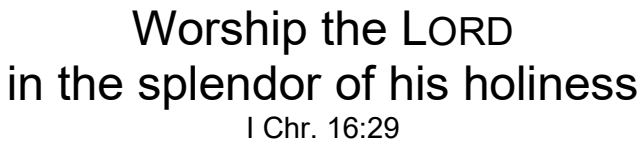


Presbyterian Church in America  
**A Worshiping Community of Grace**



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 [admin@faithreformed.org](mailto:admin@faithreformed.org). Also, find us on Facebook: Faith Church, Frederick MD.

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

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**Let us all prepare our hearts**  
with silent Bible reading, meditation, and prayer  
before the service begins.

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**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, December 28, 2025

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## PRAISE: We Acknowledge God's Majesty

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Prelude

Advent Wreath Lighting     Brandon and Bekah Baker

\*Hymn 115     All Creatures of Our God and King

\*Call to Worship     Leader:     For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
Zechariah 9                             and the government shall be upon his shoulder,

**All:     And his name shall be called "Wonderful  
Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace."**

Leader:     Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end...from this time forth and  
forevermore.

**All:     The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

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\*Praise Songs     All My Ways  
Heal Us

\*Invocation

Corporate  
Confession

For the Year's End  
From Valley of  
Vision

**All:**     O love beyond compare, Thou art good when thou  
givest; when thou takest away, when the sun  
shines upon me, when night gathers over me.  
Thou hast loved me before the foundation of the  
world, and in love didst redeem my soul; Thou dost  
love me still, in spite of my hard heart, ingratitude,  
distrust. Thy goodness has been with me during  
another year, leading me through a twisting  
wilderness, in retreat helping me to advance, when  
beaten back making sure headway. Thy goodness  
will be with me in the year ahead; I hoist sail and  
draw up anchor, with thee as the blessed pilot of  
my future, as of my past. I bless thee that thou hast

veiled my eyes to the waters ahead. If thou hast appointed storms of tribulation, thou wilt be with me in them; If I have to pass through tempests of persecution and temptation, I shall not drown; If I am to die, I shall see thy face the sooner; If a painful end is to be my lot, grant me grace that my faith fail not; If I am to be cast aside from the service I love, I can make no stipulation; Only glorify thyself in me whether in comfort or trial, as a chosen vessel ready always for thy use.

### Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon  
Psalm 145:8-9

“The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.”

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## CONSECRATION: We Surrender Our Lives to Christ

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Scripture Reading [Revelation 11](#)

\*Hymn 441 Jesus Shall Reign

The Offering “Offer the sacrifices of the righteous and trust in the LORD.”  
Psalm 4:5

### Offertory

\*Hymn 733 Doxology

### Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Intercession  
Tom Maestri

Sermon The Why of Christmas  
John Armstrong [Isaiah 61:1-2](#)

\*Hymn 195 Joy to the World

\*Benediction

### Postlude

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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# At Home Worship This Week

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## 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. Dec. 28	<i>Epistles</i>	Jude
Mon. Dec. 29	<i>The Law</i>	Deuteronomy 32-34
Tues. Dec. 30	<i>History</i>	Esther 6-10
Wed. Dec. 31	<i>Psalms</i>	Psalms 149-150
Thur. Jan. 1	<i>Poetry</i>	Song of Solomon 7-8
Fri. Jan. 2	<i>Prophecy</i>	Revelation 18-22
Sat. Jan. 3	<i>Gospels</i>	Acts 27-28

## Westminster Larger Catechism

**Q. 85. Death, being the wages of sin, why are not the righteous delivered from death, seeing all their sins are forgiven in Christ?**

A. The righteous shall be delivered from death itself at the last day, and even in death are delivered from the sting and curse of it; so that, although they die, yet it is out of God's love, to free them perfectly from sin and misery, and to make them capable of further communion with Christ in glory, which they then enter upon.

1 Cor. 15:26, 55-57; Heb. 2:15; Isa. 57:1-2; 2 Kings 22:20; Rev. 14:13; Eph. 5:27; Luke 23:43; Phil. 1:23.

**Q. 86. What is the communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible Church enjoy immediately after death?**

A. The communion in glory with Christ, which the members of the invisible Church enjoy immediately after death, is, in that their souls are then made perfect in holiness, and received into the highest heavens, where they behold the face of God in light and glory; waiting for the full redemption of their bodies, which even in death continue united to Christ, and rest in their graves, as in their beds, till at the last day they be again united with their souls. Whereas the souls of the wicked are at their death cast into hell, where they remain in torments and utter darkness; and their bodies kept in their graves, as in their prisons, until the resurrection and judgment of the great day.

Heb. 12:23; 2 Cor. 5:1, 6, 8; Phil. 1:23; Acts 3:21; Eph. 4:10; 1 John 3:2; 1 Cor. 13:12; Rom. 8:23; Ps. 16:9; 1 Thess. 4:14; Isa. 57:2; Job 19:26-27; Luke 16:23-24; Acts 1:25; Jude 1:6-7.

## Hymn:

1 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

## Sermon Text for Next Week:

Hebrews 1:1-2

# Prayer Requests

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## World

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

## United States

In the coming new year, ask our Heavenly Father for a noticeable moral shift toward cultural unity, grace with one another, service to others, and above all, a dramatic turn toward Christ.

## PCA

Mission to North America

## Faith Church

On the Fifth Sunday in Advent, pray that our church can move forward into the new year with deeper faith, stronger convictions, and the joy of the Christmas season resounding in our hearts

## Discipleship Ministry

David Johnston--Adult SS, Small Group Leader

## Music Ministry

Quentin Johnston—Music and pastoral Intern

## 4th Quarter Sunday School Offering

Youth For Christ, Arn Bjorndal

## Faith Church Supported Missionaries and Ministries

Mission to North America: Hernando Saenz

## December Missions Moment

One of the local ministries that Faith church has supported for many years is Beyond Shelter (formerly *The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs*). Beyond Shelter Frederick provides the Frederick County community: two emergency shelters; financial support for emergency rental/utility assistance, and security deposits, financial support for prescriptions and emergency dental procedures, and programming to support people once they have been re-housed. In addition, Case Managers provide clients the tools and support needed to create personal strategies to address the barriers preventing them from establishing employment and housing security. Beyond Shelter is the largest provider of shelter and homeless prevention services in the County.

# This Week at Faith

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<b>Sunday, December 28</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent</b>	9:15am    Sunday School 10:45am    Worship Service No Evening Activities
<b>Thursday, January 1</b>	<b>God Bless your New Year!</b>
<b>Saturday, January 3</b>	10:30am    Downtown Chr. Fellowship
<b>Sunday, January 4</b>	9:15am    Sunday School 10:45am    Worship Service 12:00pm    Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm    Youth Group 5:30pm    Evening Worship and Meal



# Announcements

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## ***The Sanctuary Flowers***

*are given today by George and Kim Cramer in memory of George's parents and Kim's mother, and in honor of Kim's father.*

## **Please Take Your Poinsettias Home TODAY**

Thank you for blessing the sanctuary with these beautiful plants! Any remaining in the sanctuary after the service today will be donated.

## **Congregational Meeting, Sunday, January 25, 2026**

The following men have been examined and are being put forward for election to office: Mr. Noah Passarelli (for Deacon), Deacon Tyler Veldhuizen (to continue on the diaconate), and Deacon Jeff Taylor (for Ruling Elder). The following officers are rotating off of active service: RE Reid Wilson, DE Brian Boyer, and DE Jared Custer.

## **Evening Worship and Fellowship Meal**

Next Sunday, January 4, Join us at 5:30pm for Evening worship and prayer, followed by a Fellowship Meal.

## **New Men's Wednesday Lunch Bunch Study**

We are taking a short break over the holidays and will be returning to our regular meeting time on Wednesday, January 14th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining this study, please sign up in the Narthex by Sunday 1/4. We'll be studying Sinclair Ferguson's, Union with Christ.

## **Men's Bible Study with Charlie Van Meter**

The group meets on alternating Tuesdays at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Next ones are January 6, and 20. All men are welcome!

## **Are You Connected?**

If you're not receiving our weekly email, monthly Tapestry newsletter, prayer requests, etc., it might be because you're not subscribed! Contact Heidi at [admin@faithreformed.org](mailto:admin@faithreformed.org) to sign up. Find us on Facebook: Faith Church, Frederick MD

# Get Involved!

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## 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 Hauver

**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**, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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—**

**Ballenger Creek** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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

## 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

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As of November 2025

Income: 493346

Expenses: 435068

Surplus: 58278

Building Fund Contributions for FY25 are 63683

Praise the Lord!

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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*  
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