



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- Mark & Nancy Murtland

10:30 AM

Worship Leader- Joy Spang
Pianist- Holly Kwaczala
Hymn Leader- Bud Robinson
Acolyte- Nick Popovich
Greeter- Carol Fabrizi

Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025 10:30 Service Children's Program

CENTERING HYMN

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (v. 1,2,3)

(OGRP Hymnal) # 162

1. *O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. *O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and cause us in her ways to go.*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

3. *O come, Thou Root of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell Thy people save
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.*

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*indicates the congregation may stand.

PRELUDE

“Oh What a Special Night”

by Children of Faith

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Dave & Karen Morris

*OPENING HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

(OGRP Hymnal) # 171

- 1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here!*
- 2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.*
- 3. Redeemer, come, with us abide;
our hearts to Thee we open wide.
Let us Thy inner presence feel;
Thy grace and love in us reveal.*
- 4. Thy Holy Spirit lead us on
until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise, eternal fame
be offered, Savior, to Thy name!*

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

O God of Isaiah and John the Baptist, through all such faithful ones you proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life. Strengthen our hearts to believe your advent promise that one day we will walk in the holy way of Christ, where sorrow and sighing will be no more and the journey of God's people will be joy. Amen.

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.**

PIANO PIECE

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

“A Candy Cane at Christmas”

Candy Canes, Jesus Reigns!
FEEL FREE TO SING ALONG

Candy canes, Jesus Reigns! Do you know the King? The red stands for the Blood he shed to wash away our sins.

Hey! Candy canes, Jesus Reigns! Do you know the King?

The white stands for the day he rose so we could be with him.

* 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 will NOT be passed)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Lord Jesus, we offer our gifts to you today, trusting in your promise that you are indeed the One who heals, who proclaims good news to the poor, and who brings hope to those in despair. As we give, we are reminded of your humble presence in the world and your invitation to follow you with hearts full of trust and faith. May our offerings reflect the joy we find in the assurance that, all things are made new through your love for us. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

PIANO PIECE

INTRODUCTION TO THE MESSAGE

MESSAGE LESSON

Luke 3:1-18

(NRSV) Pg.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE

Country Roads: John the Baptist's Song (Songs of Waiting 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

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

(OGRP Hymnal) No. 180

*1. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*

*2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the ever lasting Lord!
Late in time behold Hime come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail th'ncarnate Deity;
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*

3. *Hail the heav'n – born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteous-ness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*

4. *Come Desire of Nations, come, fix in us Thy humble home;
Rise, the woman's conquering seed, bruise in us the serpent's head.
Adam's likeness now efface, stamp Thine image in its place;
Second Adam from above, reinstate us in Thy love.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King!"*

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: May grace and peace be multiplied to you

People: in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

Pastor: May the peace of the Holy Spirit hold you in this season,

People: As we wait for the Messiah to come again.

POSTLUDE

****OUR MEMBERS TO REMEMBER** today are Dick & Pat Bush Please take a few moments to sign the greeting card on the Action Table to wish them God's blessings. **

Prayer List – Faith GMC

(Any requests received after bulletin completion will still be passed on to the Prayer Chain but will be listed in next week's bulletin.)

Prayer request to mention week of December 14th

1. Richard (Dick) Bush and his wife Pat. Dick is in Forbes Hospital and health is failing significantly
2. Gregg Kunkelmann – continued prayers for brain injury
3. Jack – Having surgery next week. Diagnosed with prostate cancer.
4. Bruce Collier – continued prayers for healing and relief from infections
5. Vaughn – had a heart attack and had stents put in

Prayer request to mention week of December 7th

1. Connor Sutton- Linda Kunkle's grandson- 7 year old with croup
2. Kevin Fox- back surgery
3. Eddie Weimer- sinus cancer is back and needs extensive surgery to remove bone from his face. He is 80 years old and there is concern about his age and surgery
4. Favorable blood test results
5. Sarah Beckstrom Family- National Guard Member killed in D.C.
6. Those facing estrangement over the holidays, making peace and joy most difficult

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, Harry Loughner, Judy Magill, Jeff Retter, Beth Muri, Karen Klancia, Alice Burkhart, Ken Thom, Sharon Bronson, John & Polly Negich, Theresa, Elvin, April, Luci and Tom, Melissa Stauffer

December Prayer Focus: 2026 General Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Please join in prayer for the following prayer points:

- Planning for the best use of financial resources according to God's provision, wisdom, and faithful stewardship.
- Delegates currently in place and those who will be elected in the coming months, that all would serve and discern in the name of the Lord.
- Volunteers who will serve at the General Conference, that their witness would bring glory to God.
- The glory of God to be made manifest at the General Conference and in all the work leading up to and during the gathering.

Sunday, Dec. 14th	8:00 AM	3 rd Sunday of Advent Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour and Fellowship Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 AM	3 rd Sunday of Advent Worship Service Children's Service
	2:30 PM- 6:00 PM	Holidaze
Monday, Dec. 15th		
Tuesday, Dec. 16th	6:30 PM	Men's Group
Wednesday, Dec. 17th	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
Thursday, Dec. 18th	6:00 PM	Salem Crossroads Daycare Program- sanctuary and fellowship rented
Friday, Dec. 19th	7:00 PM	Youth Lock in
Saturday, Dec. 20th		
Sunday, Dec. 21st	8:00 AM	4 th Sunday of Advent Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour and Fellowship Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 AM	4 th Sunday of Advent Worship Service

FGMC ANNOUNCEMENTS 12.14.25

YOUTH LOCK IN- FGMC will be hosting a youth lock in on **Friday, December 19th from 7PM- 10 AM Saturday, December 20th**. Please see the flyer or Avery Biltz to sign up by December 17th

Christmas Eve service will be at 7:30 PM

Christmas caroling for our shut-in members will be held on Saturday, December 27. Please gather at the church by 5:30 pm; carpooling will be provided. Following the event, participants are invited to return to the church for refreshments and fellowship.

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

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OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 compassion on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands through 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 on earth but yours.” Teresa of Avila –*

In-person attendance week ending 11/30/2025 = 184			
Tithes, offerings, and gifts received for the week ending 11/30/2025			
OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!			
2025 Annual Operating Budget: \$371,285.85			
NEED EACH WEEK	\$ 7,140.11	NEED TO DATE	\$ 342,725.23
RECEIVED 11/30/25	\$ 6,202.10	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$414,198.58
(-)SHORTAGE/(+)SURPLUS + \$ 71,473.35			
CAMPERSHIP GOAL 7/1/2025-6/30/2026:			\$ 10,000.00
Balance as of October 31, 2025			\$ 9,190.03



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