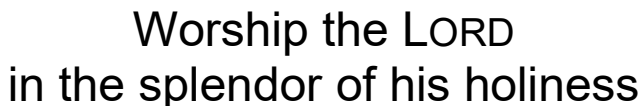


Presbyterian Church in America  
**A Worshiping Community of Grace**



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).

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 7, 2025

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## PRAISE: We Acknowledge God's Majesty

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Prelude

Advent Wreath Lighting Rick and Susan Guynn

\*Hymn 214 Angels We Have Heard on High

\*Call to Worship  
Isaiah 40:9  
Leader: Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength.

**All: O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah: "Behold your God!"**

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\*Praise Songs  
The First Noel  
Thou Who Was Rich

\*Invocation

Corporate  
Confession

Based on the Ten  
Commandments

**All: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we adore you and love you. We confess you to be the only God there is, and we revere you. Help us to tear down idols we create in our hearts that hide you from us. Enable us to speak of you with reverence and awe. Make the Lord's Day special to us. Thank you for our parents, for their love and sacrifice. Have mercy on our land for the slaying of the unborn. Keep our intimate lives pure and holy. Grant us integrity in matters of property and time. Forgive us for lies, big or small. Fill us with contentment in the provisions of your providence. Wash us and cleanse us in the blood of Christ, for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:11-12

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

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## CONSECRATION: We Surrender Our Lives to Christ

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Scripture Reading [Revelation 8](#)

\*Hymn 193 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

### The Offering

2 Corinthians 9:6

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

### Offertory

Faith Choir

I Wonder as I Wander

by John Rutter

\*Hymn 733 Doxology

## Prayer of Dedication

## Prayers of Intercession

Ken Lockridge

### Sermon

Rich Rochford

The Ten Commandments and Advent

[Exodus 20:18-21](#), and [Isaiah 9:1-2](#)

\*Hymn 194 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

\*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. 7	<i>Epistles</i>	1 John 4-5
Mon. Dec. 8	<i>The Law</i>	Deuteronomy 23-25
Tues. Dec. 9	<i>History</i>	Nehemiah 5-9
Wed. Dec. 10	<i>Psalms</i>	Psalms 140-142
Thur. Dec. 11	<i>Poetry</i>	Song of Solomon 1-2
Fri. Dec. 12	<i>Prophecy</i>	Revelation 1-6
Sat. Dec. 13	<i>Gospels</i>	Acts 21-22

## Westminster Larger Catechism

**Q. 79. May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?**

A. True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and his decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, his continual intercession for them, and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

*Jer. 31:3; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:20-21; 2 Sam. 23:5; 1 Cor. 1:8-9; Heb. 7:25; Luke 22:32; 1 John 3:9; 1 John 2:27; Jer. 32:40; John 10:28; 1 Peter 1:5.*

**Q. 80. Can true believers be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace, and that they shall persevere therein unto salvation?**

A. Such as truly believe in Christ, and endeavor to walk in all good conscience before him, may, without extraordinary revelation, by faith grounded upon the truth of God's promises, and by the Spirit enabling them to discern in themselves those graces to which the promises of life are made, and bearing witness with their spirits that they are the children of God, be infallibly assured that they are in the estate of grace and shall persevere therein unto salvation.

*1 John 2:3; 1 Cor. 2:12; 1 John 3:14, 18-19, 21, 24; 1 John 4:13, 16; Heb. 6:11-12; Rom. 8:16; 1 John 5:13.*

## Hymn:

200 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

## Sermon Text for Next Week:

Isaiah 9:1-7

# Prayer Requests

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## World

Pray for your persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ in Kazakhstan, 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 Christmas carols, playing in stores, at events, on the radio and online, to proclaim the relevance of Jesus' birth to a culture that desperately needs Him.

## PCA

PCA Administrative Committee

## Faith Church

On the Second Sunday in Advent, pray that our church would recognize the significance of the shepherds, low-class citizens, being the target audience of the Heavenly Host.

## Discipleship Ministry

Greg Stalnaker-- Adult Sunday School

## Music Ministry

Maria Rochford, Praise Team

## 4th Quarter Sunday School Offering

Youth For Christ, Arn Bjorndal

## Faith Church Supported Missionaries and Ministries

Equipping Leaders International: Manuel and Kim Padilla, Latin America

## 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 7</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent</b>	9:15am    Sunday School 10:45am    Worship service 12:00pm    Children's Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm <b>Youth Group Christmas Party</b> 5:30pm    Evening Worship
<b>Monday, December 8</b>	7:00pm    Choir Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday, December 9</b>	12:00pm    Men's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, December 10</b>	12:00pm    Men's Lunch Bunch 7:00pm    Online Prayer Meeting
<b>Thursday, December 11</b>	Pastor John and Cyndy Return! 12:00pm <b>Senior Lunch at Bob Evans</b> 7:00pm    ESL Ministry
<b>Friday, December 12</b>	10:30am    Fiber Fellowship
<b>Saturday, December 13</b>	10:30am    Downtown Chr. Fellowship
<b>Sunday, December 14</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent</b> <b>Communion Sunday</b>	9:15am    Sunday School 10:45am    Worship Service 4:00pm <b>Christmas Caroling</b>



# Announcements

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**Evening Worship Tonight at 5:30.** Join us in the Sanctuary!

**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, this 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](mailto:Saranacbob@aol.com), 240-339-3060 Hope to see you there!

**Pastor John and Cyndy** will return this week on Thursday, Dec. 11. Pray for a smooth transition and praise God for His faithfulness to them and to us. Next Sunday, December 14, we will celebrate Communion together.

**Christmas Caroling!** Join us next 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 12/23 and 1/6. All men are welcome!

**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 [admin@faithreformed.org](mailto:admin@faithreformed.org) to sign up.

# Get Involved!

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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!)

## 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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## 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*  
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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