



FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 30, 2026

FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“A welcoming community serving God and Neighbor”

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

August 30, 2026

As you enter the sanctuary, out of consideration for other worshipers, please silence your cell phones and maintain quiet. If you have a prayer request you would like to share with the pastor, please fill out a blue 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

Barb Dugan

PRELUDE

“Toccata in E Minor”

J. Pachelbel

WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Even when we encounter folks who are mean, dishonest, hateful,

All: we are called to respond with that love which is true and sincere.

One: God calls us to love all people as if they were our sisters and brothers,

All: for God seeks to weave us into one family, tearing down all the barriers between us.

One: No matter how weary we become from our loneliness, our struggles, our service,

All: God challenges us to be patient, to rejoice, and to never stop praying.

One: Why should we do all things?

All: Because we are God’s people, called to lives which are different, and which make a difference! So we worship God as one people.

OPENING PRAYER

*** HYMN**

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

1

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of Moses, Mary, Miriam and Aaron, we could live at peace with others, but we choose to do wrong to them; we could welcome those we do not know, but choose to close our hearts; we could make outsiders our best friends, but choose the safety of our cliques.

Forgive us, Genuine Love, for our foolish choices. Hold on to our shaky lives, until we learn to clasp your goodness to our hearts, so we can give it away to those around us. Whisper your grace and hopes to us, until we can stop cursing our enemies, and bless them as our friends. Smooth the rough edges of our arrogance, until we become polished enough to win the gold in being honorable. Then, we would put aside our stumbling blocks to discipleship, so we can follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as he leads us to your way of denial and life. Amen.

*** SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: In our love for others, we discover God’s love for us. In our forgiving of others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

All: We are God’s children, called to be different, called to act differently, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Gloria Patri”

#581

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.

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WE RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” # 469

FIRST READING

Romans 12:9-21
New Testament, pg. #162

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Like a Lighthouse” P Choplin
St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church’s Women’s Ensemble

SECOND READING

Exodus 3:1-15
Old Testament, pg. #50

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Working 9-5, God’s Way”

The Rev. Caroline A. Vickery

*** HYMN**

“The Summons”

726

Please stand at last verse

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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

2-part Invention #7 in E Minor

J. S. Bach

*** DOXOLOGY**

#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)**

May the gifts we offer, Loving God, feed those who are hungry, as you have fed us with your Word. May these gifts give those who thirst for hope a cup which is overflowing. May our gifts be used to welcome all those who are your children, our sisters and brothers in this life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE After the phrase, “Lord, by your grace,” you are invited to reply, **“Hear our Prayer”**

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE GO TO THE WORLD AS CHRIST’S OWN

*** HYMN**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

65

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“A Blessing of Music”

J. Martin

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church’s Women’s Ensemble

*** PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

“Amen”

601

*** POSTLUDE**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

F. Havergal

** 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 and the grace of the Spirit as you worship with us today.

TODAY WE WELCOME the St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church's Women's Ensemble as our special guest musicians. One thing Faith Immanuel and St. Mark have in common is that they have the same Director of Music!. The people of St. Mark's music program believe, as Martin Luther taught, that music is second only to theology in teaching our faith. It enriches our worship, inspires our spirits, and binds us together in harmony. The folks at St. Mark are happy to be here and join us for worship!

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.

OUR COFFEE HOUR IS SPONSORED THIS WEEK BY the Properties Committee.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Lay Reader: Terry Hack

Ushers: Bob & Joanne Finkle

**UPCOMING AT FAITH IMMANUEL
AUGUST 30 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

- 11:00am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
- 12:45pm **AGAPE NEPALI CHURCH** - Sanctuary
- 4:00pm **ALL PRESBYTERY EVENT AT 2ND PRESBYTERIAN, CARLISLE**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 1:00pm **FAITHFUL STITCHERS** - Parlor
- 1;00pm **NURTURE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Zarfoss Library
- 2:00pm **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MEETING** - Nevada Room

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- 11:00am **WORSHIP - COMMUNION** - Sanctuary
- 12:45pm **AGAPE NEPALI CHURCH** - Sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10:00am **SEPTEMBER 19** - Community Day on Colonial, Family Festival
- 11:00am **SEPTEMBER 20** - Outdoor Worship

LOOKING AHEAD:

- 9:30am Adult Sunday School, on James and Galatians, will begin after Labor Day.
- 5:30pm **SEPTEMBER 14** - Potluck in Shaffer Hall
- SEPTEMBER 27** - Church Picnic

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST MISSION A MONTH FOX'S WASH'N GO- Our August Mission a Month is collecting laundry cleaning items for Fox's Wash 'n Go. This initiative is to ease some of the financial burden on our neighbors who are under served or homeless within the Harrisburg area by providing free laundry services. They are requesting the following items: laundry pods, liquid bleach, liquid fabric softener, laundry bags (to give people a place to store their clean clothes), and the most loved item – dryer sheets! They will also accept monetary donations to purchase additional supplies. Please make your check payable to the church and note Fox's Wash 'n Go on the memo line. Please note that they would like to have a couple of volunteers on the date our funds are delivered. The volunteers would assist those people in the laundromat or help signing them in. Please let Carrie Barnes know if you would be interested in volunteering and representing FIPC. The free laundry days are held on the first Saturday of each month between Noon and 3:30 p.m. Generally, 25-35 people come for the free laundry services. Thank you for your support of this mission helping those less fortunate. Please bring your donations to the church by August 31.

COMMUNITY DAY ON COLONIAL - FAMILY FESTIVAL - Come and join in the fun at the Family Festival on the Church grounds, Saturday, September 19th, 10am - 1pm. Free food, children's books and fun activities. Plan now to invite your neighbors, family and friends! If you have questions, please contact Barb Dugan at (717) 433-0958 or bdugan3208@verizon.net.

SESSION HAS APPROVED designated loose offering on Communion Sundays to go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. September 6th is a Communion Sunday and in light of the disastrous quake and flooding in Nepal, the droughts, and floods, your gifts will be appreciated.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC - Congregational Life is hosting the annual church picnic on Sunday, September 27th, in Shaffer Hall, immediately following Sunday services. Congregational Life will supply hot dogs and bar-b-que. Sign-up sheets for a variety of other needed picnic items are in the gathering area beginning today and will be available for sign-ups through Sunday, September 20th. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Beamer or Karen Shallcross.

MUSICAL MINISTRIES AUTUMN BEGINNINGS - VOCAL CHOIR

The Faith Immanuel Vocal Choir will start rehearsals for the 2026-2027 season in September. Due to Labor Day on Monday, September 7, we will meet:

1. First rehearsal: Tuesday, September 8 at 3:30.
2. Second rehearsal: Monday, September 14 at 3:30 p.m.
3. Third and following rehearsals: Resume our normal Monday 3:30 schedule.

If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry of the church in leading worship and providing music to facilitate our interaction with God, please come to the first rehearsal. We would love for you to sing with us! Questions should be directed to Brad Hull, Director of Music (Cell: 202-738-2795 or email: bradleyjhull@gmail.com). Our first singing Sunday will, God-willing, be September 13.

BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir enjoyed a very successful season last year and the congregation overtly shared their appreciation for its addition to Faith Immanuel's worship. Bell choir is a unique form of music which is accessible to all levels of musical ability (including no musical ability). To select music for the bell choir, determining the exact number of ringers is necessary. So if you are interested in being a part of the bell choir, whether a former or new member, please email Brad (bradleyjhull@gmail.com) before September 8. Our first rehearsal will be Monday, September 14 at 5:45.

To all perspective newcomers: If we have some people that need additional support in learning the basics, we can offer 15-minute pre-rehearsals starting at 5:30. So have no fear, be of good courage!

SEPTEMBER MISSION A MONTH CENTRAL DAUPHIN SCHOOL DISTRICT'S NUTRIPACKS PROGRAM - Our September Mission a Month is the Central Dauphin School District's NutriPacks Program which assists food insecure students during the school year. They are requesting two specific items this year: peanut butter in small 16 oz. plastic containers, jelly (any flavor) in small plastic containers. No glass containers please! These are the only items they have requested. Our timing of this mission coincides with September being "National Hunger Action Month". They note that peanut butter is distributed each month. Please bring your donations to the church by September 30th and place them in the basket located at the Mission table in the gathering area. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted. Please make your check payable to the church with CD NutriPacks Program noted on the memo line. Thanks for your support of this program. God bless you.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH HEALTH MINISTRIES - The following is a summarized listing of the donations we collected for our July Mission a Month for Christ Lutheran Church's Health Ministry program: (9) bottles of shampoo, (9) bottles of conditioner, (6) tubes of body lotion, (8) sticks of women's deodorant, (8) tubes of toothpaste, (8) tubes of muscle rub, (4) containers of aerosol nasal spray and (2) jars of petroleum jelly. Our monetary donations amounted to \$427.25. God bless you to everyone who donated to this mission. Thank you again for your support and caring for others!

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 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sue Dinges	08/30	Karen Shallcross	09/03
Valeria McCaffrey	08/30	Howard Snyder	09/04

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN AT FAITH IMMANUEL CHURCH

Prayer of Joy and Concern:

Bless those who have endured fires & flooding/hurricanes, Marjorie Key is in the rehab at Messiah Village - she fell and has a broken leg, Barb Closky is having difficulty getting around, Erna Tunno's son-in-law Doug Webster in the hospital, Gayle's brother Larry and his wife Joyce are both dealing with health problems

Ongoing Prayers for:

Monica DeFries, Sharon Bikle, Jim Milbrand, Jean Muncert, Bridget Kilgus, Cindy, Jim, Barbara Townsend, Bruce McLaren, Pat Lebo's Family (multiple family members suffering with health issues), Bob Finkle, Sarah Finkle, Larry Klaboe, Stewart Robinson, Marge Barner, Kathy, Claire Hetzel, Irene, Curt, Renee, Nancy B., Elaine Bauer Shatto, Gina Cirillo-Deiter, Randy Knapp, Norm Diefenderfer, Shirley Cleaver, Allen Diefenderfer, Tunno Family, Given Family

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

Please contact the church office to make any changes/corrections to the ongoing prayers.

FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**1801 Colonial Road
Harrisburg, PA 17112**

Phone: (717) 545-4631

Fax: (717) 541-5673

Email: fipcoffice@lifeinfaith.org

Website: www.faithimmanuelpc.org

YouTube: [@faithimmandhopepresby3984](#)

Visit us on Facebook!

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:

9 am - 1 pm Monday - Friday

Other times by appointment.

PASTOR CAROLINE'S OFFICE HOURS

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Monday at FIPC

11 am - 1 pm Tuesday at Italian Delight for Community hours/Lectionary study

11:30 am - 1:30pm at FIPC

Other times by appointment.

CHURCH CALENDAR:

www.faithimmanuelpc.org/events

ONLINE GIVING:

www.faithimmanuelpc.org - GIVE