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Monday - Friday

9:00am - 4:00pm

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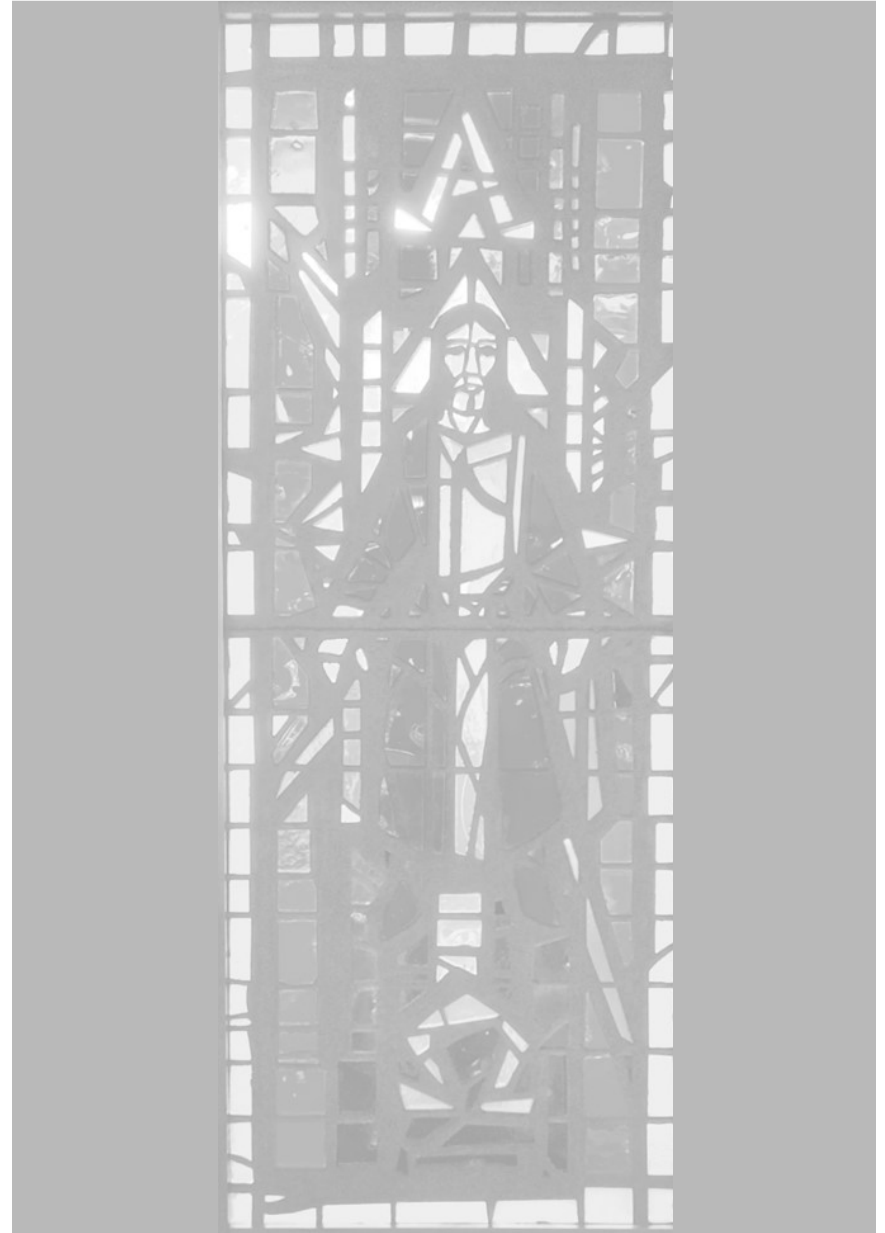
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November 19, 2023
Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church



FAITH IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
"A welcoming community serving God and Neighbor."

Worship at 11:00 a.m. November 19, 2023

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

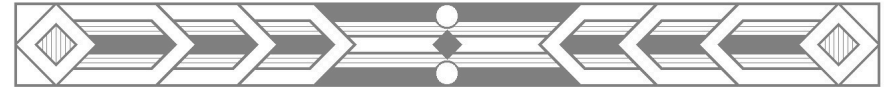
PRELUDE - Please use this time to quietly prepare for worship. "Toccata in C Major"
J.S. Bach / arr. Thompson Brad Hull, Organist

WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.
- All: **We recognize God as the source of all goodness.**
- One: Every good and perfect gift comes to us from God.
- All: **Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness,**

The Family & Friends of John Mease, Bob Hawk, Diane Katana, Kim Burke, Lisa Hubley, The Family & Friends of Janet Kreiser, Jen Wickwar, Dolores Shearer, Merry Ann Kish, Marge Barner, Billie Hawk, Nancy McCollum, Julius, Susan Dash Hammack, Cindy Lloyd, James Kilgus, Bridget Kilgus, & Barbara Townsend.



NOTES:

Recovering at home.

Sara: Cati Klaboe's co-worker who had a stroke.

Ronald Neumann: Christine Constantine's father. Cancer is growing rapidly, as his health continues to decline. Pray he receives a liver transplant soon.

Michael Jordan: Son of Rose & Wendell Jordan. He is currently running the NY City Marathon.

Azure Graham: Prayers for recovery after a difficult labor with baby Corrin.

The People of Nepal: Major earthquake left over 150 people dead and hundreds injured.

Christine Constantine: Auto-immune disease.

Family & Friends of Tammy Luckenbill: Passed away. Former member of Faith.

Family & Friends of Chas Harrisson: Passed away 11-12-2023. Leaves behind a wife and young daughter.

Daniel Neumann: Christine Constantine's brother. Dangerously low blood pressure.

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

Ongoing Prayers for:

Gerard Horn, Robert Crawshaw, Don Parkhurst,
Keith Lebo, Lee Hartwick, Sarah Finkle,
Wendell Jordan, Monica DeFriese,
John & Joan Bowerman, Gene Gangwish,
Fred Muncert, Carol Becker, Sharon Bikle,
Jim Milbrand, Ted Yohe, Sandy PrahI, The Family &
Friends of Edwin Nieves, Pheenie Matoy,

and gentleness are all of God.

One: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

All: **We are thankful for the variety of talents within the body of Christ.**

One: We thank God for loving families and encouraging friends.

All: **With thankful hearts we worship and praise the Lord our God!**

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN # 612

We Praise You, O God

*UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful friend and Savior, you have called us to live as your disciples and have equipped us with the very power of God to be your heart, hands, and feet to the world. We confess that instead of serving our neighbors with the might and boldness of your Spirit, we are timid and afraid. We miss opportunities to be salt and light. We fail to be peacemakers. We harbor resentments and try to justify our anger rather than model forgiveness. We are more judgmental than compassionate. Forgive us, we pray. Give us a renewed vision of who we are in you. Revitalize our faith and transform our lives. We pray in your holy name. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: When we return to the Lord with all our hearts, God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. Friends, hear and believe and celebrate the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

*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

(Please rise, remain in your pew, and greet one another by waving to each other.)

WE RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING - 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
New Testament, pg. # 205

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

please contact Michelle Beck.

DEACONS: The Deacons will be meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the Month, in the Zarfoss Library, at 9:30am.

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERNS
AT FAITH IMMANUEL CHURCH:

Joy:

Christiana Quarthey: Happy 70th Birthday and Retirement!

Corrin Alan Burdyn: Linda Graham's granddaughter was born on November 4th.

Pat Lebo: Son, Don, married his longtime girlfriend, Ruth.

Kim Rice: Recovery from knee replacement going well

Concern:

Richard Reidell: Continued prayers.

Joan: Medical issues.

The Family & Friends of Bud Schroeder: Passed away. Brother of Erna Tunno.

The Family & Friends of Almerig Tunno: Passed away. Brother of Rod Tunno.

Jim Fair: Continued prayers.

Brenda Henniger: Underwent knee replacement this past Tuesday, Oct. 24. Having a lot of pain.

Karen Jewell-Waldon: Prayers for healing.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NURTURE COMMITTEE:

This year the Nurture Committee with the assistance of several members of Faith Immanuel have created an Advent Devotional Booklet. We hope as you read the devotion each day it helps to prepare you for Jesus' birth. Our hope is that it will help to deepen your faith during this Advent season. The booklets will be available in the gathering area starting Sunday, November 19th. A copy of the booklet will also be sent to our homebound members.

The Nurture Committee would also like to challenge you during the upcoming year. The challenge is to read the entire Bible with us. The daily reading guide will also be available on November 19th. Beginning January 1st, we will start reading and on December 31st we will have read the entire Bible together. If you have never read the whole Bible, now is your chance. If you have read it, now is your chance to do it again.

The Nurture Committee will be helping our fellow Christians who attend the Agape' Nepali church who are currently part of our church community. We have been made aware of needs that some of their members have. We are working with them to help meet these needs. We are finding resources for them in various capacity including diapers and cold weather clothing for adults and children. If you have items you feel they might be able to use

ANTHEM "All Things Bright and Beautiful"
arr. L. Lamb Bell Choir

SECOND READING - Matthew 25:14-30
New Testament, pg. # 28
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Use It or Lose It Elder Rosamond Presby

*HYMN # 357 The Days Are Surely Coming

WE PRESENT OURSELVES TO GOD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed - *Ecumenical*
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"I want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

*K. Thomerson
Brad Hull, Pianist*

*DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, #606)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Gracious God we humbly offer you our gifts.
Use them, and use us, to reach into places
where your mystery remains hidden, into
situations where your goodness is not yet
known. May we be good stewards of your
word and of what you have given us. We pray
in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE GO INTO THE WORLD AS CHRIST'S OWN

*HYMN # 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE -
Hymn # 601 "Amen"

ANGEL TREE: A "GIVING TREE" to benefit the Delta Community will be placed in the Gathering Area beginning on Sunday, November 26. On the tree are cards that have the names of children living in single parent families at Delta Community. Each card will indicate the name and sex of a child, and the item on their wish list for Christmas. Gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped. **Please remember to attach the child's information with your gift and return it by Friday, December 15.** Questions, contact Randy Knapp or the church office at 717-545-4631.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you would like to donate any used toys in good repair, they may be included as well. The families we are serving literally have nothing. They are single parents with kids coming from desperate circumstances like shelters to this transitional housing program. For many of them, this is their first real home.

LIVE-STREAMING: The FIPC live-streaming team is seeking volunteers to do the changing of PowerPoint slides for our worship services. (The slides are prepared by the office - volunteers have only to change slides at the appropriate time!) Please speak with Norm Diefenderfer if you wish to volunteer. Many thanks.

own schedule. There are people who have been doing this for years who would be more than willing to show newcomers how and what can be done. Team up with friends! Sign-up sheets are in the gathering area, along with photos and explanations of tasks. Thank you for volunteering.

BOOK CLUB: The FIPC Book Club will not be meeting in December. Meetings will resume in January.

BROCHURE: Be sure to check out the new FIPC Brochure.

NEW ADDRESS: Gordon & Sally Humbert have moved to Messiah Village. They no longer have their landline, but both cell phone numbers are still correct. Please update your home church directory.

HUMBERT, Gordon & Sally
117 Messiah Circle
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Monday, December 11th we will be Christmas caroling. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm and carpool to a nearby neighborhood. We will return to the church for hot chocolate and cookies. Make your calendar and join the group for a fun evening. Bring family, friends, neighbors - all are welcome.

*POSTLUDE

"Count Your Blessings"

Oatman / Excell
Brad Hull, Organist

*Indicates where those who are able may stand.

REMINDER: Please silence mobile phones.

PRAYER REQUESTS may be emailed to the church office by Friday to be included for Sunday's service. Email to: fipcoffice@lifeinfaith.org

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

DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE for restrooms, including a handicapped 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.

TODAY IN WORSHIP - 11:00 am

Ushers: *Mickey Hoffman & Sally Humbert*

Lay Reader: *Lori Beamer*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Nov 19 Alex Caplan
David Coad
Nov 20 Joan Bowerman
Nov 21 Julia Page (MacIntyre)
Nov 24 John Bowerman
Nov 25 Nicolette Sorensen
Nov 26 Ken Zimmerman



*Today's Chancel Flowers are placed
by Joe & Ginny Stimmel:*

*"In Loving Memory of our Mothers, Fathers, &
Joe's Brother."*

THIS WEEK AT FAITH IMMANUEL

NOVEMBER 19TH THRU NOVEMBER 25TH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

Last Day to Order Pumpkin Pies

9:30am **Adult Sunday School:** Nevada Room

11:00am **Worship:** Sanctuary

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

3:30pm **Choir Rehearsal:** Music Room

5:30pm **Handbell Rehearsal:** Music Room

7:00-8:30pm **Boy Scouts:** Nevada Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

Pick Up Pumpkin Pies

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

Office Closed

Thanksgiving Day



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

Office Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA: Wednesday, December 6 at 1:30 pm. Ladies, you are cordially invited to attend the Christmas Tea for an afternoon of relaxation and delicious tea fare. Our guest speaker, Harriet Magee, will be taking us back to "Victorian Times." Sign up in the Gathering Area by Sunday, November 26, 2023.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: It's that time again - time to transform our sanctuary and gathering area into beautiful Advent spaces as we await the birth of our Lord. Beginning immediately after church on Sunday, November 26th and continuing through Saturday, December 2nd, individuals and groups of folks will be decorating trees, hanging wreaths and garlands, fluffing bows, and making sure all lights are in working order. We need your help! Even if you no longer wish to climb a ladder, there are plenty of tasks that can be accomplished sitting down or standing for brief periods of time. Please consider volunteering for this activity. Tasks can be accomplished on your