

Faith Presbyterian Church



*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.*

Welcome to Worship

December 24, 2025

5:00 PM

Dr. Michael Bowe, Pastor

Stephen Sivley, Director of Music Ministry

Dr. Beth Cape, Dir. Of Christian Ed./Mission Coordinator

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FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lessons and Carols

December 24, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Michael Bowe

Prelude

Wachet Auf

J. S. Bach

Stephen Sivley, Organ

Introit

Once In Royal David's City

Congregation, Ally Treece, Soloist

† Lighting of the Advent Candles:

The Mebane Family

L: Tonight, the waiting ends.

A: The child born to us is the Lord of all.

L: Wrapped in vulnerability and mercy,

A: God comes near, dwelling among us.

L: The child laid in a manger

A: is the Prince of Peace, the Light of the world, Emmanuel.

Reader 1: Over these past weeks, we have lit candles of hope, peace, joy, and love. Tonight, we celebrate that all these promises meet in Christ.

Reader 2: As we light the Christ candle, we remember that God entered the world not with force, but with love, humility, and grace.

Reader 3: We light the Christ candle to proclaim good news of great joy: that God has come among us in Jesus Christ, bringing light into the darkness, life into the waiting, and love that will never let us go.

Prayer: Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth.

† Bidding Carol #41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Congregation

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Holly Wilks

† First Carol #9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Plainchant

Congregation

Second Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-9		Bob Nicholson
Second Carol #48	<i>Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Third Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38		Libba Nicholson
Third Carol	<i>Song of Mary</i> Sergei Rachmanioff, Arr. Faye Lopez	Sanctuary Choir, Leah McKinney, Soloist
Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:1-7		Carol Mebane
Fourth Carol #24	<i>Away In A Manger</i>	Congregation
Offertory	<i>Who Is This Child</i> Douglas E. Wagner	Sanctuary Choir
Fifth Lesson: Luke 2:8-16		Carol Mebane
Fifth Carol	<i>Oh Holy Night</i> Adolf Adam	Leah McKinney, Soprano Soloist
Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:17-20		Carol Mebane
Sixth Carol	<i>Joy Has Dawned</i> Getty/Townend-Larson	Congregation, Ally Treece, Soloist
Communion		
Closing Lesson: John 1:1-14		
Homily		
† Closing Carol #60	<i>Silent Night</i>	Congregation
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>In Dulci Jubilo</i> J. S. Bach	Sivley, Organ

†Those who are able may stand.

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The office will be closed on Thursday, Dec 25th and Friday, Dec 26th for Christmas.

In order for your year-end contributions to be deductible in 2026, they must be delivered or mailed (and postmarked) to the church by or before December 31, 2025.

Your 2026 pledge envelopes are ready to be picked up. If you didn't pledge, but give regularly, you may still have envelopes so be sure to check in the back of the sanctuary or the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us for cookies and cider across the Courtyard in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Pre-Service Music		
<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	Plainchant, Arr. Mark Hayes	Stephen Sivley, Piano
<i>I Saw Three Ships</i>	Traditional English Carol Arr. Paul David Thomas	Leah McKinney, Flute Ryan McKinney, Tuba Stephen Sivley, Piano
<i>Gesù Bambino</i>	Pietro Yon, Arr. Karen Smith and David Snyder	Leah McKinney, Flute Stephen Sivley, Piano
<i>Carol of the Bells</i>	Ukrainian Carol, Arr. Mark Hayes	Stephen Sivley, Piano
<i>Angels We Have Heard On High</i>	Arr. Karen Smith and David Snyder	Sharon Purves, Flute Stephen Sivley, Piano
<i>Coventry Carol</i>	Traditional English Carol Arr. Mark Hayes	Stephen Sivley, Piano
<i>Go Tell It On the Mountain with O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion</i>	Traditional African-American Spiritual, and G. F. Handel Arr. Carl Seal	Stephen Sivley, Piano