



# Faith Global Methodist Church

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## **Pastor- Rev. Dr. Jonathan W. Hanover**

A/V Coordinators- Colton & Melissa Kalmar

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### 8:00 AM

Worship Leader- Barb Hilty

Pianist- Alyssa Wells

Hymn Leader- Bud Robinson

Acolyte- Gianna Canzano

Greeter- Ron & Nancy Smalley

Communion Steward- Bruce &

Helen Collier

### 10:30 AM

Worship Leader – Lynn Pyle

Pianist- Holly Kwaczala

Hymn Leader- Bud Robinson

Acolyte- Nick Popovich & Jane Teslevich

Greeter- Tony & Deb Sicari

Communion Steward- Dave & Karen

Morris

## **Second Sunday of Advent / Holy Communion Sunday December 7, 2025**

### CENTERING HYMN

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (vs. 1,2)

(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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*indicates the congregation may stand.**

### PRELUDE 10:30

**“Chosen by God”**

Words & Music by Lloyd Larson

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

8 AM Randy & Deb McDevitt

10:30 Ed & Julie Kral

LEADER: We have come to worship the Lord, the God of all nations.

**ALL: The righteous and faithful judge, Christ the coming King.**

LEADER: The Spirit of wisdom and understanding rests upon him.

**ALL: Under his reign righteousness will flourish and peace will fill the earth.**

LEADER: The Spirit of counsel and might rests upon him.

**ALL: He will judge the poor with equity and compassion, defending the cause of the needy.**

LEADER: The Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord rests upon him.

**ALL: The earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.**

LEADER: In those days the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

**ALL: The calf and the lion together, and a little child shall lead them.**

LEADER: A voice is crying out the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord!

**ALL: Repent and bear fruit for the coming Kingdom of God.**

LEADER: Christ is coming! May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace as we worship

**ALL: May we abound in hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

*[ Light two advent candles ]*

LEADER: A voice is crying out the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord!

**ALL: Repent and bear fruit for the coming Kingdom of God.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Based on Psalm 72)

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things,

**People: who alone does wondrous things.**

Leader: Blessed be his glorious name forever;

**People: may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

***“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”***

(OGRP Hymnal) # 88

*1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav’n to earth come down,  
fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.*

*Jesus, Thou art all compassion, purge, unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation, enter eve’ry trembling heart.*

*2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev’ry troubled breast;  
let us all in Thee inherit, let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning, Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, never more Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.*

*4. Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

**\*PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNION ELEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

**Laboring God, with axe and winnowing fork you clear a holy space where hurt and destruction have no place, and a little child holds sway. Clear our lives of hatred and despair, sow seeds of joy and peace, that shoots of hope may spring forth and we may live in harmony with one another. Amen.**

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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

***"Breath of Heaven"*** Words & Music by Christ Eaton & Amy Grant

\* 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.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE MESSAGE

MESSAGE LESSON

Luke 1:67-79

(NRSV) Pg. 58

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE

***Sounds of Silence - Zechariah's Song***

***(Songs of Waiting series)***

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

**THE NICENE CREED (In Unison)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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.***

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

\* HYMN OF PREPARATION

***"In the Bleak Midwinter"***

(OGRP Hymnal) # 186

- 1. In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak mid-winter, long ago.*
- 2. Our God, heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;  
heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.  
In the bleak mid-winter a stable place sufficed the Lord  
God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*
- 3. Angels and arch angels may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;  
but His mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.*
- 4. What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give Him: give Him my heart.*

### **THE INVITATION TO THE SACRAMENT**

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to our table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON (In Unison)**

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and left undone. We have not loved you fully, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name, Father Almighty. Amen.**

Pastor: Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: ...And so, with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pastor: ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ; we offer  
ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living Sacrifice, in union with  
Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Amen.**

Pastor: ...All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## COMMUNION OF ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### \*CLOSING HYMN

#### **"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"**

(OGRP Hymnal) # 165

- 1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.*
- 2. He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in His sight.*
- 3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruited earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him, on the mountains, shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.*
- 4. To Him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.*

### \*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 MEMBER TO REMEMBER** today is Dick & Natalie Berlin. 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 7<sup>th</sup>**

1. Connor Sutton- Linda Kunkle 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

**Prayer request to mention week of November 30<sup>th</sup>**

7. Gregg Kunkelmann- traumatic brain injury
8. Justin- dealing with depression issues
9. Brenna- Gall bladder issues
10. Jonathan & Stacy
11. Kathy- strength and healing after cancer treatments
12. Amy- Appendix surgery
13. Courtney and Family- keep in your prayers
14. Mary Zacharias- is now in hospice

**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

**OPPORTUNITIES IN THE KINGDOM**

<b>Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour and Fellowship Sunday School for all ages
	10:30 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship Service
	3:00 PM- 5:00 PM	Pilgrimage Junior
	5:00 PM- 8:00 PM	Pilgrimage
<b>Monday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30 PM	Men's Group
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup></b>		

<b>Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 AM	Cookie baking
	12:00 PM	Holidaze set up
<b>Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Coffee Hour and Fellowship Sunday School for all ages
	10:30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship Service
	2:30 PM- 6:00 PM	Holidaze

## FGMC ANNOUNCEMENTS 12.7.25

**SECOND SPECIAL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN TODAY** to help alleviate the suffering of God's children in Jamaica and Cuba who were devastated by Hurricane Melissa on October 28 and 29. This offering will be sent to our Allegheny West Conference. These funds will be distributed equally to two organizations: CSI Ministries (an organization that has been active in Jamaica for over 50 years) and Cuba Connection Ministries (an organization that has been active in Cuba for over 25 years). *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers". Galatians 6:9-10*

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

**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](mailto: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

Desserts are needed for Delmont's Meals on Wheels. At this time 65 regular desserts and 10 diabetic desserts are needed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday in December. Considering partnering with a friend to make desserts. A sign up sheet is on the action table.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED FOR THE DELMONT PILGRIMAGE...** Please see Joann Emanuele or Karen Morris to see how you can help.

**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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