



# Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness

I Chr. 16:29

Sunday School for All Ages 9:15am Worship Service 10:45am Evening Worship on 1st Sundays at 5pm

# Welcome!



If you are visiting with us today, we're glad you're here! In order that we can serve you best, please reach out to us by scanning this QR code, or by filling out the welcome card in the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate.

**Your children are welcome in our Sanctuary!** Pick up activity bags at the Welcome Table for use during the service. Children 4 and under are also welcome in our nursery with secure drop off/pick up procedures.

Giving is an act of worship. Offering plates are passed during every



worship service, and you can also drop your offering any time into the black box just inside the sanctuary doors. Checks can be made out to 'Faith Church.' **Online giving is available through our website** or app, found at this QR code.

### Stay in the know!

Receive our weekly email, and subscribe to our Slack Channel, Website and app! To sign up, email Heidi at <a href="mailto:admin@faithreformed.org">admin@faithreformed.org</a>.

If you need hearing assistance or a Large Print Bible during the service, please ask an usher.

### Let us all prepare our hearts

with silent Bible reading, meditation, and prayer before the service begins.

**Faith Church**, a Reformed Presbyterian congregation, is a member of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed Faith, and obedient to the Great Commission.

**Our Mission:** "Faith Church exists to worship and glorify God, to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, and to promote God's kingdom by standing as a gracious and faithful witness to the surrounding community and the world."

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# **Order of Worship**

Sunday, November 30, 2025

### PRAISE: We Acknowledge God's Majesty

Prelude

Advent Wreath Lighting Justin and Brittany Thomas

\*Opening Song Angels We Have Heard on High

\*Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

All: And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that

the King of glory may come in.

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord,

mighty in battle!

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them

up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of Glory?

All: The Lord of Hosts, HE is the King of

Glory!

\*Praise Songs

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel O Little Town of Bethlehem

\*Invocation

Corporate Confession

All:

Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all those who call upon You; hear us as we come to You, humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. Have mercy

upon us, most merciful Father; grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life; through the merit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

### **CONSECRATION:** We Surrender Our Lives to Christ

Scripture Reading Revelation 7

\*Hymn 218 Angels From the Realms of Glory

The Offering

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!"

Offertory In Dulce Jubilo Faith Choir by Gordon Young

\*Hymn 732 Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Intercession Collin Kenny

Sermon The Stealth Command

Charlie Van Meter Exodus 20:17

\*Hymn 460 Amazing Grace

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand as you are able.

Sermon Notes			

# At Home Worship This Week

# Bible Reading

2025: 52-week Bible Reading Plan by Ligonier Ministries. Feel free to combine readings if you prefer a day off each week.

Sun. Nov. 30	Epistles	1 John 1-3
Mon. Dec. 1	The Law	Deuteronomy 20-22
Tues. Dec. 2	History	Nehemiah 1-4
Wed. Dec. 3	Psalms	Psalm 317-139
Thur. Dec. 4	Poetry	Ecclesiastes 11-12
Fri. Dec. 5	Prophecy	Malachi
Sat. Dec. 6	Gospels	Acts 19-20

# Westminster Larger Catechism

### Q. 77. Wherein do justification and sanctification differ?

A. Although sanctification be inseparably joined with justification, yet they differ, in that God in justification imputeth the righteousness of Christ; in sanctification his Spirit infuseth grace, and enableth to the exercise thereof; in the former, sin is pardoned; in the other, it is subdued; the one doth equally free all believers from the revenging wrath of God, and that perfectly in this life, that they never fall into condemnation; the other is neither equal in all, nor in this life perfect in any, but growing up to perfection.

1 Cor. 6:11; 1 Cor. 1:30; Rom. 4:6, 8; Ezek. 36:27; Rom. 3:24-25; Rom. 6:6, 14; Rom. 8:33-34; 1 John 2:12-14; Heb. 5:12-14; 1 John 1:8, 10; 2 Cor. 7:1; Phil. 3:12-14.

Q. 78. Whence ariseth the imperfection of sanctification in believers?

A. The imperfection of sanctification in believers ariseth from the remnants of sin abiding in every part of them, and the perpetual lustings of the flesh against the spirit; whereby they are often foiled with temptations, and fall into many sins, are hindered in all their spiritual services, and their best works are imperfect and defiled in the sight of God.

Rom. 7:18, 23; Mark 14:66-72; Gal. 2:11-12; Heb. 12:1; Isa. 64:6; Ex. 28:38.

# Hymn:

194 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

### Sermon Text for Next Week:

Exodus 20:1-21

# **Prayer Requests**

### World

Pray for your persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ in Jordan, for peace in Africa, Europe and the Middle East, and for the goodness of God to be made known among the nations.

#### **United States**

Ask the Lord to use the Christmas season to speak life and truth into the hearts of Americans. For unto us a child is born; pray the Christ Child can find relevance and respect in American culture.

### **PCA**

Ridge Haven Conference and Retreat Center

### Faith Church

As we enter the Advent Season, pray for our congregation to encounter Jesus in new ways both personally and corporately, for resolution and peace in any difficult family situations, and for opportunities to share the good news of Emmanuel, "God With Us."

# Discipleship Ministry

Reid Wilson--High School and Adult Sunday School

### Music Ministry

Kriste Passarelli, Praise Team

# 4th Quarter Sunday School Offering

Youth For Christ, Arn Bjorndal

# Faith Church Supported Missionaries and Ministries

Equipping Farmers International: Frank and Cindy Sindler, Africa

### **November Missions Moment**

Equipping Leaders International (ELI) is a Missions Agency whose Mission Statement is to "equip and multiply biblically mature leaders who make disciples in every area of community life". ELI is active around the globe on nearly every continent. The Christian Church is expanding rapidly, and most pastors have little or no training. Faith Church supports Tito Padilla (MDiv) as he teaches pastors and leaders strategically chosen from across Latin America who can then take the courses with them to train other pastors, thus bypassing cultural and language barriers. Please pray for Tito and his wife Kim as our featured missionaries this month.

# This Week at Faith

Sunday, November 30	9:15am	Sunday School	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent	10:45am	Worship service	
	12:00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	
	5:00pm	Youth Group	
Monday, December 1	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Wednesday, December 3	12:00pm	Men's Lunch Bunch	
	1:30pm	Ladies' Small Group	
	7:00pm	Online Prayer Meeting	
Thursday, December 4	7:00pm	ESL Ministry	
Friday, December 5	10:30am	Fiber Fellowship	
Saturday, December 6	10:30am	n Downtown Chr. Fellowship	
	11:00am	Ladies' Christmas Luncheon	
Sunday, December 7	9:15am	Sunday School	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent	10:45am	Worship service	
	12:00pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	
	5:00pm	Youth Group Christmas Party	
	5:30pm	Evening Worship & Meal	

# **Announcements**

**Attention Seniors!** The annual senior luncheon will be held at the Bob Evans restaurant located at the west end of the Golden Mile (Rt 40) at 12:00pm, Thursday Dec 11. This event is a gift to all of our senior members and guests as an expression of our appreciation for you. It is very important that you contact Bob Miller to make your reservation-----by phone, email or in person at church. Saranacbob@aol.com, 240-339-3060 Hope to see you there!

Christmas Caroling! Join us on Sunday, December 14 at 4pm as we



meet together in the Narthex, divide into groups and head out to bless our less mobile church friends at their homes and nursing homes. We will gather back at the church afterwards for a chili supper. See Gwen Grant or Quentin Johnston with questions and sign up at this QR code or in the Narthex!

**Men's Bible Study with Charlie Van Meter** The group meets on alternating Tuesdays at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Next ones are 12/9 and 12/23. All men are welcome!

Ladies' Christmas Luncheon, This Saturday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 11am in the sanctuary.

See Christine Stalnaker with any questions.

**Are You Connected?** If you're not receiving our weekly email, monthly Tapestry magazine, prayer requests, etc., it might be because you're not subscribed! Contact Heidi at <a href="mailto:admin@faithreformed.org">admin@faithreformed.org</a> to sign up.

# Get Involved!

Contact any of these ministry leaders through the Church Directory or on Slack. (Email Heidi at admin@FaithReformed.org to connect!)

# Women

**Ladies' Bible Study** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays in the Sanctuary, 8:45am Sept-May. Christine Stalnaker.

Annual Christmas Luncheon December 6, 2025

Conferences & Service Projects

Christine Stalnaker

**Fiber Fellowship**, Fridays Sept.-May at the Church, 10:30am (bring your knitting, quilting, or any other fiber craft or come to learn!) Mary Hudzinski

### Children and Youth

**Youth Group** during the school year, grades 6-12 Sunday evenings 5-7pm. Quentin Johnston

**Children's Choir**, Sept.-May, rehearses for 15 minutes immediately after the service. Sings the Prelude every third Sunday. Gwen Grant

**VBS**, for grades pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade each summer. Hannah Paugh

### **COMMITTEES & CHAIRS**

Building Committee Tom Maestri
Christian Discipleship Susan Hauver
Disaster Response Bruce Brierly
Finance George Johnson
Global Missions Bert Hauaver
Information Technology Matt Yost
Local Missions Bob Miller
Outreach Angie Custer
Safety and Security Rich Rochford
Women's Ministry Christine Stalnaker
Worship Planning Quentin Johnston

# Men

Men's Breakfast, 3rd Saturdays in the Fellowship Hall, 8:30am Rich Rochford Annual Canoe Trip, Rich Rochford Men's Bible Study, every other Tuesday 12-1pm at the church, Charlie Van Meter.

# Everyone

Sunday School, Sundays at 9:15am
Small Groups various times and places
Evening Worship, 1st Sundays 5:30pm
Faith Choir, rehearses Mondays 7pm
during the school year. Gwen Grant
Meal Ministry, serves ill and recovering
church family as well as a few
receptions per year. Anna Newman
ESL Ministry, serves our community by
teaching English and forming
relationships. Thurs evenings, Sept-May
Jacquie Johnston,
esl@faithreformed.org

Downtown Christian Fellowship

Serves the homeless and working poor of Frederick with a worship service and lunch every Saturday at 10:30am, Brown Community Center 629 N. Market St. Frederick. Tom Maestri Autumn Lake Nursing Home—

Autumn Lake Nursing Home— Ballenger Creek 3rd and 4th Sundays of every month, 3-4pm. Singing old familiar hymns, sharing the gospel, and spending time talking to the people. Tom Maestri

Semi Annual Sparkle Day
Outreach and Service Projects
Annual Church Retreat, end of May.

# **Currently Open Small Groups**

#### Ezra and Nehemiah

Wednesday evenings at the Brierlys' in Middletown. Bruce Brierly

#### Journey Through the Bible

Thursdays 6AM, Mountain View Diner, 1300 W. Patrick St. Frederick. Clark Adams

### Origins and Faith

Johnstons' Home, 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays 5-7pm, Food, Prayer, and Study in Origins. David Johnston

#### Women in the Word

Walkersville, (though location varies), Tuesdays 7:30pm. For young female professionals and moms with young children. Arliss Veldhuizen

### Ladies' Bible Study

Sanctuary: Third Saturdays 8:45am. Christine Stalnaker

### Ladies' Book Study

Fellowship Hall, alternate Wednesdays 1:30pm Mary Hudzinski

### Young Adults Group

Johnston's home, Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm for ages 18-34, singles and couples, childcare available.

Quentin Johnston and Noah Passarelli

#### Men's Bible Study

Fellowship Hall Every other Tuesday, 12-1pm. Book of Zechariah Charlie Van Meter

### Wednesday Lunch Bunch (for men)

Fellowship Hall, Wednesdays 12pm.

James: A Reformed Expository

Commentary by Daniel M. Doriani

Bert Hauver

#### Men's Breakfast,

Fellowship Hall: Third Saturdays 8:30am, Current Book: A Heart for God by Sinclair Ferguson. Greg Stalnaker

# Faith Financial Update

As of October 2025

Income: 461735 Expenses: 407581 Surplus: 54154

Building Fund Contributions for FY25 are 62977

Praise the Lord!

#### **Our Elders**

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### **Our Local Mercy Ministries**

Beyond Shelter, Frederick Nick Brown

Care Net: Linda King

Central MD Youth for Christ: Arn Bjorndal

Downtown Christian Fellowship

Frederick County Young Life: *Chris Eckard* Frederick Rescue Mission: *Arnold Farlow* 

### **Faith Church Supported Missionaries**

Betania: *Javier Gil, Colombia* Colombia Presbytery Ministries Conexus LA: *Kathryn Stephens* 

Equipping Farmers International: Frank and Cindy Sindler, Africa

Equipping Leaders International: Manuel and Kim Padilla, Latin America

GCFM: Tom and Nancy Balma, University of Denver, Colorado

GEM: Chris and Emily Moreland, Greece

MNA: Hernando Saenz

MTW: Melanie Johnson, Japan

MTW: John and Rachel Clifford, Rwanda MTW: Jon and Olya Powell, Ukraine MTW: Jim and Karen, West Africa

Project Paraguay: Roberto Maureira, Paraguay

Reformed University Fellowship: Ryan Bratt, UMD College Park

Reformed University Fellowship Intl: Matthew DeLong, George Mason U.

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