



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 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

10:30 AM

DECEMBER 28, 2008



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Amazing God, you have confounded the wisdom of this world by coming to us in the form of a human baby, frail and vulnerable. Help us to comprehend the great love with which you open yourself to our world, that we in turn may risk to open ourselves in love toward all your children, and that we may find the source of our lives in Jesus Christ. Amen.

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

THE PRELUDE

Seasonal Carol Sing

10:15 AM

THE WELCOME

THE SONG FOR ASSEMBLY *"For Surely I Know the Plans"*

G. S. OATEN



*THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN #592

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We asked only for a worldly king.

We were given a heavenly sovereign.

We asked only for triumph in this life.

We were given glory in eternal life.

Unison: In the reign of Christ we are not condemned, but blessed.

In the realm of God we are not strangers, but heirs.



*THE HYMN

"What Child Is This?"

GREENSLEEVES #53

THE PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

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

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL – PG. 16

THE CALL TO CONFESSION AND SILENT CONFESSION

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Gracious God, we have sought you in high and holy places, but we are ill prepared to acknowledge your presence among the lowly and poor. We believe you are profound but we overlook your obvious truths. We are anxious about the unknown but we hardly consider the realities immediately in front of us.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

HYMN #572

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #579



*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTERCESSIONS AND PETITIONS

THE WORD OF GOD

A WORD WITH THE CHILDREN

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

OT – Pg. 699 in the gray Bible, Pg. 642 in the blue Bible

ISAIAH 52:7-10

THE PSALM

OT – Pg. 561 in the gray Bible, Pg. 521 in the blue Bible

(The leader will read the odd verses and the congregation will read the even verses. We will read Verse 9 in unison.)

PSALM 98

*THE HYMN

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

CAROL #38

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

NT – Pg. 86 in both Bibles

JOHN 1:1-14

THE SERMON

"Upon A Midnight Clear"

REV. HEIDI CLEVELAND

The poinsettia plants beautifying the church today were placed by:

John & Carolyn Baittinger in memory of John Earl Baittinger, Sr.
Bob & Ruth Bieler
Lyda & Andrew Byers in memory of their parents
Jo Cheney In memory of my sister & brother-in-law,
Barbara & Jerry Freeman
Jim & Eleanor DePhillips in memory of our parents
Bob & Brynn Durn in memory of our parents
Terry & Sally Eck In honor of our grandsons
The Ferguson, Greenough & Victor Families ... in memory of Barbara Ferguson
Rev. David & Eleanor Focht in memory of our parents;
in memory of Allan Young, Jr.
Dick Garber in memory of Judy
Ron & Sandy Gingrich in memory of Snowy Doe
Darlene Gorr in memory of Ann Dourney; in honor of Charles Dourney
Ann Greenwood in honor of my grandchildren: Owen, Meredith & Emma
Betsy & Sam Han in Praise and Thanksgiving
The Hembergers in memory of loved ones
Sue & Tom Lawall in memory of their parents
Jim & Debbie Lillegard in honor of our family
Geoffrey & Ann Lowell in memory of Patricia N. Lowell
Donna & Cliff Lucas in honor of Norman & Blanche Taylor;
Preston & Lucy Lucas
Robin Mathias in memory of Ken Mathias; Larry & Marge Mathias;
Robert & Dorothy Guerry; Renee DuBois
The Millicks in honor of those still displaced from their
homes along the Gulf Coast
Dorothy Nicholas in memory of Dr. Gary G. Nicholas
Shimer family in memory of James Fehr, Ernest Shimer, Margaret Shimer
Janie Slamon in memory of loved ones
Smits Family in memory of Claire Brownbridge
John & Hallie Stewart in memory of our parents
Sue & Bob Vitale in memory of Bill, Isabel & Louise
Bruce & Jean Wagner in memory of departed loved ones
Chuck, Amy, Archer & Cawley Waters in honor of our parents
Anonymous Donor

Plants may be taken following worship this morning. Thank you for beautifying the church!

Announcements



In the pulpit...

We welcome Rev. Heidi Lucas Cleveland to our pulpit this morning. Heidi was raised a back door neighbor to Faith Presbyterian Church, her home church family. She earned a Masters degrees from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. After serving 15 years as a Church Educator and Minister of the Word and Sacrament, she is now a full time Mom, and an Assistant Kindergarten Teacher at Fuller Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary School in Raleigh, North Carolina. She is a percussionist in the Alternative Worship Service at Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church. Heidi lives in Cary, North Carolina with her husband, Jeff, a Software Developer at SAS Institute, and her daughter, Taylor, an exuberant first-grader and ballet student. For pictures of Taylor, see proud grandparents Cliff and Donna Lucas!



Mission Yearbook

If you would like a copy of the 2008 Mission Yearbook, please take one from the pew today.

Ring In the New Year at Faith



Still trying to figure out how to bring in the New Year? Well, here's an idea. How about spending it with your church family?

Starting at 7:30 pm, with a special count down to midnight, the Parish Life Committee is sponsoring *Ring In the New Year at Faith*. There will be games, movies, food, fun, friendship, & fellowship! Bring a snack or hors d'oeuvres, beverages (non alcoholic) to share.

This Parish Life activity is rated **E** for **everyone!** Come and have a great time! If you have small children, bring your portable cribs or sleeping bags, and they can sleep in the nursery while you enjoy the fun....

Come play Bunko, Guesstures, Scattergories, maybe a Wii will be set up, or watch a movie. Bring a game that you love to play... You can Dress up or Dress Down, just come and enjoy the fun! If you really didn't have any plans..... well now you do!

If you have any questions contact Dottie Nicholas (Parish Life Committee Chair) at 610.966.2928, or Diane Millick at 610-366-1261.

*Have The Holidays Left Your Wallet Empty?
Are You Tired of Cooking?
Are You Tired of Seeing Christmas Decorations?*

If you answered yes to any of these questions join us on **Sunday January 4**, following worship, as we **UNHANG the GREENS**. A light lunch will be provided. Contact Sally Heimbach with any questions?

Many Hands Make the Job Quicker!

Flower Chart for 2009

Please sign up for altar flowers on the new poster located right outside Fellowship Hall. You will be billed directly from George's Florist. If you have any questions, please contact Melanie Shimer at 610-965-8764. Donors needed for the following dates: 1/11, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15 and 3/29.



Stewardship at Faith Church

The Stewardship Committee is preparing pledge envelopes for 2009. To get yours, complete a pledge card today!

Offering envelopes for 2009 are in the Narthex for you to pick up. If you did not fill out a pledge card there will not be a box of envelopes there for you. To get a box of envelopes, please complete a pledge card today! Cards are available in your pew and are still being collected with the morning offering. As of December 21, 2008 we have received a total of **95** pledges in the amount of **\$209,281.84** toward an approximate budget of \$238,000.00.

How will you share your

abundance?

W.O.F.

The Women of Faith wish to thank everyone who made their annual Boutique a success, from the making of the crafts to their purchase. Many items are still available. There are cards, ornaments, pepper jelly, and yes...cookbooks, in Fellowship Hall. Payment can be dropped in the box on the table or put in an envelope in the Women of Faith mailbox in the church office. Thanks again!



2009 Pocket Directory

The proof copy of the directory (in a green notebook) can be found on a table in Fellowship Hall. Please review your information and make any necessary changes. The plan is to have the directory finalized and printed in time for distribution on the day of the Annual Congregational Meeting (January 25, 2009).

PASTORAL CARE during transition

If you have a concern that needs **PASTORAL CARE** during this time of transition for the church, you may contact one of the people mentioned below:

Moderator of Deacons: Carolyn Baittinger 610-967-2858

Secretary of Deacons: Sally Heimbach 610-965-2102(h) or 610-390-4602(cell)

Clerk of Session: Lynn Ingram 610-966-0897

Church Office: Lynda Scheirer 610-967-5600 (office hours M – TH 9am to 2pm)

A call will be made from the person contacted to the appropriate sources to address the concern or need (Prayer Chain, Deacon Care Group, Parish Nurses, etc).

In the event of a more serious concern the *Pastor on call* will be contacted immediately.



December 28— Archer Waters
 December 30— Amy Carney
 Mathias Staack
 January 1— Dan Hemberger
 Ruth MacHose
 Theodore Rogal

Do you have a question...

...about Faith Presbyterian Church?

...or about the Christian Faith?

Please see our representative from the Membership Committee, who will be standing in the narthex by the Guest Book, both before worship and immediately following the service, and will be glad to speak with you



Season up your Thursday mornings!

Pepper is a devotional time on Thursday mornings from 6:30–7:00 am in the church parlor. We meet for meditation, discussion and prayer. Tune in to God before your day carries you away!

Noon Bible Exploration

Noon Bible Exploration meets Wednesdays in Room 7. We will not meet on December 31st, but will resume on January 7th. All are welcome! Speak with Ellen Bender for more information. (610 987-3552)

Adult Sunday School

Date	Subject	Leader
January 4	New Year's Resolutions	John Gill
January 11	<u>The Shack</u> – Book discussion	Jack Decker
January 18	<u>The Shack</u> – Book discussion	Jack Decker
January 25	Classic Christian Literature	Dave Webb

Annual Reports due December 31st!

Joys & Concerns

Keep these people in your prayers!

- ◆ **Janie Slamon & family**, on the death of Janie's father .
- ◆ **Bruce Luff & family**, on the death of Bruce's father .
- ◆ **Dianne Macdonald**, recovering from surgery.
- ◆ **Ellie DePhillips**, recovering from surgery.
- ◆ **Scott Smickley**, recovering from surgery.
- ◆ **John Stewart**, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ◆ **Peggy Barabas**, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ◆ **Emma Takacs**, in her daily walk with cerebral palsy
- ◆ **Blanche Ring**, mother of **Debbie Lillegard**, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ◆ **Joanne Rath's** mother, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ◆ **Dave Weber**, undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ◆ All **church members** & their families who are experiencing job loss.

In **MILITARY SERVICE**

Keep these people in your prayers!

- ◆ **Kyle Zimmerman**, friend of the **Lillegard** family, serving a second tour in Iraq.
- ◆ **Doug Durn**, son of **Bob & Brynn Durn**.
- ◆ **Doland J. Miller**, son-in-law of **George J. Smits**
- ◆ **Amanda and Jeremy Miller**, grandchildren of **George J. Smits**.
- ◆ **Charles VanHeest**, grandson of **Dave & Kay Weber**, serving in Iraq.
- ◆ **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**

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Debbie Lillegard

Deacon of the Month—Care Group # 4

Carolyn Baittinger
Joanna Baittinger
John Baittinger
Clifford Cole
Emily Cole
Brynn Durn
Robert Durn
Ronald Gingrich

Sandra Gingrich
Frances Gledhill
Daria Greb
Scott Greb

Joshua Hillanbrand
Laurie Hillanbrand
Sarah Hillanbrand
Clinton Leinweber

Wanda Leinweber
Thelma Rogal
Theodore Rogal
Sally Showalter
Hallie Stewart
John Stewart
Donna Thompson
Laura Warner

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 28

9:15 am— Sunday School
10:15 am— Carol Sing (S)
10:30 am— Worship Service

Monday, December 29

Tuesday, December 30

Wednesday, December 31
Church Office Closed

New Year's Eve

Thursday, January 1
Church Office Closed

New Year's Day

7-10 pm— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, January 2

Saturday, January 3

Next Week

Sunday, January 4

9:15 am— Sunday School
10:30 am— Worship Service
(following— UN-hang the Greens
worship)

Monday, January 5

7:00 pm— Christian Ed
7:30 pm— Worship

Tuesday, January 6

7:30 pm— Administration

Wednesday, January 7

Noon— Bible Exploration (7)
7:00 pm— Senior Choir Christmas Party
@ Joe Smits' home

Thursday, January 8

6:30 am— Pepper (P)
7-10 pm— Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10

Communion

Epiphany

OUR WINTER ICE AND SNOW POLICY;

Sunday worship will never be cancelled.
If it is not safe to travel from your sidewalk,
driveway or road, let that be your guide.

Annual Reports due December 31st!

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. On Sunday mornings, during Faith Church Life, certain activities of the congregation will be highlighted.

Office hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm...Closed Friday
faithchurch@faithchurchemmaus.org

