



Faith Global Methodist Church

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8:00 AM

Worship Leader- Bud Robinson

Pianist- Alyssa Wells

Hymn Leader- Bud Robinson

Acolyte- Gianna Canzano

Greeter- Joe & Bonnie Ramus

10:30 AM

Worship Leader – Carrie Bortz

Pianist- Holly Kwaczala

Hymn Leader- Bud Robinson

Acolyte- Nick Popovich & Jane Teslevich

Greeter- Carl Stipanovich

Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 25, 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*indicates the congregation may stand.

PRELUDE 8AM

Light Medley

by George Carless & John R. Sweeny

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: We seek Your face, O Lord, and wait for your guidance.

Leader: Jesus calls us to follow Him and proclaim His good news.

People: We come to worship the one who is the light of the world.

Leader: Come, let us worship the one who calls us by name.

People: We lift our voices in praise to our Savior and King!

*OPENING HYMN

“God the Spirit, We Adore Thee” (OGRP Hymnal) # 645

1. *God the Spirit, we adore Thee, in the triune God-head one;
one in love and pow'r and glory with the Father and the Son;
prayer and praise to Thee we bring: this is devotion's offering.*

2. *Once the desolate world's ocean quickened from its primal sleep;
woke to light and life's emotion at Thy brooding o'er its deep;
Spirit, ever may Thy breath so quicken us from sleep and death!*

7. *Holy Spirit, give us boldness to proclaim the gospel true,
take away our fears and coldness, give us fire to speak of You;
may all peoples, tribes, and nations hear of Jesus' grace and truth.*

8. *Come, Thy glorious gifts providing, foretaste of the future now;
bring the fruit of Christ's abiding, Thou canst give and only Thou;
one in Thee, we shall be one in Thee, the Father and the Son.*

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

God of Blazing light, through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness, scattering the fears that bind us and setting us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction that we may joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures of faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

(NRSV) Pg. 166

Leader: This is the Word of God! For the people of God!

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacey Vincler

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Arranged by Graham Kendrick

* DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

(OGRP Hymnal) No. 682

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

(Offering plates are available in the Narthex)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Great God of heaven and earth, you call us beyond the familiar into your unfolding future. Often, we cling to comfort and resist your invitation to follow. Let this act of giving be a sign of our readiness to go where you lead. Shape us into faithful disciples through your grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Holy Ghost, our Hearts Inspire

(OGRP Hymnal) #291

1. *Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire; let us Thine influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire; fountain of life and love.*

2. *Come, Holy Ghost, for moved by Thee the prophets wrote and spoke;
unlock the truth, Thyself the key; unseal the sacred book.*

3. *Expand Thy wings, Celestial Dove; brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move and let there now be light.*

4. *God, through Himself, we then shall know, if Thou within us shine;
and sound, with all Thy saints below, the depths of love divine.*

INTRODUCTION TO THE MESSAGE

MESSAGE LESSON

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

Genesis 1:26-31

(NRSV) Pg. 1

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE

Image-Bearing

(*Identity series*)

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

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; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"This is My Father's World" (OGRP Hymnal) No. 19

1. *This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears all nature sings,
and round me rings the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.*

2. *This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lilly white, declare their Maker's praise.*

*This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev'rywhere.*

3. *This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.*

This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely,
People: and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Pastor: He who calls you is faithful;
All: he will surely do it. Amen.

POSTLUDE

****OUR MEMBERS TO REMEMBER** today is Jack & Emogene Blair. Please take a few moments to sign the greeting card on the Action Table to wish them God's blessings. **

Prayer List – Faith GMC

Prayer request to mention week of January 25th

1. Christian Sympathies for the family of Anita Stoughton
2. Travel Mercies for Val Lamanna and fellow travelers on their journey to Isreal 01/28-02/07/26
3. Darlene, Carolyn Miller's sister- is on hospice
4. Nate Davis- had a stroke and doctors have discovered brain tumors
5. Steven & Mary Jo Young, Steven needs triple bypass surgery but has developed an allergy to heparin and is now in the ICU for desensitization treatment so he can undergo the surgery
6. Piper- 16 years old- is ill with flu B, resulting in sepsis and POTS
7. Hettie Robinson- not feeling well
8. Christian Sympathies for the Family of Doris Evans
9. Martin Lashen- hospitalized for aspiration pneumonia
10. Carol McGee- healing from a kidney transplant

Prayer request to mention week of January 18th

1. Jason Bortz- went to the ER after losing balance and falling
2. Jim- praying for good results from a CAT scan
3. Justin- has anemia and depression
4. Karen Morris- surgery to remove scar tissue on retina. Pray for peace and strength
5. Victor Eddy- Health Issues
6. Madi and baby to come- Madi is experiencing pre-eclampsia and they are expecting her to deliver early

Continued prayers for:

Dick & Natalie Berlin, Dick & Pat Bush, Nick Coppage, Joan Nellis, The White Family, Michael Scoletti, Bill & Mary Weyel, Julie Kovacs, Joey Kasunic, Shirley Fabrizi, Stephanie Taczak, Fred Roach, Bob & Mary Zacharias, Straw Soffronoff, Beth Tyson, Pam Scalf, Jack & Emogene Blair, Martha, Karen, Jean Loughry, John Womer, Linda, Dennis & Gerrilynn Butterfield, Louise Gladkowski, Tracey Albert, Judy Magill, Jeff Retter, Beth Muri, Karen Klancia, Alice Burkhart, Sharon Bronson, John & Polly Negich, Theresa, Elvin, April, Luci and Tom, Melissa Stauffer

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE KINGDOM

Sunday, Jan. 25th	8:00 AM	3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany
	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages Coffee Hour and Fellowship
	10:30 AM	3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany
	11:45 AM	Church Council Meeting
Monday, Jan. 26th	Pastor Jonathan will be out of the office all week	
Tuesday, Jan. 27th	7:00 PM	Men's Group
Wednesday, Jan. 28th	7:00 PM	Choir practice
Thursday, Jan. 29th		
Friday, Jan. 30th		
Saturday, Jan. 31st		
Sunday, Feb. 1st	8:00 AM	4 th Sunday After the Epiphany
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	10:30 AM	4 th Sunday After the Epiphany

FGMC ANNOUNCEMENTS 1.25.26

Statements of Giving are available on the Action Table. They are in alphabetical order. They will be available until January 25, 2026. Any remaining statements will be mailed on January 26, 2026.

Due to irregularities in our computerized office management system, several entries in the published directory were inadvertently not included. An addendum will be prepared to pick up omitted information. If anyone sees their information is missing or incorrect, please let the office know by January 30th so the those entries may be listed on the addendum.

Our custodian Clint is off for 4-6 weeks. We are looking for help in keeping the sanctuary, restrooms and hallways clean during that time. If anyone is interested in giving a hand, please notify Sue Sonafelt or the office staff. Thank you in advance for your help.

Lenten Study-How Jesus Saves

How does a first century crucifixion lead to salvation? How do we understand the death of an innocent man—who is God's own son—as good news? These questions drive our Lenten Study. We will be studying *How Jesus Saves* by Joshua McNall. McNall, a theological scholar, breaks down *atonement* (the fancy theological term for what Jesus' sacrifice means) for lay people. Join us Mondays during Lent (February 23-March 30) at 7pm.

It's a good time to start thinking about **Souper Bowl Sunday** on February 8th and decide which soup you'd like to bring to share. After everyone has sampled the soups, you'll get to vote for your favorite.

Tabitha Circle will sell **chocolate-covered pretzel** rods on Sunday, February 8th.

Faith Global Methodist Church "**Spirit Wear**" **t-shirts** are available in blue or black, short or long sleeves. Order forms are on the action table.

PRAYER MINISTRY AT FAITH: Join us on the 1st Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30 AM in the room off the gathering area. If you feel called to intercessory prayer or if you need prayer, please come. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie at 412-334-0920 or carriebortz@yahoo.com Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ. 1Thes.5:16-1

Receive the Faith Flyer newsletter in your mail. If you are new to our church and would like to receive the monthly Faith Flyer newsletter, reach out to the office so we can get your address in our system.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The prayer shawl ministry needs 3 x 3 lap blankets in any design or color.

Faith Church is collecting laundry detergent through March for the Mother of Sorrows Community Food Pantry. We need 230 containers by April.

Westmoreland Food Bank reports a 40% rise in food demand since 2022, with food insecurity worsening due to higher living costs and reduced assistance. Many families now struggle to afford daily meals. Faith Church will host a Food Bank Grab & Go distribution this May. Last October, your donations helped over 20 families; we hope you'll help us support our community again with donations of non-perishable food items.

OFFER THE GIFT OF SIGHT: A Lions International collection box is in the gathering area for your used glasses, including sunglasses and reading glasses.



***Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassionately on this world.***

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.” Teresa of Avila –

In-person attendance week ending 01/18/26 = 156

Tithes, offerings, and gifts received for the week ending 01/18/26

OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!

2026 Annual Operating Budget: \$355,556.71

NEED EACH WEEK	\$ 6,837.63	NEED TO DATE	\$ 20,512.89
RECEIVED 01/18/2026	\$ 12,257.03	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$32,416.03
(-)SHORTAGE/(+)SURPLUS + \$ 11,903.14			
CAMPERSHIP GOAL 7/1/2025-6/30/2026:			\$ 10,000.00
Balance as of December 31, 2025			\$ 9,310.03



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