

# Welcome to Faith Presbyterian Church!

Sunday, December 8, 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 is the second Sunday of Advent. The Scripture readings are Luke 3:2-6 and Luke 3:7-17 with the sermon titled "The Guest of Honor."

## 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	
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# Order of Worship – December 8, 2024

## Gather to Worship God -----

### Prelude

“Listen for His Coming”

*(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 Scripture

Luke 3:2-6

### Lighting the 2nd Advent Candle

The Candle of Preparation – Linda Kipp

### The Welcome & Announcements

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

### \*The Call to Worship (Isaiah 40:3-5)

Leader: The voice of him that cries in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.

**All: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.**

### \*The Hymn of Praise #92

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

### \*The Unison Prayer of Confession

**All: Holy God, your plan is perfect and your knowledge is complete. You know us, from beginning to end, yet you love us. We know it is not our love for you that causes you to love us. You see us through the eyes of a loving Heavenly Father. We give you thanks for sending your Son, Jesus, to call us back to you. We seek your forgiveness as we offer our prayers in his name asking that you continue to hear us as we pray in silence. Amen.**

### \*Words of Assurance (Psalm 85:8-9)

Leader: I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants – but let them not turn to folly. Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. **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

Luke 3:7-17

The Message

"The Guest of Honor" – Rev. Dr. Dennis Morey

## Responding to God's Word -----

Hymn of Response #106

"Prepare the Way, O Zion"

The Apostles' Creed (*page 35*)

Installation of Elders – *Jayne Peremsky, Carol Sindelar, Paul Varcoe, Tracy Barton, Linda Kipp, Judy Worley, Diane Tynne*

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 Minute for Mission

Christmas Joy Offering – Carol Sindelar

The Call to Dedication (*Acts 20:35*)

Leader: The Apostle speaking to the Ephesian elders: "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

The Offertory

"Silent Night" – *Bell Choir and guest soloist Ellen Healey*

\*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, we give thanks by bringing our tithes and offerings to you. During this Advent Season, when we wait for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, we consider how we can be a blessing to those who live close by and far away. We present our offerings, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## Going Out to Serve -----

\*The Closing Hymn #163

"Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice"

\*The Closing Prayer & Benediction

Postlude

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

# Announcements for the Week of December 8

**Lead Usher:** Bess Naujoks  
**Lay Leader:** Linda Kipp

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**Thanks to Linda Kipp for providing fellowship this morning!**  
 Chris & Roger Tucker will provide fellowship next Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see the sign-up sheet if you'd like to provide fellowship for a future Sunday.  
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**If you wish to support the staff Christmas gift,** please give it to Bess Naujoks or place it in the offering plate (clearly designated). – *Don Worden, Personnel Chair*  
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**Happy birthday** to the following people celebrating their special day this week!

Janet Buol	Dec 10
Bess Naujoks	Dec 11
Tom Garland	Dec 13

## Weekly Calendar

Sunday: Installation of Officers  
**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

Tuesday: Office Hours: 8:30 am-4:30 pm  
**9:30 AM:** Coffee & Conversation-Fellowship Hall  
**10:00 AM:** Finance Team Meeting

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

Saturday: No Events Scheduled

## Installation of Officers Today

Today is the installation of new officers for deacons and session. Congratulations to the elders and deacons being installed this morning! The complete slate of officers for next year includes:

<b>Deacons Class of 2025:</b> Judy Gnade Bev Slager	<b>Deacons Class of 2026:</b> Tracy Barton (2 yrs) Judy Worley (2 yrs)	<b>Deacons Class of 2027:</b> Linda Kipp (3 yrs) Diane Tyne (3 yrs)
<b>Elders Class of 2025:</b> Dan Gnade Carole Swanson	<b>Elders Class of 2026:</b> Ila Van Dyke Don Worden	<b>Elders Class of 2027:</b> Jayne Peremsky (3 yrs) Carol Sindelar (3 yrs) Paul Varcoe (3 yrs)

## Christmas Joy Offering

During Advent, you will be hearing a Minute for Mission each Sunday on the Christmas Joy offering. This is one of the PCUSA offerings that Faith Presbyterian Church participates in. Your contribution assists retired church workers and three Presbyterian-related schools that equip communities of color. We will take this offering on December 22. – *Mission Ministries Team*

## Help Our Community by Serving a Meal

Be like Jesus. Help serve a meal to those who are hungry. You are invited on Sunday, December 22, 4:00 pm, to serve SEMP (Sunday Evening Meal Program) at First Presbyterian Church at 310 Fifth Street SE. Sign up on the sheet at the welcome table. After serving, we will continue our fellowship at Irish Democrat. Please see Lynda Nelson if you have any questions.

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