



**FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**January 18, 2026**

# FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“A welcoming community serving God and Neighbor”*

## **The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

January 18, 2026

As you enter the sanctuary, please silence your cell phones and maintain a reverential quiet as you prepare your heart and mind to worship God. If you have a prayer request you would like to share with the pastor, please fill out a prayer card and pass it to the center aisle where an usher will collect it during the first hymn.

### **CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Carrie Barnes

**PRELUDE**      “The Star Proclaims the King is Here”      J. Pachelbel

### **WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We wait patiently for God, seeking to sing a new song of praise to God.

**All: We know of God’s faithfulness in delivering and saving us.**

One: In worship we enter God’s presence and offer our praise and prayers.

**All: Let us rejoice and be glad, for God is good.**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**\* HYMN**

“O God, Who Gives Us Life”

Pg. #53

## \* UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our lives, we confess to you how uncertain we are. So many things that seemed sure and good have led us astray and exhausted us. Much of what we have tried to do has disappointed those we love, failed to help our neighbors in need, and emptied us of conviction and hope. We are unsure of what we're looking for. Deliver us, O God, from aimlessly wandering. Open our ears to hear you and give us a new sense of purpose as disciples of your Son, in whose name we offer our personal prayers in silence.

## \* SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

## \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**One:** Through the love of God our lives are given direction and infused with hope and meaning...

**All:** **In Jesus Christ, sin has lost its power over us. We are a new creation, loved and called to serve God. Amen.**

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

Pg. #581

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

## WE RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1-7

Old Testament Pg. #679

*(Pew Bibles are located under your seats).*

**One:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

“Star Carol”

Words by W. Hutson/arr. W. Ehret

## SECOND READING

John 1:29-42

New Testament Pg. #92

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "People Telling Other People" The Rev. Don Potter

**\* HYMN** "Come Down, O Love Divine" Pg. #282

## WE PRESENT OURSELVES TO GOD

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** "The Great Physician" W. Hunter

**\* DOXOLOGY** Pg. #606

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.

**\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)**

As we lay before you our lives and our tithes and offerings, O God, we do so trusting your power to bless and multiply what we give. Help us to be agents of transformation and rebirth as we continue to give gladly and faithfully, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS' PRAYER**

**WE GO TO THE WORLD AS CHRIST'S OWN**

**\* HYMN**                   “Will You Come and Follow Me”                   Pg. #726

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* CONGREGATION RESPONSE**                   “Amen”                   Pg. #601

**\* POSTLUDE**                   “Repton (He Comes to us as One Unknown)”                   R. Powell

*\* Indicates where those who are able may stand.*

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

**WE ALSO WELCOME** the Rev. Don Potter to our pulpit this morning. The Rev. Don Potter serves as Pastor of Visitation at Camp Hill Presbyterian Church. He is a graduate of Spring Arbor University (MI) and Princeton Theological Seminary (NJ). In 2026 Rev. Potter will be celebrating 50 years of ordained ministry in the Presbyterian Church USA, having been ordained in Kittanning, PA, on October 10, 1976.

**REMINDER:** Please, silence mobile phones.

**PRAYER REQUESTS** may be emailed to the church office by Wednesday at 12pm 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.

**SANITIZED HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT HYMNALS, AND BIBLES** are available from ushers. Shawls are also available to borrow from ushers.

**DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE** for restrooms, including an accessible restroom, and worship service Family Quiet Room is posted in the Gathering Area. Please, ask ushers for assistance.

**WORSHIP SERVICES ARE LIVESTREAMED.** You may appear on camera. Services are recorded on YouTube.

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:**

**Lay Reader:** Shirley Cleaver

**Ushers:** Susan Anthony & Leafie Phillips

*The Flowers are presented today by Susan Anthony in memory of the Mangolds and Anthonys.*

## **UPCOMING AT FAITH IMMANUEL**

### **JANUARY 18 THROUGH JANUARY 24**

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

9:30am	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> - Zarfoss Library
11:00am	<b>WORSHIP</b> - Sanctuary
12:00pm	<b>LECTIONARY &amp; LUNCH</b> - Zarfoss Library
12:45pm	<b>AGAPE NEPALI CHURCH</b> - Sanctuary
1:30pm	<b>SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY SQUARE &amp; ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION</b> - Shaffer Hall & Nevada Room
4:00pm	<b>GIRL SCOUT TROOP 14071</b> - Shaffer Hall/Nevada Room

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

1:30pm	<b>ORGAN PRACTICE</b> - Sanctuary
3:30pm	<b>VOCAL CHOIR</b> - Music Room
5:45pm	<b>BELL CHOIR</b> - Music Room
6:30pm	<b>CUB SCOUTS PACK 256</b> -Nevada Room

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 20**

12:00pm	<b>LECTIONARY &amp; LUNCH</b> - Zarfoss Library
1:00pm	<b>FAITHFUL STITCHERS</b> - Zarfoss Library
6:00pm	<b>GIRL SCOUT TROOP 11261 MEETING</b> - Shaffer Hall/Nevada Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21**

10:00am	<b>DCPASR</b> - Nevada Room
10:45am	<b>FIPC BOOK CLUB</b> - Zarfoss Library

#### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

6:00pm	<b>CUB SCOUT PACK 256 MEETING</b> - Nevada Room
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## ONLINE GIVING

As believers, we know that giving is an act of worship that reflects our love for God and our trust in His provision. You can give to the ministry here at FIPC:

- Online: [faithimmanuelpc.org](http://faithimmanuelpc.org) and click the “Give” button
- In person during our regular worship services.
- By mail: 1801 Colonial Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112
- Scan the QR Code



Your donations support FIPC's mission of spreading the love of God and serving our community. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**S.K. ZARFOSS MEMORIAL BOOK FUND** - A reminder to students to save their book receipts for the Spring Semester to include in their Zarfoss Book Scholarship applications of 2026. Applications can be found in the Welcome Center or online at the church's website [www.faithimmanuelpc.org](http://www.faithimmanuelpc.org).

**COMMISSIONING SERVICE** - A Service of Commissioning for The Rev. Caroline A. Vickery to Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church is at 3pm on Sunday, February 15th, in our Sanctuary. A reception follows. Members of the congregation are invited.

**ANNUAL MEETING** - Our annual Congregation/Corporation Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 22, 2026, in Shaffer Hall following worship. Committee Chairs' Annual Reports are to be in the office by Sunday, January 25th, and published for pickup on Sunday, February 8, 2026.

**THANK YOU** - A BIG thank you from the Worship committee to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations this past week: Bub and Peggy Manning, Sue Dinges, Leafie Phillips, Susan Anthony, Norm Diefenderfer, Ruth Hope Woodlen, Tracee Olver, Sue Skelly, Terry Hack, Barb Dugan and Gary Souders. It was AN efficient, diligent crew who accomplished the task in record time!

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE JANUARY MISSION A MONTH** - Our January Mission a Month is Church World Service (CWS) Harrisburg. CWS is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. Note that our Church has also embraced and financially supported the CWS CROP Walk program for many years. The new Harrisburg office offers comprehensive case management and employment services aimed at building a foundation for long-term self-sufficiency and success to U.S. government-approved and registered migrants in our community. Monetary donations are being requested to support their food pantry, as well as providing housing assistance for individuals in our area. Donations will be accepted until January 31st. Thank you and God bless you for your support of CWS!

**HANNA'S PANTRY** - Hanna's Pantry would like to thank the wonderful FIPC Faithful Stitchers for the hats, scarves, mittens, etc. which were given to their members last month. They were graciously received and much appreciated. Also, a thank you to FIPC members for their donations of egg cartons and handled grocery bags. With the egg crisis over and donations stacked to the ceiling, they have suspended collection of the egg cartons, but keep those paper grocery bags coming! The Pantry is grateful for your support.

**FIPC BOOK CLUB** - The FIPC Book Club has chosen *Saving My Enemy* by Bob Welch for the January 21st meeting. It is a true story of how two soldiers fought against each other and later forged a friendship that saved their lives. For the February 18th meeting, *The Secret War of Julia Child* by Diana Chambers has been selected. It is a historical novel about Julia Child's life before becoming the beloved chef. The meetings are at 10:45am in the Zarfoss Library. If you have questions, contact Bonnie Hack at (717) 521-3626 or Sue Skelly at (717) 234-8035.

**2025 GIVING STATEMENTS** - Giving Statements are available for pick up in the Gathering Area. Please be sure to pick yours up! Thank you.

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTERS** - Please be sure to forward all newsletter articles and pictures for the February newsletter to Barb Dugan at [bdugan3208@verizon.net](mailto:bdugan3208@verizon.net) by Monday, January 26th.

**LECTIONARY AND LUNCH** - A Lectionary and Lunch group will meet Tuesdays at noon: it's BYOL, Bring Your Own Lunch and discuss the scriptures for the following Sunday's service. In addition to our Tuesday gatherings, we'll also meet after church today. These post-service sessions also offer a chance to dive deeper into the following Sunday's scripture lesson. Lunch will be provided. We ask that you sign-up to the Gathering Area for the sessions you plan to attend.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**January 18 -** Kristine Linville

**January 26 -** Paulina Marshall

Pat Reidell

**January 29 -** Dillon Linville

*If any birthdays were missed, please contact the office. Thank you.*

## **PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERNS AT FAITH IMMANUEL CHURCH**

*Prayer of Joy and Concerns:*

*Cheryl Caplan - Rev. Dr. John Schmidt - prayers for thankfulness for his dedication to Faith Immanuel and pastoral care for our congregation.*

*Gail Diefenderfer - John Hanks continues to recover.*

*Shirley Cleaver - Maxine Bishop in Holy Spirit suffering from flu and congestive heart failure.*

*Ongoing Prayers for: Robert Crawshaw, Monica DeFries, Sharon Bikle, Jim Milbrand, Fred & Jean Muncert, Bridget Kilgus, Cindy, Jim, Barbara Townsend, Bruce McLaren, Pat Lebo's Family (multiple family members suffering with health issues), Sarah Finkle, Larry Klaboe, Ronald Neumann, Stewart Robinson, Marge Barner, The Family of Colleen Sanderson, Kathy, Claire Hetzel, Irene, Curt, Renee, Nancy B., Elaine Bauer Shatto, Finn Bitterman.*

*Blessings and prayers for our church members who are currently undergoing physical therapy and/or are awaiting an operation/procedure.*

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## **OUR STAFF:**

Pastor: The Rev. Caroline A. Vickery

Director of Music Ministries: Dr. Bradley J. Hull

Custodian: Jim Devor

Office Administrator/Finance Secretary: Heather Ruoss

Communications Manager: Carolyn Simpson

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

9am - 1pm Monday - Friday

Other times by appointment.

## **PASTOR CAROLINE'S OFFICE HOURS**

11am - 2pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

## **CHURCH CALENDAR:**

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