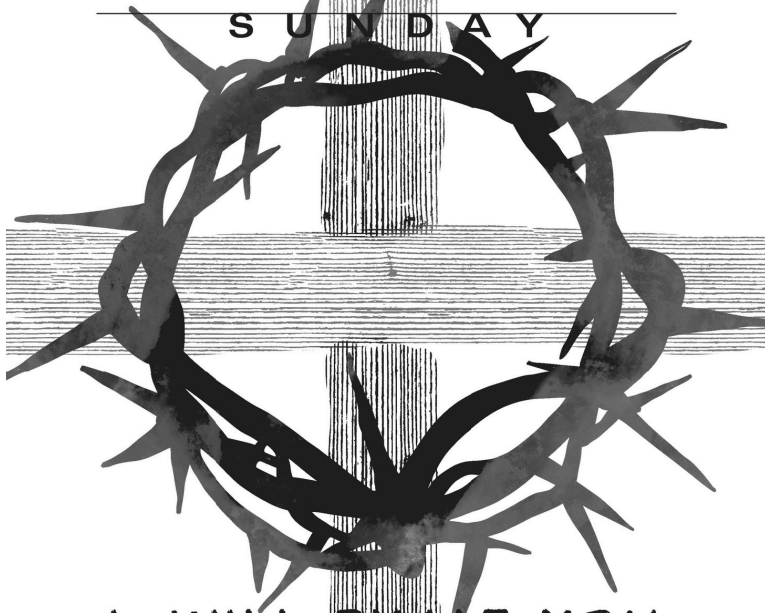


CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY



I WILL EXALT YOU,
MY GOD THE KING;
I WILL PRAISE YOUR
NAME FOR EVER
AND EVER.

PSALM 145:1, NIV

November 23, 2025

FAITH IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Christ the King Sunday

Worship at 11:00 AM

November 23, 2025

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

Lori Beamer

PRELUDE “Medley: I Need Thee / Be Thou My Vision / Solid Rock”

P. Coutura

WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: “I am the Alpha and Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

ALL: Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!

One: Worthy is Christ, who has ransomed us by his blood from every tribe and tongue and nation, and made his people a kingdom, and priests to our God.

ALL: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come! Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

“How Firm A Foundation”

Pg. #463

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Imagining your reign can be difficult, eternal God. It is difficult to picture a world governed by your justice and righteousness alone. Our minds are held captive by the worst images of human kings, rulers, and powers. When nobler visions fail and we settle for kingdoms of our own making, correct and forgive us. Free the borders of our imaginations, that we may envision your greater good and celebrate the coming of your reign on earth as in heaven. Amen.

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Hear the prophecy of Zechariah: Tender mercy and forgiveness are the ways of God. We are forgiven. Let the church say Amen.

ALL: Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Gloria Patri” Pg. #581

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(Please rise and greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

WE RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(Pew Bibles are located under your seats.)

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-8
Old Testament, pg. #725

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“You Are The One”

T. Keesecker

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Staking Our Claim”

Rev. Ruth Ward

***HYMN**

“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

Pg. #274

WE PRESENT OURSELVES TO GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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

In response to God’s goodness and in gratitude for all that the Lord has done for us, let us offer ourselves and our gifts for the work of the church and to glorify God.

OFFERTORY

“Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!”

J. Peterson

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 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)

Compassionate Shepherd, You do not abandon your flock, even when we wander or divide. You gather us in Christ, our righteousness, and teach us to live in unity, mercy, and peace. As we bring these gifts, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way – offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice where there has been harm, and hope where there has been despair. Strengthen us to live as people waiting not in fear, but in faith – serving the reign of Christ not just with words, but with lives shaped by generosity and love. In the name of the One who gathers and leads us always. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER “Jesus, Remember Me” Pg. 227

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE PRESENT OURSELVES TO GOD

***HYMN** “Crown Him With Many Crowns” Pg. #268

***BENEDICTION**

Though the days increase in their darkness, the Lord of light and love reigns supreme. May the power of God’s love be in your hearts and reflected in your lives now and always. Go in peace, and may God’s peace be with you. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “Amen” Pg. #601

***POSTLUDE** “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God” L. Scott

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

*The Flowers are presented today by Joan Bowerman and Pat Reidell,
“In memory of John Bowerman; and In memory of Dick Reidell.”*

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.

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 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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Lay Reader: Lori Beamer

Ushers: Karen Shallcross & Leafie Phillips

UPCOMING AT FAITH IMMANUEL

NOVEMBER 23 THROUGH NOVEMBER 29

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 -

9:30am **SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Zarfoss Library
11:00am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
12:45pm **AGAPE NEPALI CHURCH** - Sanctuary
4:00pm **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 14071** - Shaffer Hall/Nevada

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 -

1:30pm **ORGAN PRACTICE**
3:30pm **VOCAL CHOIR PRACTICE**
5:45pm **BELL CHOIR PRACTICE**
6:30pm **CUB SCOUTS PACK 256** - Nevada Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 -

1:00pm **FAITHFUL STITCHERS** - Zarfoss Library
5:30pm **SOROPTIMISTS** - Shaffer Hall
6:00pm **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 11261**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - *Happy Thanksgiving*

All Day **NEPALI SERVICE**

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

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

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational Meeting has been called by Session for Sunday, Dec. 7 , after an abbreviated worship service and before lunch and the cookie exchange. The purpose of the meeting is to vote to affirm The Rev. Caroline A. Vickery as part-time solo pastor for Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church starting Jan. 1, 2026. The Rev. Kristal Smith from the Presbytery of Carlisle will moderate the meeting.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Today is the Hanging of the Greens. There will be a light lunch for all our volunteers immediately following the worship service with work to start after lunch. If you would like to help but did not sign up, no worries! We'll find a task for you! Many thanks.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

If you are experiencing or having experienced loss - a loved one, relocation, health, employment, identity, independence, mobility - please come to our service on **December 3 at 2pm** for our Blue Christmas service.

ORDER POINSETTIAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Red and white, potted and foiled poinsettias to adorn a poinsettia tree in the Gathering Area can be ordered by completing a form or contacting the church office. You can choose white or red plants and designate in memory, honor of to God. You can also designate whether you want to take the plant(s) home with you or have Deacons deliver to homebound members. The cost is \$20 per poinsettia with orders due by **Dec. 5th**. Checks should be made out to Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church with Poinsettia identified in the subject line. Checks with order forms can be placed in offering plates at Sunday services or given to the church office. The poinsettia tree will be on display on Sunday, Dec. 21, and Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24. Plants are available to be picked up after the Christmas Eve service or Sunday, Dec. 28. Sue Skelly and Norm Diefenderfer from the worship committee are thanked for providing this display.

SEMI-SURPRISE BIRTHDAY BASH FOR MARGE BARNER

Marge Barner's family is cooking up a delightful semi-surprise birthday bash, and you're on the guest list! Join us as we honor Marge with laughter, love, and light refreshments in the cozy community room at Kindred Place on **December 6th from 2pm - 4pm**. Everyone is welcome! Kindred Place address is: 4700 Oakhurst BLVD, Harrisburg PA 17110.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

We are excited to announce our annual Christmas caroling event, which will take place on **Tuesday, December 9th**. This festive occasion is a wonderful opportunity to spread holiday cheer and celebrate the season.

SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

As we quickly approach the season of Advent, many preparations are underway for the fast-approaching Christmas celebrations. We are seeking musicians of all kinds to add their talents for Christmas Eve. A simple musical offering of 2 to 3 minutes would be wonderful. Do you feel called to explore this possibility? Or perhaps you could reach out to a friend or family member that is musically inclined? Please contact Brad at bradleyjhull@gmail.com by **December 7**. Additionally, should you be interested in joining the vocal choir to sing at our Christmas Eve service, rehearsals are Mondays at 3:30. Please come and join us.

TEAS THE SEASON

Ladies, mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Ladies' Christmas Tea on **Thursday, December 11, at 1:30pm**. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon filled with festive food and special teas followed by a presentation "Folds and Flowers" by our own Marcia Shore. Since there is no availability of funds, the cost of the tea will be \$10 a person. Tickets may be purchased in the gathering area. Don't miss this special time of fellowship.

SIGN UP FOR 2026 CHANCEL FLOWERS

The 2026 chancel flowers calendar is available at the Welcome Center in the Gathering Area. Please sign up for the dates you would like the floral displays to be part of worship services. Instructions are found in the Chancel Flower Binder. Please note that the cost has increased to \$45 from \$40 for the two arrangements from \$40. Please direct questions to Susan Anthony or the church office.

COLONIAL CREST SING ALONG AND LUMINARIES AT THE POND

The Colonial Crest Association invites Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church families to join them for this festive event on **Saturday, December 20th at 4:30pm**. There will be s'mores and hot chocolate, then a holiday sing-a-long starting at 5pm. No RSVP needed, just show up and bring the whole family!

OCTOBER MISSION A MONTH

Congratulations FIPC congregation! You've really outdone yourself with donations to Downtown Daily Bread's shelters which were our October 2025 mission a month. Items collected for both men and women are included in the total numbers. 105 pairs of slippers and socks / 41 sweaters / 5 pairs of shoes and boots / 31 pairs of pants / 12 pairs of underwear / 56 shirts / 21 jackets / 3 winter scarf / 1 belt / 3 ball caps / 19 hooded sweatshirts and 17 blankets. Monetary donation of \$335 were also received. Our donations were so gratefully received. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness and kindness to those less fortunate and in need of assistance.

NOURISH YOUR SPIRIT: LUNCH AND LEARN WITH PASTOR CAROLINE

This winter, take a midweek pause to feed your soul and your body. Join us for a special series of Lunch and Learn gatherings with Pastor Caroline, where fellowship meets spiritual insight. **Every Tuesday in December – Dec 2, 9, 16, and 23** – we'll gather at noon for a time of reflection and discussion about the scripture lessons for the following Sunday. Lunch will be provided. In addition to our Tuesday gatherings, we'll also meet after church on the following Sundays:

- December 21
- January 18

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 in the Gathering Area for the sessions you plan to attend.**

ANGEL TREE

Once again we are supporting the children of Delta Community with our Angel Tree ministry. Delta Community provides temporary housing for single parents and their children. These families don't have the resources to provide Christmas presents for their children. They have been extremely grateful for our support in the past. Without our help, these children would get nothing for Christmas. The tags on the tree list the child's name, age, & gift requests. It is not expected that you buy everything listed. Please prayerfully consider supporting this project. We will also accept gently used toys to donate to Delta. Please have all gifts at the church by **December 16th**.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The Nurture Committee is pleased to provide Advent devotionals for this season of reflection and anticipation. Beginning **today**, these devotionals will be available in the Gathering Area. We kindly ask that each household take one copy to ensure there are enough for everyone. It is our hope that these devotionals will enrich your Advent journey and help prepare your hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

FIPC BOOK CLUB

The FIPC Book Club has chosen *Saving My Enemy* by Bob Welsh 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 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 book club does not meet in December. The meetings are at 10:45am in the Zarfoss library. If you have any questions, contact Connie Hack at (717) 521-3626 or Sue Skelly at (717) 234-8035.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Nov. 26
Nov. 27

Ken Zimmerman
Susie Ayi

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERNS AT FAITH IMMANUEL CHURCH

Prayers of Joy and Concerns:

Joys:

Concerns:

- Elise Kelly Berry - Kathy Berry (sister-in-law) in constant pain from trigeminal neuralgia. Surgery to take place December 1st.
- The Hacks - Finn Bitterman - great nephew; 1 month old in CHOP for heart surgeries.
- The Choir - Norm Diefenderfer went home sick - feeling poorly.
- Stanley Polushek Family. Stanley passed on November 6th. He was on FIPC Meals on Wheels for years.
- Patty Jordan - Cody Hoover, my nephew - a speedy recovery.
- Jackie Webb - Gerri Riegle - sister passed a week ago and waiting for results of mammogram.
- Cathy Hartwick - My sister in law, Phyllis Smith had a stroke. She is in Holy Spirit Hospital.
- Joan Bowerman - A safe trip for my granddaughter and her family as they fly to Spain this afternoon.
- Kathy Buffington - her sister-in-law passed Sunday evening.

Ongoing Prayers for: Gerard Horn, Robert Crawshaw, Monica DeFriese, 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 Collen Sanderson, Kathy, Claire Hetzel, Irene, Curt, Renee, Nancy B., Nancy McCollum, Elaine Bauer Shatto.

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

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