

Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, November 17, 2024



Worship Schedule

Sunday:

10:00 am: Worship-Sanctuary

Wednesday:

7:00 pm: Worship on Wednesday
(held virtually via Zoom)

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:00 am – Noon

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• Today's Scripture •

Today's Scripture is Mark 13:1-8; Acts 3:1-16 & 4:1-31 with the sermon titled "Falling Walls to Build a Kingdom."

Worship is...

Joyful. Spirit-filled. Thoughtful. Welcoming.

Parking: Additional street parking is available, plus you can also park in the Dental Center parking lot to the south.

Restrooms: Located next to the church office as you come in from the parking lot on the west end of the building.

Large print hymnals (words only): Available on the back table.

Hearing assistance devices are available: Ask an usher.

Questions? Please feel free to ask an usher for assistance!

Connection Card

In your bulletin is a green connection card. We ask that you complete the card and drop it in the offering plate. If you have a specific person, group, or event for which you'd like us to join with you in prayer, place this prayer request on the back of the connection card. This can be for a concern in your life or your health, or for a concern you have for someone else, or for a joyous event.

Welcome to Faith Presbyterian! Connection Card

Name:	_____
Address:	_____
City:	_____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Best Contact Phone:	_____
Email:	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Check if changes in contact information	
<input type="checkbox"/> If 1st- or 2nd-time guest, how did you hear about the church?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Church website <input type="checkbox"/> Church member <input type="checkbox"/> Event <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other:	_____
Are you a: <input type="checkbox"/> 1st-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd-time guest <input type="checkbox"/> Member/regular attendee	
(Over)	

Order of Worship – November 17, 2024

Gather to Worship God -----

Prelude

“How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place”

(Worship is our response to the goodness of God. We are blessed to be called together, by God, to offer our praise & bring our joys & concerns, leaving renewed in spirit & eager to go & live our faith.)

The Welcome & Announcements

*(*We invite you to please stand if you are able.)*

*The Call to Worship (Isaiah 28:1-4 & 16-17 – Message Translation & Psalm 118:8-9 & 22-24 NIV)

Leader: Doom to the pretentious drunks of Ephraim, shabby and washed out and seedy – tipsy, sloppy-fat, beer-bellied parodies of a proud and handsome past. Watch closely: God has someone picked out, someone tough and strong to flatten them. Like a hailstorm, like a hurricane, like a flash flood, one-handed he'll throw them to the ground. Samaria, the party hat on Israel's head, will be knocked off with one blow. It will disappear quicker than a piece of meat tossed to a dog. But the Master, God, has something to say to this: “Watch closely. I'm laying a foundation in Zion, a solid granite foundation, squared and true. And this is the meaning of the stone: I'll make justice the measuring stick and righteousness the plumb line for the building. A hailstorm will knock down the shantytown of lies, and a flash flood will wash out the rubble.”

All: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

*The Hymn of Praise #321

“The Church's One Foundation”

*The Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Holy God, as we journey through life, we know we are building not only a life for ourselves, but we are part of the Kingdom you are building. There are times when we get off course, we go our own way, and we weaken our part of what you are doing. Call us back. Forgive us for thinking we have the best ideas and we know all about life. We know our view is only partial, yours is complete. Give us wisdom to build on Christ, the cornerstone you have set for eternity. Those who have built on him are secure. We offer our prayers in the name of Jesus. Hear us as we continue to pray in silence...

*Words of Assurance (Ephesians 2:19-20)

Leader: So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Christ Jesus Himself, being the cornerstone. **Amen.**

*The Prayer Response #519

“You Are My Strength When I Am Weak”

All: You are my strength when I am weak; you are the treasure that I seek; you are my all in all. When I fall down, you pick me up; when I am dry, you fill my cup; you are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name!

*Passing the Peace

Listening to God's Word -----

The Prayer for Illumination

The Congregational Response

All: Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord. We want to see Jesus.

The Scripture

Mark 13:1-8; Acts 3:1-16 & 4:1-31

The Message

"Falling Walls to Build a Kingdom" – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

Responding to God's Word -----

Hymn of Response #357

"The Days are Surely Coming"

Sharing Joys & Concerns in Prayer

If you have a special request you'd like to share with the prayer chain, please use the green connection card and place it in the offering plate.

Lord's Prayer

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 and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Prayer Response #469

All: Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place. Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

The Call to Dedication (*Ephesians 2:21-22 NIV*)

Leader: In Christ, the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

The Offertory

"Refuge"

*Congregational Response #606

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

All: 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.

*Prayer of Dedication

All: Holy God, it is good to be reminded, in what appears to be the chaos of our day, you are at work building us into your Kingdom. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to choose to hear your call and yield our lives to the power and wonder of what you are doing. We thank you for inviting us to be a part of the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry. We ask that you use these boxes to help tell the story to children around the world about your love given to us in Jesus Christ. Use the tithes and offerings we bring, and the Estimates of Investment brought today to help your church grow and develop into what you have in mind. We give in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Going Out to Serve -----

*The Closing Hymn #353

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*The Closing Prayer & Benediction

Postlude

"Down in My Heart"

Announcements for the Week of November 17

Lead Usher: Bev Slager
Lay Leader: Don Worden

Thank you to Carole Swanson, Nancy Krauth, and Steve Miller for providing fellowship this morning. Please see the sign-up sheet if you'd like to provide fellowship for a future Sunday.

Next Sunday, November 24th, we are planning a Thanksgiving meal following worship. The turkey and gravy will be provided and we hope those coming will sign up to bring the extras. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

A Thanksgiving service will be held November 24th at 4:00 pm here at Faith. The congregations of Faith, Christ, Olivet, and Westminster Presbyterian Churches will join together for the combined service. Fellowship time after the service will include various kinds of pumpkin desserts and treats.

Happy birthday to the following people celebrating their special day this week!

Dalton Ellerbach Nov 22

Weekly Calendar

Sunday:

9:00 AM: Bible Studies

10:00 AM: Worship-Sanctuary

Monday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:00 AM: Sewing Group-Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM: Mission Ministries Meeting-Room #1

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

9:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM: Worship & Music Meeting

Wednesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

4:30 PM: Investment Club-Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM: Worship on Wednesday (Via Zoom)

Thursday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

6:00 PM: Worker Bees

Friday: Office Hours: 8:00 am-12:00 pm

No Events Scheduled

Saturday: *No Events Scheduled*

All-Church Christmas Gathering – Dec. 7

Bring your children and grandchildren, your friends, and of course yourself to our third annual All-Church Christmas Gathering. We will gather on Saturday, December 7, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Let's get in the Christmas spirit by frosting cookies, making crafts, watching a short Christmas movie, and singing carols while enjoying lemonade and popcorn. See you December 7th!

Haiti Deaf Academy Update

On Thursday, October 24, 2024, the beautiful campus we share with our host ministry, Lifesong for Orphans, was attacked by gangs. By the grace of God, we were able to evacuate our children and staff before they were in harm's way. They have been relocated to a safe but temporary location.

We are grateful that everyone remained safe and that the relocation was a success. We ask for your prayers that we will be blessed with the food, lodging and supplies needed for a group of our size: twenty-six students and ten staff, which includes five children of staff. In addition, over one hundred Lifesong students and staff were evacuated.

We pray that our leadership team will have the wisdom to make important decisions about short and long-term solutions for these vulnerable children. We pray for the generosity of our donors as we face numerous new expenses during this period of safe keeping for our students and that we are the best possible stewards of the resources with which we have been blessed.

We will do our best to keep you posted as we continue to assess the situation. Thank you for your prayers and support. – *Haiti Deaf Academy Board of Directors*

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