

FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"A welcoming community serving God and Neighbor"

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

July 7, 2024

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship

"Prelude and Fugue in C Major"

arr. L. Beethoven

WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nought;

He frustrates the plans of the peoples,

All: the counsel of the Lord stands forever,

the thoughts of His heart to all generations

One: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

All: Let us worship God

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 337

"My Country, Tis of Thee"

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Father; you led people to this land, and, out of conflict, created in us a love of peace, freedom, and liberty. We have failed you by neglecting rights, restricting freedoms, and taking away peoples' liberties. Forgive pride that overlooks national wrong or justifies injustice. Forgive divisions that separate us into groups. Have mercy, God, on the heart of this land. Make us compassionate, fair, and helpful to each other. Raise up in us a right patriotism, that sees and seeks this nation's good, through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Although we fall short of God's will and God's hope for us,

still God comes to us to invite us again into covenant relationships.

We remember Paul's words: "Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

God forgives us and calls us again to live as covenant people.

All: We rejoice in this our hope.

We seek to live lives worthy of our hope in Jesus Christ. Amen

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “Glori Patri”

HYMN 581

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING – Exodus 8: 15-22 Exodus 31:18 Old Testament pg 54

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Luke 11:14-22 New Testament pg 72

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “*THE FINGER OF GOD*” Rev Dr John Schmidt

*HYMN 339 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

WE PRESENT OURSELVES TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles’ Creed - Traditional (pg. 35 Hymnal/pg. 44 Large-Print Hymnal)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Andante” from Sonata in C Major FJ Haydn

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, #606)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory, and for the service of

your kingdom. Amen

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise

One: Let us pray...

One: ...joining with all the faithful of every time and place
who forever sing to the glory of your name

HYMN 525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

One: Together we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO TO THE WORLD AS CHRIST'S OWN

* HYMN 338 "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN 601 "AMEN"

*POSTLUDE "My Hope is Built" arr. Kolander

*Indicates where those who are able may stand.

A WARM WELCOME to all who are worshipping with us this morning. It is our hope that you feel the friendliness of our congregation as you worship with us today.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS AND BIBLES are available. Please ask an usher.

PRAYER REQUESTS may be emailed to the church office by Thursday at 2pm for Sunday service. If you have a joy or concern to share for this morning's service, you may fill out a blue prayer card and pass it to the usher during the first hymn.

OUR SERVICES ARE RECORDED ON CDs. If you or someone you know would like to hear these CDs, please contact the Church Office at 717-545-4631.

WE ARE EQUIPPED WITH A WILLIAMS SOUND HEADPHONE for people with a hearing deficiency. Please ask an usher.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Ushers: Barb Legg and Bob Finkle
Lay Reader: Mike Legg

THIS WEEK AT FAITH IMMANUEL JULY 7TH TO JULY 14TH

July 7 th	9:30am 11:00am	Adult Sunday School Worship	Nevada Room
July 8 th	1:30pm	Outreach Meeting	Library
July 9 th	1:45pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Office Closing for the day Faithful Stitchers Colonial Crest Association	Parlor
July 10 th	7:30pm	Square Dance Club	Shaffer Hall
July 11 th	2:00pm	Music & Worship Meeting	Library

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DANIEL BUS TRIP - Thursday August 22nd

There are still a few seats open for the Daniel bus trip. Final reservations must be made by July 15th. **Final Payment for all reservations is due in the office by Monday, July 15th.**

The cost of the tickets has decreased slightly, from \$140.00 to \$136.00, due to a slight decrease in the bus cost. For anyone who has already paid for their reservation, you will receive a \$4.00 refund. Please contact Lori Beamer at 717-395-6844 or lorib1214@gmail.com if you have any questions.

WEBB SCHOLARSHIP: Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church has a \$500 scholarship available from the Robert Webb Memorial Education Fund for a student who is pursuing a college education for the next academic year, a student who is going on a mission trip, or a student who is planning a charitable funding project. Applicants may be any student in good standing from middle school through graduate school level, whether a past recipient or not.

Bob Webb was a dedicated Christian leader whose vision was to plant the seed of life-long learning in Faith Immanuel's youth. This award will be presented to the student who meets the following criteria: Member or relative of a member of Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church and active in youth or adult activities at the church, demonstrates good citizenship through community service, and exhibits academic achievement in their two most recent school years.

In order to be considered for this award, please submit a letter of intent along with a resume highlighting the qualifications referenced above. Your submission should be addressed to the Nurture Committee and be received in the church office no later than July 14, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 717 545-4631.

We wish you all the best in the coming months as you attempt to ascertain God's call upon your

life. Congratulations on your accomplishments and for continuing your education.
Yours in Christ, Faith Immanuel Nurture Committee

THANKS! Many thanks to the anonymous donor who so generously gave \$2000 towards the digital sign! The gift puts us just over \$24,000 towards our goal of \$32,000! If you are interested in making a donation, please make your check payable to FIPC with Digital Sign in the memo line and place it in the offering plate or send it/drop it off to the church office. Thank you!

JULY MISSION-A-MONTH: HELP OUR VETERANS WHO ARE HOSPITALIZED AT THE LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER. Our July Mission A Month is the VA Lebanon Hospital. The VA Lebanon Healthcare System offers a wide range of health, support, and facility services for our Veterans. Their list of needed items is available in the gathering area. Please bring your donations to the Church no later than July 31. Monetary donations are accepted by making your check payable to the Church and indicating "VA Hospital" on the memo line. Thanks for being supportive of our veterans who have given so much for our country!

FAITH IMMANUEL BOOK CLUB: For its July 17 meeting, it has chosen, *Westering Women*, by Sandra Dallas. It is a novel set in 1852 when young adventurous women travelled west to the gold mines in order to seek a new life and leave their secrets behind. The book club has chosen, *The Gown*, by Jennifer Robson for the discussion on August 21. It is a historical novel about Queen Elizabeth's wedding dress and the women who crafted it. The Book Club meets at 10:45am, the 3rd Wednesday of every month, in the Zarfoss Library. If you have questions, contact Bonnie Hack at 717-521-3626 or Sue Skelly at 717-234-8035.

CHANCEL FLOWERS: October 20th is available

NEWSLETTER The July issue of our Newsletter, *Life in Faith*, has been published. Color copies are available in the Gathering Area. Submissions for the August Newsletter are due Monday July 29.

Prayers of Joy and Concerns at Faith Immanuel Church

Wendell Jordan – Beginning immunotherapy at the Univ of Penn, Philadelphia on 7/8

Randy Knapp: Recovering from knee surgery.

Barbara Closky: Friends of Rod & Erna Tunno. Recovering from surgery.

Deborah: Claire Hetzel's friend, diagnosed with the autoimmune disorder (MG) Myasthenia Gravis.

Rose: Claire Hetzel's friend, diagnosed with cancer.

Richard & Family: Gail Diefenderfer's brother. Richard's son, Gary, passed away June 25.

Karen Welker and Sisters: Surgery and health concerns

Pam Spearing: Injured in a fall

Friends and family of Laurie Werner who passed away

Azure and her family: Daughter of Keith & Linda Graham. Azure and her family lost their apartment on 6/20 due to a fire, along with most of their belongings. They were not home at the

time. Prayers for the ability to find new housing and for a quick insurance claim so that they can purchase essential items, especially for baby Corvin.

Christine Constantine – Her mother passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, 6/30. A memorial service is planned on 7/20 at 2pm, with a potluck meal afterwards at Ascension Lutheran Church on Union Deposit Road.

Christine's address is 2714 Middle Street, PO Box 156, Grantham, PA 17027

Ongoing Prayers for:

Mark Mell, Gerard Horn, Robert Crawshaw, Don Parkhurst, Keith Lebo, Wendell Jordan, Monica DeFriese, John & Joan Bowerman, Sharon Bikle, Jim Milbrand, Fred & Jean Muncert, Donna Hetzel, Cindy Lloyd, James Kilgus, Bridget Kilgus, Barbara Townsend, Nancy McCollum, Elaine Salvino, Ken Shatto, The Family & Friends of Gene Gangwish, Dianna Plack, Stewart Robinson, David Simmons, Carolyn Arnold, Bill Cole, Margret Ferarri, & Wayne Beaver.

THE STAFF AT FAITH IMMANUEL

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