, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you, my peace I leave with you." Let us stand now and offer to one another the Peace of Christ.

*CLOSING HYMN #361

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
You, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Even down to old age all My people shall prove
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

*CHARGE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

R. V. WILLIAMS

*POSTLUDE

"Allegro Maestoso"

G. F. HANDEL

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

* * * * *Latecomers may be seated at this time

COMMUNION NOTES

This morning we continue the practice of including children throughout the entire worship service including Communion. Parents have the responsibility to determine when their children are ready to receive this Sacrament.

Announcements

Special Music for Summer

This morning's special music is offered by an ensemble from the Senior Choir. This concludes the special summer music. We thank everyone for sharing the gift and blessing of their talent.



Office Hours

Week of 9/6

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9 am—2 pm

Closed on Monday, Labor Day

Week of 9/13

Monday through Thursday

9 am—2 pm

until next Summer!



Daybreak – September 14

Needed: 1-2 persons to bake 2 doz. cookies each

If you can help, please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Cookies need to be in the church kitchen by 12 noon.

(Faith Church cooks and serves a meal at Daybreak on the second Monday of each month, from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. The rewards of helping with this Mission service cannot be measured. Daybreak is a drop-in center for people recovering from mental illness. Donations of homemade cookies are always welcome, even preferred. Sugar-free cookies are also appreciated. *NOTE: Because of possible nut allergies, please mark cookies that have nuts in them.* Drop them off in the kitchen by noon of that Monday. Helpers are also needed, especially cooks, from approx. 2:30 to 4:30 pm. For more information, speak to Barbara Newman (610-967-3682) or Jean Scott (610-966-5487). Don't pass up this very easy opportunity to “do unto others.”)



Congregational Meeting

September 13, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.



Worship schedule returns to 10:30 am next Sunday!
Sunday School begins next Sunday at a new time...9:00 am!



Faith Presbyterian Church SCRIP Program

The **Building & Grounds Committee** has plenty of **projects** that need funding. The profits from the **SCRIP PROGRAM** will help offset these costs.

We received **12 orders** in **August** totaling **\$3,085.0** for the **GREAT LAKES SCRIP** and **WEIS** programs which generated **\$170.85** to help offset the costs of various **Buildings & Grounds Projects**.

The **total** for **2009 (8 months)** is **\$1,652.38**.

The next date for orders is September 13, 2009.

For a complete list of retailers or for more information check the **table in the Fellowship Hall** or www.glscrip.com.

Please contact Sally Heimbach (**610-965-2102** or sheimbch@ptd.net) with any questions or concerns.

Great Lakes Scrip Center Instructions

Look at the list of Retailers (in Fellowship Hall, or the much larger list at the Great Lakes website) and make your choices of gift cards (SCRIP).

Fill out an order form.

Place order form and check (made payable to Faith Presbyterian Church) in Sally Heimbach's mailbox in the church office, by the second Sunday of the month.

Gift cards will be available by the fourth Sunday of the month. Gift cards may also be picked up during regular church office hours.



Women of Faith Picnic

This year's W.O.F. picnic will be held at Flo Bannister's home on **Friday, September 11th at 6:00 PM.**

FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FOOD!

A sign up sheet will be posted in the Fellowship Hall.



Don't forget! 9:00 am
New starting time for Sunday School



Y2K* Yard Sale

September 12 @ 8:00 am Rain or Shine!
(*Youth To Kenya)

SHOPPERS NEEDED!!! Please join us during the day on September 12th. We need shoppers to browse through all the “experienced” treasures we’ve collected. Spread the word to your friends. We would like to make this sale as successful as possible.

FOOD, FUN and FELLOWSHIP!!! Try the latest culinary delight...Taco in a Bag. We’ll have hot dogs, baked goods and beverages. Come and spend the day!!!!

STILL TAKING DONATIONS!!! The second Y2K (Youth to Kenya) yard sale is nearly upon us and time is running out for summer projects like cleaning out your garage, your attic, your extra bedrooms, etc. We are accepting donations of items for sale right up until September 11th. If you need something to be picked up, please contact Jack or Lisa Decker (610-966-4798). Pick-ups will be scheduled for over Labor Day weekend.

PROCEEDS from this yard sale will be used to help send our youth on a trip to Kenya, hopefully in 2010.



Lend a Hand—Give a Can

The Mission Committee is extending the food drive thru Thanksgiving. During this difficult economic time, there are even more families in need. Please consider adding a few canned goods when you shop this week and bring them into Church. All donations are now being delivered to the Emmaus Food Bank.



Mission Fair

Sunday, October 4
Watch for details!



Birthdays!

September 6—Jana Masenheimer
September 8—Courtney Kemps
September 10—Bruce Kunkle, Joel Shimer
September 12—Sarah Hillanbrand



2009 Peacemaking Offering

World Communion Sunday
Sunday, October 4
Justice and peace shall kiss each other.
Psalm 85:10



My Time with God

Preparing to Feast with God
Starts September 13th at 9 am.

My Time with God is a great resource for couples, families, Bible studies or small groups hungry to spend time with God and one another.

On September 13th and 20th there will be a two-week introduction to our New Testament devotional *My Time with God*. These two weeks you will get tips and tools for approaching God's word. Everyone who wants to read and pray through the New Testament, whether on their own or in a group, should plan to attend these introduction classes in Room 5. Monday, September 21st, we begin reading *My Time with God*.

There are at least three different times during the week when you can meet with a group to discuss what you are discovering.

Wednesdays at noon, (starting Sept 23)

Sunday mornings at 9 am (starting Sept 27)

Thursday mornings 9:30 am with the Devotional Fellowship Group (starting Sept 17).

If 6-8 people express an interest, there will also be an evening discussion group.

Contact Sue Vitale or Roberta Kearney with any questions you may have.

Copies of *My Time with God* are available in the church office at \$10 per copy. When picking up a copy please leave a note in the box (for Sue Vitale) with your name on it.



PEPper resumes Sept. 10

(Prayer Enthusiastic People)

PEPper meets weekly on Thursdays from 6:30 am - 7:00 am for devotions and prayer before the start of the day. It's a great way to start the day.

For more information see Janie Slamon (610) 967-4899 or Louise Schaefer (610) 965-3544. All are welcome!



Devotional Fellowship Group

Fall session begins September 17, 2009

Join your friends and make new ones on **Thursday mornings** for a time of fellowship, study, and prayer. We meet from **9:30 – 11 a.m.** in each others' homes. This fall our study will use ***My Time with God*** devotional book and the "Lectio Divina" method to help each other hear God's word to us. Fall session will run for 9 weeks, from Sept. 17 – Nov. 12. Books are available for \$10 each. Come and bring a friend !

Our first meeting will be held at the home of Deanna Robinson. Directions available in the church office or email Deanna at DSWRobinson@ptd.net



Volunteers needed!

Bulletin folder needed Thursdays from September 17 through October 8. If you can help, please contact the church office. (610) 967-5600



Are you interested in joining Faith Presbyterian Church?

Please contact Ann Lowell at by phone: 610-398-8267; or by email: lowellga@ptd.net with any questions regarding the process of becoming a member of our church.

The next Membership conversation series will take place in the Fall.



Fairly Traded Coffee

The Mission Committee is offering the congregation the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange Fairly Traded Coffee. Both "**regular**" and "**de-caf**" drip coffee is available for \$7.00 per bag. Now, for your further coffee enjoyment, we also offer "**whole bean**" and "**hazelnut crème**" flavored, at the same price of \$7.00 per bag.

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.

What is Equal Exchange?

Equal Exchange was founded to create approach to trade that includes informed consumers, honest and fair trade relationships and cooperative principles. As a worker-owned co-op, they accomplish this by offering consumers fairly traded gourmet coffee direct from small-scale farmer co-ops in Latin America, Africa and Asia. More information can be found in the July/August issue of The Faith Flyer.



SpiritFest '09

"Renew a steadfast spirit within me." ~ Ps. 51:10b

Sunday September 20

See the poster hanging outside Fellowship Hall for more details on an event that includes *Looking Up* the praise band from the Slatington Presbyterian Church.



Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus

Concert Series 2009-2010

A Gift to the Community

Organ Plus

Organ plus instruments,

Guest Organist

October 18, 2009

Sunday, 3:00 PM

Reception

Sounds, Sights, and Snacks

January 31, 2010

Sunday, 3:00 PM

Heidelberg

Concert Handbell Choir

Jackie Laudenslager, Director

April 25, 2010

Sunday, 3:00 PM

Concert featuring

Young Musicians

To be announced at a later date.

Free will offering.

Information: please contact Eleanor Focht

Faith Presbyterian Church of Emmaus

North Second & Cherokee Streets

Emmaus, PA 18049; 610-967-5600

faithchurch@faithchurchemmaus.org.



Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

Melanie Shimer, as she recovers from a broken leg.

Dave Weber, as he undergoes another round of chemo.

Joe Smits, on his continued recovery.

Bruce Yaeck, brother of **Joanne Rath**, as he recovers from a serious injury.

Lorraine Whaley, sister of **Kathy Hemberger**, on her recent cancer diagnosis and treatment.

The grandfather of **Chad Gorr**, as he continues his ongoing battle with ALS.

Emma Takacs, in her daily walk with cerebral palsy.

Blanche Ring, mother of **Debbie Lillegard**, under-going 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.



In MILITARY SERVICE

Keep these people in your prayers!

Bethany Kauffman, niece of **Jim & Penny Pantano**, serving in the Middle East.

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.

First United Methodist/Presbyterian Church, Ashland

Presbyterian Parish of Bangor/Roseto



Nursery Caregiver Position

We are looking for a child care provider for the nursery starting September 13. The position is for someone 18 years or older. The hours are 8:45 to 11:45 AM every Sunday. The wage is \$10/hour. If you know anyone who might be interested in this paid position, please contact Sue Vitale by phone (610-360-3998) or email (vitale725@yahoo.com).



Two Weeks of Faith

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



This Week

Sunday, September 6 **COMMUNION**
9:15 am— Worship Service

Monday, September 7 **LABOR DAY**
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8
7:00 pm— Session (FH)

Wednesday, September 9
6:00 pm— PNC***
6:30 pm—Eagle Scout Project (FH)
7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, September 10
6:30 am— Pepper (P)
7:00 pm—Building & Grounds (3)
7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 11
All day—GLUE*: Set up for Y2K Yard Sale
6:00 pm—W.O.F.** Picnic (Flo Bannister's home)

Saturday, September 12
9 am to ?— Y2K Yard Sale

**God Leads Us Everywhere (Youth Group)*

***Women of Faith*

****Pastoral Nominating Committee*

Next Week

Sunday, September 13 **SCRIP ORDERS DUE**

9:00 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Worship Service
5:00 pm—Youth Group (FH)
7:00 pm—Youth Music (S)
7:00 pm—Faith on the Road

Monday, September 14

2:30 pm—Daybreak
6:30 pm—Eagle Scout Project (FH)
Pastor on study leave until 9/22

Tuesday, September 15

6:00 pm—PNC***
6:30 pm—Eagle Scout Project (FH)
7:15 pm—Deacons (P)

Wednesday, September 16

6:00 pm—Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S)
6:30 pm—Eagle Scout Project (FH)
7:30 pm—Senior Choir Rehearsal (S)

Thursday, September 17

6:30 am—Pepper (P)
9:30 am—Devotional Fellowship Group (Robinson)
7-10 pm—Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19