

FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026

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"A welcoming community serving God and Neighbor"

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship at 11:00 a.m. November 8, 2026

As you enter the sanctuary, out of consideration of 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 Carrie Barnes

PRELUDE "Toccata" J. Krieger

WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: If we will but listen,

All: God will speak to us in parables, God will tell us stories lived out by our grandparents.

One: If we will but remember,

All: We will discover all we have heard and known, all the wonders God has in store of us.

One: If we will but share,

All: We can tell children - even those not yet born - the glorious stories of our God.

OPENING PRAYER

*** HYMN** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" # 39

*** UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We have good intentions but we do not always follow through, we make genuine promises to you, God, but they are short-lived and unfulfilled. Receive our unfulfilled desires to be your light in this world - unwritten letters, cards still waiting to be written, undialed phone conversations, canceled plans to exercise, worship, meet a friend, or spend time reading our Bibles. Please make whole what we in faith half-start and may your love save us from the agony of inevitable self-defeat. We bring our unfulfilled promises, what we have put off, and our frustration with ourselves. Mend us through your kindness and mercy. Amen.

*** SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*** ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: This is our assurance: God forgives us.
This is our hope: God's love is everlasting.
This is our truth: God is with us always.

All: We will speak the truth; we will live the hope; we will share God's mercy. Thanks be to God. 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

Send your spirit to move in our world and stir our souls that we may desire a word of instruction that awakens us to the joy of your coming reign. Amen.

FIRST READING Psalm 78: 1-7
Old Testament, pg. # 537

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "In a Twinkling of an Eye" D. Agnerman & M. Bennet
Chancel Choir

SECOND READING Matthew 25:1-13
New Testament, pg. # 28

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **"**What Story Will We Tell?" The Rev. Caroline A. Vickery

*** HYMN** "I Love to Tell the Story" # 462

WE PRESENT OURSELVES TO GOD

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*** OFFERTORY** **"**When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" J. Black

*** 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)

God of grace and God of glory, as we wait for you to complete the transformation of our world, we offer ourselves, our gifts, our talents so that they can help light the way for others to meet Jesus. Use us, use our offerings and tithes, may their light shine brightly.

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*After the phrase, "Lord, by your grace," you are invited to reply, "**Hear our 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. 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**	"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"	# 353
*** BENEDICTION**		
*** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**	"Amen"	# 601
*** POSTLUDE**	"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"	J. Black

A WARM WELCOME to all 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.

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 HYMNAL 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 Nurture Committee.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Lay Reader: Susan Anthony
Ushers: Cheryl Caplan & Sue Skelly

The flowers are presented today by The MacIntyres in celebration of the marriage of Star & Kyle Miller.

UPCOMING AT FAITH IMMANUEL
NOVEMBER 8 THROUGH NOVEMBER 15

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:30 am **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Zarfoss Library
9:45 am **DEACON'S MEETING** - Nevada Room
11:00 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
11:45 am **STRATEGIC PLAN MEETING** - Nevada Room
12:45 pm **AGAPE NEPALI CHURCH** - Sanctuary
3:00 pm **CONCERTS ON COLONIAL PRESENTS** - Yu & I
4:30 pm **GIRL SCOUT MEETING** - Shaffer Hall

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

3:30 pm **VOCAL CHOIR REHEARSAL -** Choir Room
5:30 pm **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL -** Choir Room
7:00 pm **BOY SCOUT COMMITTEE MEETING** - Nevada Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

2:00 pm **WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING -** Zarfoss Library

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 am **LINGLESTOWN GARDEN CLUB** - Shaffer Hall
1:30 pm **OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING** - Parlor

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

6:00 pm **FREEDOM CROSSING HOA ASSN MEETING** - Zarfoss Library
7:00 pm **DEN MEETING** - Shaffer Hall

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:30 am **SCOUTING FOR FOOD COLLECTION**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - CONSECRATION SUNDAY

9:30 am **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Zarfoss Library
11:00 am **WORSHIP**
12:45 pm **AGAPE NEPALI CHURCH**
4:30 pm **GIRL SCOUT MEETING** - Shaffer Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IDEA GATHERING AFTER CHURCH - You are encouraged to attend an idea sharing session right after this morning's worship service in the Nevada Room. If you did not get to the first one, this is another opportunity to be part of our church strategic plan. Please come to share and to listen to what matters, what visions, what actions are needed towards the future of FIPC.

ANNUAL COOKIE EXCHANGE - Congregational Life is hosting the annual cookie exchange and Christmas lunch on Sunday, December 6th, after worship services in Shaffer Hall. Sign-up sheets are in the Gathering area beginning today. Please come for a Christmas lunch, even if you do not wish to participate in the cookie exchange.

OCTOBER MISSION A MONTH - HUMANE SOCIETY OF HARRISBURG- Our October Mission a Month was the Humane Society of Harrisburg. Donated items included the following: (1) pet bed, (1) pet blanket, (1) spray container of catnip, (2) feeding stations, (3) pet leads, (4) containers holding plastic pick-up bags for dog cleanup, (6) dog harnesses, (7) various cat and dog toys, (13) pet feeding bowls, (53) cans of dog food, (60) individual pieces of cat treats, (104) containers of cat food, (130) individual pieces of dog treats. We also collected monetary donations totally $552.25. Donations were gratefully accepted by the volunteers but undoubtedly will be even more gratefully accepted by the animals housed at the shelter. FIPC, you have out done yourself in giving to this mission - you are truly amazing! Thank you so very much for all of your donations. God's blessings to you for caring for His creatures.

HANNA'S PANTRY - November 15 is Bring Your Turkey to Church Day. Frozen turkeys, turkey breasts, and even chickens will be distributed to the members of HANNA's Pantry on the Thanksgiving Distribution November 21. Boxes will be provided in the Welcome Center for you to place your birds. After our service your donations will be delivered to the pantry for HANNA's Pantry's Great Turkey Drop. Thank you for your donations.

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, mission of spreading the love of God and serving our community. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

H. Glenn Manning - 11/09
Irene Brightbill - 11/17
Lawrence Dinges - 11/17
Gregory Linn - 11/17
Alex Caplan - 11/19
David Coad - 11/19
Joan Bowerman - 11/20
Julia Page - 11/21
Ken Zimmerman - 11/26
Susie Ayi - 11/27

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN
AT FAITH IMMANUEL CHURCH

Prayers of Joy and Concern:

Gary Souders who is recovering at sister's home after major surgery.

Ongoing Prayers for:

Monica DeFriese, 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, Steward 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, Anthony - Norm & Gail's grandson, Longenecker Family, Marjorie Key, Wanda Hoyer.

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.

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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
12:00pm - 2:00pm Monday at FIPC
11 am - 1 pm Tuesday at Italian Delight for Community hours/Lectionary study
11:30am - 1:30 pm at FIPC - Thursday
Other times by appointment.

CHURCH CALENDAR:
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