



Mission Statement of Faith Church

Our common ministry as the people of Faith Presbyterian Church is rooted in the saving love of God shown in Jesus Christ and matures as we trust God to provide love and grace for our lives.

We invite others to celebrate the Good News of Salvation with us and to share in the renewing experience we have in showing God's love.

Thus we will live and worship in a way that welcomes others to journey with us as we serve and are served, teach and are taught, love and are loved, hear and are heard and as we enjoy our life together in the body of Christ.

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**THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

10:30 AM

MAY 24, 2009



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Gracious God, you have asked us to stand up among the believers and serve others.
Strengthen us to do the work to which you have called us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.*

(To continue preparation for worship, read the rest of page 146 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

"Borning Cry"

SETTING BY
DAVID CHRISTIANSEN

WELCOME

SONG FOR ASSEMBLY

"For Surely I Know the Plans"

G. S. OATEN

Please remain seated.

Come gath - er my friends and see _____ The Fruits of the
Spi - rit lived out: _____ As we see Je - sus in
One and all, We rise to ad - min - is - ter grace.

*DOXOLOGY

HYMN #592

*CALL TO WORSHIP 1 John 4:7-12

Come to worship God whose love was revealed in Jesus.

Let all the ends of the earth turn to God.

We will worship God and sing praises.

We will proclaim the good news to others.

Beloved, we are called to love as God loves us.

We are to love one another as brothers and sisters.

Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

If we love one another God abides in us, God's love is perfected in us.

Remember that you have been baptized.

God claims us, and ordains us into the spiritual life personally and as the body of Christ.

God bless us as we seek to love one another.



*HYMN

"Creator of the Water"
(tune of Hymn 447, Presbyterian Hymnal)

LANCASHIRE

Creator of the water that makes the world so green,
That satisfies the thirsty, and keeps us cool and clean,
We take from your creation this gift we use each day;
You call us now to use it in this most holy way.

As in the time of Noah, the sea engulfed the land,
And through the Red Sea, Moses led Israel' cross the sand,
And to the Jordan waters, Christ went and was baptized-
Your water has a power: it changes all our lives.

May this your gift of water, long springing from the earth,
Become for all new Christians their fountain of rebirth.
Lord, wash away their sinning, and give them life anew-
Pour out your Spirit on them, that they may follow you.

God, through your gift of water, your family we become;
You take away divisions; in Christ you make us one.
Now send your Spirit on us and give us work to do,
That we may share with others the love we have from you.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

God of creation, for your gift of water to sustain, renew and cleanse all living things we give you thanks. God of holiness and majesty, you pour out your goodness and love upon us and upon all creation, as we gather in the name of our risen Savior. In Jesus and in scripture, you have given us the word of life. Let Jesus Christ be known among us, in our conversations and in our prayers. May we be open to the fresh surprises of your Holy Spirit, giving you thanks and praise, as you fill us with hope.

CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

Each and every day we are called to remember our baptism.
In these waters God promises to love us always.
In these waters our lives are committed to the way of Jesus.
Yet we have often wandered from that way of life.
Confession is God's gift to us.
It allows us to turn around
and walk the path God intends for us. Let us silently confess our sins, and the sins of the world, before almighty God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(In unison)*

If we do not love each other, then what will the world think of the Lord of Love? God help us to remember that just as you love us, we are challenged to accept your love and to offer your love to every person we meet. Help us to be your witnesses through acts of common courtesy, compassion, and fairness. Guide us as we seek justice and the basic needs of all people. Forgive us when we fail to act or to remember. Shape us to be like Jesus, so with him we die to the old life, and through him are raised into new life, able to love and live with bold generosity.

KYRIE ELEISON

HYMN #572

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the waters of baptism our sins are forgiven. Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we might walk in newness of life. Let the world see Christ in you.

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #579



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*PASSING OF PEACE

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Pentecost Offering

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

LORD'S PRAYER *(Please use "debts & debtors")*

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL PG. 16

THE WORD OF GOD

WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

READING AND PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

REV. ROBERTA J. KEARNEY

God's Promises

Matthew 3:16-17

Romans 6:6-9 (sin cleansed)

Romans 8:11, 26-27 (Holy Spirit)

Galatians 3:26-28 (beloved)

Romans 6:5 (eternal life)

HYMN

Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy
(tune of Hymn #282, Presbyterian Hymnal)

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among your seed, your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin, I have your Spirit now within.

My loving Father, here you take me henceforth to be your child and heir;
My faithful Savior, here you make me the fruit of all your sorrows share;
O Holy Ghost, you comfort me though threatening clouds around I see.

O faithful God, you never fail me; your covenant surely will abide
Let not eternal death assail me should I transgress it on my side!
Have mercy when I come defiled; forgive, lift up, restore your child.

All that I am and love most dearly, receive it all, O God from me.
Oh, let me make my vows sincerely, and help me your child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours alone.

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Presentation

Vows

Parents:

Do you turn from the ways of sin that separate you from the love of God?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?

I turn to Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.

Do you trust in Him?

I do.

Relying on God's grace, do you promise to live the Christian faith as you raise your children and live your daily life?

I do.

Do you promise to be open to the Holy Spirit, as you read the stories of faith, teach your children to pray, worship and belong to Christ's body, the church?

I do.

Congregation:

Children, do you promise to be a friend to these children, showing them the love of Jesus?

We do.

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? Do you promise to be the hands guiding Erin and Tyler? Will you pray for them, teach them the Good News of Jesus and, by your fellowship, strengthen their ties with the family of God?

We do and with God's help we will be the voice who teaches these children the stories of faith, the voice who speaks out for them. We will be the ears who listen to their needs, hurts and dreams; and we will be the arms who surround these children, caring for them as they nurture their children in the love of Jesus. We pray for Christ's blessing on Erin and Tyler, that they may be surrounded by Christ's love, established in the faith, and strengthened in the ways that lead to life eternal.

* Affirmation of Faith

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor: *Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?*

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: *Do you believe in Jesus Christ?*

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

Baptism

Welcome

Hymn – Vs. 4

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

KINGDOM #498

Baptism Prayer

Announcements

Today in worship we will celebrate baptism in three ways – first by reflecting on what scripture teaches about baptism, second by baptizing Erin Rebekah Gill and Tyler Michael Green. We will then present our second and third graders with Bibles, while asking their parents to reaffirm their promises to help their children grow in their relationship with Jesus. Finally, we will have a chance to remember and receive the blessing of baptism for ourselves. Everyone will be invited to come forward and place their hands in the water while receiving a blessing from a member of our worship committee.

Many thanks to Lynn Ingram, for her participation in this service, after joining with Roberta, the Greens and Gills for an evening discussion of faith and baptism. Thanks to Sue Vitale for her ministry with Christian Education, and her delight in making sure our children receive their own Bibles.

Thanks also to Sam Wilber, John Stewart, Robin Mathias and Ron Gingrich, members of the worship committee for offering us God's blessing, as we remember our baptism.

Receiving Bibles this morning:

Matthew Carney, Elizabeth Greb, Natalie Greb, Krista Ann Shook, and Cawley Andrew Waters.



Are we approachable?

A first-time visitor can feel as though there are miles of distance between themselves and members of the church. Victor Borge once said, *"A smile is the shortest distance between two people."* Why not smile at unfamiliar faces on Sunday mornings and let them know that we are approachable, and that they are welcome? You might even discover another member of your Faith Family that you just haven't met.

This is one more look at how little things can make a big difference to those who are unfamiliar with our church...or with *any* church.



Graduates! Parents of Graduates! College Addresses!

Please help us celebrate the graduation of students from high school and college. We'd love to share their accomplishment with their Faith Family in an upcoming bulletin and newsletter.

So, if you are graduating, or someone in your family is, please help us out by completing the information below and placing in the offering plate or on the secretary's desk. You can also email the information to the church at faithchurch@faithchurchemmaus.org, or call the information in to the church answering machine. Thanks for your help! Best wishes to those heading off on their new journeys.

Student's Name: _____

College: _____ Major _____

Address: _____ Phone _____

_____ Email: _____



Y2K Yard Sale May 30th

On Sat. May 30th our youth will be participating in the Emmaus community yard sale. We hope you'll stop by, not only to purchase some wonderful items, but for some of the other fun! Zandor the Emmaus Police Dog will be here at 11:00am for a demonstration and an Emmaus Ambulance will be here throughout the day for the kids to go into and check out. The Parish Life Committee arranged for this great addition to the day!

The Deckers, Kreiders and the Shimers will be providing music. So, come relax, enjoy your church family and have some wonderful food that Women of Faith will be selling.

Wouldn't this be a great time to bring over a friend who may be looking for a new church family?

NOTE! Lots of donations have been received for the yard sale! Thank you so much to the donors! We'll be happy to accept donations of goods right up until the day of the sale.



Membership

Please contact Ann Lowell at 610-398-8267 or email at lowellga@ptd.net with any questions regarding the process of becoming a member of our church. Our Spring Membership Conversation series has begun and will continue until June 2nd.

W.O.F. Annual Summer Picnic

Women of Faith (W.O.F.) will hold their annual picnic on Friday, June 5th, starting at 6:00 pm, at the home of Dorothy Smickley. Please find the sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall and let us know you plan to attend.

ALL women are invited, even if they were unable to attend any meetings.

Please speak with Dorothy Smickley if you need directions or have questions. (610) 965-2406.



Activity at the Devon House

Attention Parents: Our next visit to the Devon House is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 3rd** at 10:00 AM. Our visiting schedule is the first Wednesday of every even numbered month.

The Devon House is an Assisted Living facility located at 1930 Bevin Drive in Allentown (behind Perkins, next to the South Mall). **This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to visit with the older members of our community, and also for the older members of our community to visit with our children!**

If you and your children are interested in participating in this visit, please contact Ann Lowell at 610-398-8267.



WANTED: Grass Eaters

Want to be a Grass Eater? Reserve your spot on the list in Fellowship Hall. Grass Eaters is the fastest *growing* group in the United States of America! It's fun, It's fast, and It's necessary! **JOIN NOW!** No experience necessary. Free training available! Inquiries may be directed to Jim Millick. (610-366-1261)

Vacation Bible School at Faith

June 21-25, from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

***See out our bulletin board display
by the Fellowship Hall!***

This year, at Crocodile Dock, we will engage children in "God Sightings". Through Bible study, music, crafts, and games we will help children discover how God is active in our everyday lives. Grades pre-k to 5th grade. Older children and teenagers are welcome too, as helpers. An information meeting is scheduled for May 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

For more information about the program, or to volunteer, contact Pam Mongi 610-791-1894 / pam0@lehigh.edu, or Sue Vitale 610-967-4689/ vitale725@yahoo.com.



GRAB A CROC and DONATE TO VBS!

Each year, the success of VBS depends largely on the generosity of our congregation. Many people donate their time by volunteering as leaders, organizers, cooks, and helpers. Now everyone can help out by donating an item or two that the program needs. On your way to Fellowship Hall, stop by and check out the VBS bulletin board. There are lots of crocs that list a wide variety of choices, including nonperishable food items, paper goods, and cash donations. Please consider taking a crocodile and returning the requested item to the large box located under the bulletin board. Cash donations should be put in an envelope and returned directly to Sally Heimbach.

****All donations need to be turned in by June 14th.****

Thank you in advance for your generosity and willingness to make VBS a memorable event for everyone again this year!

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR VBS YET?

Join us for a week of GOD SIGHTINGS at Crocodile Dock! Fill out a registration form (hanging on bulletin board by Fellowship Hall) and return it to Sue Vitale's mailbox.

UPDATE! We WILL be having a clothing drive as well!!! So bring on your hand-me-downs.

Spring Food & Clothing Drive May 3 to June 30, 2009



We are currently holding our annual Spring Food & Clothing Drive.

The **FOOD DRIVE** will benefit the Emmaus Food Bank— As before, we are encouraging everyone to donate as much food as possible. It is more important now than ever. You can donate a bag of food or bring **one or two non-perishable food items to church each Sunday**. There will be boxes set up at each of the church's entrances for these items.



Please see Barbara Newman for further information. (610 967-3682)

Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Building Campaign Update

Dear Faith Family,

Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to each and every one of you who pledged or gave a gift towards the extended building campaign last week. We received pledges from people who have supported this building campaign since the beginning dating back to 2000. We also received pledges from new members and from people who had never pledged before. Each and every one of you is an important part of our church as your generosity will continue to reduce the debt and help our church to grow.

We received 56 pledges for a total of \$165,969. This is below our targeted goal of \$345,000. However, we are very optimistic as we currently have 90 pledging units and realize everyone was not in church last week to make their pledge.

While Commitment Sunday has come and gone the window of opportunity never closes to make a pledge or give a gift to the Building Campaign. If you have been contemplating about giving we would ask that you prayerfully consider what a difference your commitment will make to reducing the debt of Faith Presbyterian Church.

Thank you again for your generosity. Because of your faith and commitment to Faith Presbyterian Church, our congregation is able to touch and change lives with God's love.

I will keep you update via the bulletin and the Faith Flyer as new contributions come in and are counted towards our goal.

Sincerely,
Larry Hemberger

Birthday Wishes to:

May 24	Joanna Ayres
May 25	Jean Cummings
May 27	Platte Moring Robert Vitale

Cool as a Cucumber!!!

In an effort to keep our sanctuary cool during the summer months, and keep our energy costs down, the Building & Grounds Committee hopes for your help with these simple changes.

- Keep the entrance and vestibule doors closed.
- Keep the sanctuary doors closed so the cool air stays in the sanctuary.
- To stay cooler during worship, sit forward of the middle pews. The cooler air settles from that point forward.

We are continually evaluating what simple things our Faith family can do to become 'greener' and keep our budget reasonable. Thanks.

- Building & Grounds Committee



Did you get to unwrap your gifts? Here's another chance!

Unwrapping Your Gifts: Finding What You Do Best

If you missed your chance to discover your gifts, join the Noon Bible Exploration group on Wednesdays, May 27, June 3 and June 17, as our interim pastor Roberta Kearney helps us explore what our gifts are and how we might use them for the building of the kingdom. We will be meeting in the Adult Sunday School room at noon.

To obtain the necessary book (\$10 per person) for this class, contact the church office to place your order.

Roberta comes to us with a wealth of information and experience on the topic of gifts exploration and is going to help us discern those gifts and how they relate to our passions and strengths. This event is sponsored by the collaboration of the Stewardship and Christian Education Committees.

Come join us in a journey of discovery... about gifts!

