

**God's People Gather to Worship**  
8:30AM Faith In the Morning

Welcome and News of our Church Family Dr. Michael Bowe

Minute for Mission, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Call to Worship/Lighting Advent Candle The McKinney Family

† Opening Songs *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
*Emmanuel*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Time for Little Presbyterians

Centering Song *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

First Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16

Centering Song *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

Second Scripture Lesson Luke 21:25-36

Communion

Sermon “How the Grinch Stole Christmas: Stealing Hope” Dr. Bowe

Special Music *All Who Are Thirsty*  
Stephen Sivley and Leah McKinney

† Offering/Prayer of Dedication

† Affirmation of Faith: (Apostle's Creed)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

† Closing Song *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

† Benediction

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† Those who are able may stand.

The words for the Call to Worship and other unison or responsive readings will be on the screen and are also included in the 10:30AM service bulletin found to the right of this page.

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10:30AM Traditional Worship

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Minute for Mission, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Prelude *Adeste Fidelis In An Organ Prelude*  
Charles Ives, Stephen Sivley, Organ

Introit *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
Liturgy of St. James, 4th Century, Sanctuary Choir

† Call to Worship/Lighting Advent Candle The French Family

L: This is the season of holy waiting.

**A: We wait for the One who will tear open the heavens and come down to save us.**

L: We watch for the day when God's name will be made known among the nations.

**A: We wait in the shadows for the Light of the World to appear.**

L: Come let us walk in the light of God!

† Opening Hymn 473 *For The Beauty of the Earth*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession: Carol Mebane, Liturgist

**We confess to you, O God, that we are not prepared to welcome your way of righteousness, justice, and peace. You call us to repentance but refuse to change our ways. You call us to resist oppression, but we resign ourselves to evil. You call us to be reconciled but we remain divided and afraid. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your Spirit in our lives so that we may be forgiven, set free, and made ready to meet you at the coming of your holy realm. Remind us that you are our hope! It is through Jesus, our Lord, we pray, Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

† Congregational Response Hymn 579 *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

Passing of the Peace

Time for Little Presbyterians

Prayer of Illumination

First Scripture Lesson Jeremiah 33:14-16

Anthem *Keep Your Lamps*  
Traditional African American Spiritual, Arr. Victor C. Johnson, Sanctuary Choir

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 21:25-36

Sermon “How the Grinch Stole Christmas: Stealing Hope” Dr. Bowe

† Second Hymn 9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Share Together

Presentation of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

† Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

† Prayer of Dedication

† Affirmation of Faith: (Apostle's Creed)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

† Closing Hymn 20 *Watchman, Tell Us Of the Night*

† Benediction

Response *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*  
Sanctuary Choir

Postlude *“Little” Prelude and Fugue in F Major*  
J. S. Bach, Sivley, Organ

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**WELCOME TO WORSHIP.** We are delighted that you joined us this morning. We encourage families with children to sit near the front. Childcare is provided for children ages 4 and under throughout the service in Room 120.

**Hearing Aids Available** – We provide hearing aids for the service. An usher will be happy to assist you.

**Visitor Information Cards** can be found in the pew racks. Place in offering plate to request information about one of Faith's many ministries.



Thanks to everyone who brought pasta during November. That shelf in Faith's pantry is now well-supplied! The Items of the Month for December are **canned peas, canned carrots, and mixed vegetables**; no green beans or corn are needed. All this food and more goes into the



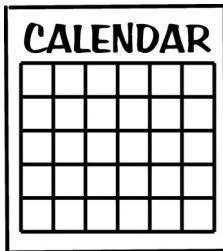
Elderly Mission Project (EMP) boxes that are packed and distributed by Faith volunteers to seniors who need extra food toward the end of the month and are physically unable to get out. There are baskets in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for your donations.



**The preschool Christmas program will be on Friday, December 13 followed by the Bethlehem Brunch for preschoolers and their families.** During the Bethlehem Brunch characters from the nativity story will visit the children at the tables and tell them about their part in the Christmas story. Each character will leave the children with a small gift to help celebrate the real meaning of Christmas. Volunteers will be needed to help cook and serve

brunch and to clean up after.

**2025 Calendars by Billy Spears** are ready. All the months are nature-themed and show off God's handiwork. Billy says, "God gave me the equipment, the wherewithal to go to so many beautiful & unusual places, whatever talent I may have, and last, but certainly not least, the subject matter!" Billy's email is [spearsw70@gmail.com](mailto:spearsw70@gmail.com). He will have both desk & wall calendars with 100% of the profits going to the Elderly Mission Project boxes. The wall calendars are \$13 each and the desk calendars are \$6 each.



**2025 Cruise Information** was sent in an email will be in the **January Newsletter**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

**December 4, 2024 at 5:30pm**  
**Menu: Potluck**

**Christmas on Eighth** at 305 Eighth Street—Sunday, December 8, 2024 4:30-6:30PM with food trucks, obstacle course, petting zoo, and pictures with Santa. Donations of laundry detergent and paper products are welcome. Please have donations to the church by Dec. 8, 2024.



**ESL Handbells!** On Sunday, December 8, we will welcome our Japanese handbell choir as they participate in the 10:30 service. Afterwards all young families are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for pizza, Christmas crafts with Nancy & Beth, and play time in the gym!

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. In addition to responding to natural and human-caused disasters, the ministry of disaster response is carried out in a variety of ways including disaster preparedness, refugee assistance, migration accompaniment ministry, hospitality, and emotional and spiritual care. In 2024 assistance was given to hurricane stricken communities, including the Montreat Conference Center. PDA also recognizes the value and importance of amplifying voices and stories. Using film as a resource to increase awareness on social justice issues, Counter Stories Productions seeks to connect and equip communities while cultivating wider circles of engagement and action.

**The Mission Committee will meet today following 10:30 worship in Room 109.**



**Sunday, December 8, 2024: ESL Handbells at 10:30 Service**

**Sunday, December 8, 2024: Christmas: Christmas on Eighth - 4:30-6:30PM at 305 Eighth Street**

**Friday, December 13, 2024: Preschool Bethlehem Brunch—**  
**Volunteers will be needed to help cook and serve brunch and to clean up after.**

**Saturday, December 14, 1:00-4:00PM: Operation Hungry Banquet—**Faith will be collecting gently used hats, gloves, and warm clothes to be distributed at the Operation Hungry Banquet at the Calvary Hill Community Center

**December! Faith will participating in a White Christmas in December - collecting NEW (in packages) men's and women's socks and underwear for 1<sup>st</sup> Stop**

# Faith Presbyterian Church

## Welcome to Worship



### Engage, Nurture, Bless

*Faith Presbyterian Church wishes to **engage** the community with meaningful worship, **nurture** this wonderful community with lasting discipleship and warm fellowship, and **bless** the larger world with an amazing heart for mission.*

**December 1, 2024**

Dr. Michael Bowe—Pastor  
Stephen Sivley—Director of Music Ministry  
Dr. Beth Cape — Dir. Of Christian Ed. / Mission Coordinator