

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

Welcome and News of our Church Family	Bob Nicholson
Call to Worship	Dr. Michael Bowe
† Opening Songs	<i>We Three Kings</i> <i>Here I Am to Worship</i>
Invitation to Confession	
Prayer of Confession	
Silent Prayer	
Assurance of Pardon	
Passing of the Peace	
Time for Little Presbyterians	
Centering Song	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter (Verses 1&2)</i>
First Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 60:1-6
Centering Song	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter (Last Verse)</i>
Second Scripture Lesson	Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon	“Different” Dr. Bowe
Special Music	<i>I Need You More</i> Ryan and Leah McKinney
Officer Installation/Ordination	
† Offering/Prayer of Dedication	
† Affirmation of Faith: (The Confession of 1967)	
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer	
† Closing Song	<i>Joy Has Dawned Upon the World</i> Arr. Getty Townsend
† Benediction	

†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

Welcome and News of our Church Family	Dr. Michael Bowe
Prelude	<i>The Little Drummer Boy</i> Arr. Stephen Sivley, Piano
Introit	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> Sanctuary Choir
† Call to Worship	John Haley, Liturgist
L: The Magi waited and watched, knowing something wondrous would be happening.	
P: We waited for the birth of Jesus; now something wondrous is about to take root.	
L: The darkness that invaded all lives was banished by the light of that star.	
P: The darkness that surrounds us is gone!	
L: Let us celebrate the bright shining of God's love in our lives.	
P: Let us become those who will bring the light of God's love to others. AMEN.	
† Opening Hymn 66	<i>We Three Kings of Orient Are</i>
Invitation to Confession	
Prayer of Confession:	Carol Mebane, Liturgist
Lord of living light, we hear the story of the Magi and tie it together with our warm Christmas celebration. It feels comfortable to us. Break those bonds of comfort and help us to realize the risk of witness and discipleship for those who follow your light. Shine brightly in us and through us. Forgive the blindness we so often offer to you. Give us vision of what you would have us be and do in the Light of Your Love. AMEN.	
Silent Prayer	
Assurance of Pardon	
† Congregational Response	<i>Gloria Patri</i>
Passing of the Peace	
Time for Little Presbyterians	
Prayer of Illumination	
First Scripture Lesson	Isaiah 60:1-6

Anthem	<i>Star Led and Wonder Bound</i> By Mary Kay Beall, Sanctuary Choir
Second Scripture Lesson	Matthew 2:1-12
Sermon	“Different” Dr. Bowe
† Second Hymn 48	<i>Lo How A Rose</i>
Officer Installation/Ordination	
Presentation of our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings	<i>I've Got Peace Like A River,</i> <i>Traditional African American Spiritual, Arr. S.E Rogers, Advanced Handbells</i>
† Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>
† Prayer of Dedication	
† Affirmation of Faith: (The Confession of 1967)	God's love never changes. God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of humanity's mind. God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in man. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which men are reconciled to God and to one another. God gives forgiveness to humanity, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which men know that God loves and accepts them. Therefore, we celebrate because life in Christ is life eternal.
Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer	
† Closing Hymn	<i>Joy Has Dawned</i> Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, Bulletin Insert
† Benediction	
Postlude	<i>Joy Has Dawned</i> Sivley, Improv, Piano
† Those who are able may stand.	
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.	



The items of the month for **January** are **jelly and canned fruit** (packed in fruit juice, lower sugar). Your donations go into the Elderly Mission Project boxes which are packed and delivered by Faith volunteers to seniors who need extra food toward the end of the month and are unable to get out. There are baskets in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall for your donations. Please do not bring empty prescription bottles until further notice. The Community Free Clinic has plenty and no room to store more.



Join Us on February 9th as we celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring with a soup lunch after the 10:30AM service in the Sanctuary.

In 1990, a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC led by Brad Smith, who was serving as a seminary intern at the time.

This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food and fun, to unite the nation for a higher good? Individuals and groups could collect dollars in soup pots and canned food for those in need and send every dollar and food donation DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice. The first year, they invited 22 area churches to join the team and collected \$5,700 with 100% of donations distributed to local-area charities.

That was 1990. Since then, Tackle Hunger, with its signature Souper Bowl of Caring event has become a national, grass-roots, youth-inspired movement where ordinary people are doing extraordinary good. Over \$193 MILLION in dollars and food has been generated while benefiting thousands of soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and



2025 Cruise Information was sent in an email and the information was included in the January Newsletter. The deadline to sign up to get the lower rate is **January 13th**. Contact Robert Perry to sign up or for more information.

We keep saying the Faith congregation is amazing, then you go above and beyond again! You contributed more than \$13,000 to the **Christmas Eve Offering!** It was divided among Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Enable of Madison County, Christmas Joy Offering and Society of St. Andrew. Thousands of people with various needs locally and around the world will benefit from your generosity. Thank you!

PC (USA) Per Capita. Per capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. Per capita is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century.

The work of the PC(USA), and in particular the work of the General Assembly, is only possible because members of the church have said they are "all in" and committed to connection through per capita support. It is about joining together as a community and being one body, the body that is Christ's church in the world.



Pray for this church to fulfill God's Mission.

Continued prayers for the Runnion Family.

If you have a prayer concern please contact the office.

Watercolor Faith in January!
Details coming soon.



January 13th—Tomorrow is the deadline for the 2025 cruise sign up to get the lower rate. Call Robert Perry for more information.

Beginning on January 16th at 9AM — Women's Bible Study meeting in the Franklin Center.

January 25th—Celebration of Life for Ed Runnion at 1:00PM followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

February 9th at 10:30 AM — Souper Bowl of Caring lunch in the Fellowship Hall following ONE SERVICE at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. Sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall and the Narthex, or call Kelly or Renee to sign up to bring soup, bread or crackers, or beverages.

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.

January 12, 2025

Dr. Michael Bowe—Pastor
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