

A Service of the Word, Prayer, and Sacrament

Welcome

Song of Ascent

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Trinity Hymnal No. 208

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels.

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him;
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav’n above;
Glory to God in the highest. *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv’n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing. *Refrain*

Call to Worship

From Psalm 103

Carl Smith, Sr. Assistant Pastor

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless His holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits,

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Leader: who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

All: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Song of Praise

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*
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Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:36-39

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Prayer of Confession

Offer of Forgiveness

Romans 5:1

Leader: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: We receive Your great mercy, O God!

Hymn of Rejoicing

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

I cast my mind to Calvary, where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Savior on that cursed tree.

Refrain: O praise the name of the Lord our God!
O praise His name forevermore!
For endless days we will sing Your praise,
O Lord, O Lord, our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King!
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Prayers of the People

Karl Potts, elder

Worship: for God's Word to bear fruit in our lives (Psalm 1:1-3)
Community: for students and teachers returning to school
Mission: for Andy Weatherly with Grace Church Stirchley, England
All Generations: for the new building to be a welcoming space for people to come to know Christ

Reading of the Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12

¹ Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:
⁶ ”’And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a Ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”’
⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Preaching of God's Word

Where Is the King? Adam Shields, Dir. of Community

Invitation: Words, Welcome, Warning

Mark 14:22-25

And as they were eating, He took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is My body.” And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, “This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymn

Jesus Paid It All

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Closing Hymns

Return, Return, Return

Through the wintry land of darkness, filled with danger, toil, and snares,
Bleak and groaning, still we're trusting. Every ruin You will repair.

Refrain: Return, return, return, O God,
And melt the cold of night.
Return, return, eternal God,
Our everlasting light.

Long the waiting, long lamenting, will the chill of sorrow end?
Come, descending King of gladness, as You did in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

Bridge: Return, desire of longing hearts; O Dayspring, rise and wake the dawn.
Immanuel, dispel the dark far as the cold and curse are found.

Ending: Return, return, return, O God,
Come melt the cold of night.
How long? How long, O Son God?
Our everlasting light.

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Behold

The empty filled, the wounded healed, the broken back together;
The poor are blessed; the weary rest. We will dance forever.

The blinded see; the chained are free; the doubtful, now believer;
The outcast known, the orphan home; You are my Redeemer.

Refrain: Behold, behold, behold what love can do.
Behold, behold, He's making all things new.

The lost return; the voiceless heard, the mourner now rejoicing;
The mountains shake; the world awake, creation all composing.

The sad untrue, the earth renewed; the song has found its singer.
The darkness light, the dead alive; You are my Redeemer.

Bridge: We've been struck down; we're not destroyed.
We've sown in tears; we'll reap in joy.
We've been struck down; we're not destroyed.
We've sown in tears; we'll reap in joy.
Our eyes are open; our eyes are open.

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Doxology

Benediction

Sending

Partaking of the Lord’s Supper at Faith
If you know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, are earnestly repentant of your sins, are willing to renew your commitment to Christ, and are a member in good standing with a branch of Christ’s church that preaches Jesus Christ as the only way to God the Father, we welcome you to partake of this sacrament with us. An usher will dismiss rows starting at the front of each section.
Please come forward using the center aisle, and wait until an usher directs you to one of the stations. We encourage families to come together. Please take a piece of bread and a cup as the trays of elements are passed. Cups with wine and cups with juice are marked on the trays. You will consume the elements while you are at the front. Return to your seat by way of the outside aisles. If you cannot come forward, please ask someone near you to alert a server, and an elder will bring the elements to you.
Note for Children: Children who have not yet professed their faith in Christ or been admitted to the Table are encouraged to come forward with their families for prayer. Children and adults should partake only after professing their faith publicly.

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Redeeming Technology Conference

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To All

*who desire to worship and pray;
To all who are seeking and desire to find;
To all who are searching and want to know;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who are wayward and need a Lord;
To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who struggle and desire freedom;
To all who are lonely or strangers and want fellowship;
To all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
And to whosoever will come,
Faith Presbyterian Church offers welcome
In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Upcoming at Faith

For more information, visit us online at faith-pca.org or on the Faith PCA app.

Redeeming Technology Conference: Register for our winter conference on January 9-11. Rev. Robert Cunningham will be joining us again, and we will explore God’s good design for technology, critique our misuse of technology, and explore practical ways Christians can navigate this increasingly technological world.


Sundays at Faith

Adults and Students

Kingdom Communities meet at 9:45 a.m. A map of classroom locations is available at the welcome desk in the upper gathering hall.



**FAITH STUDENT
MINISTRIES**
Room 215
7th-12th graders



MOSAIC
Room 136
*Singles and married
couples in their
late 20s to early 30s*


CORNERSTONE
Room 134
*Parents of older elemen-
tary–junior high students;
singles and couples in
their late 30s or 40s*



GENESIS
Room 152
*Singles and married
couples in their
early 20s*



COVENANT
Room 133
*Singles and married couples
with or without young
children in their late 20s to
mid 30s*


CROSSROADS
(across Buckton Road)
*Parents of senior high
and college students;
singles and couples
primarily in their mid 40s
or 50s*


TAPESTRY
Room 153
*Singles and couples
primarily in their late 60s,
70s, or 80s*


EXODUS
Room 151
*Singles and married
couples in their
mid 20s to early 30s*


COMMON GROUND
Room 154
*Parents of early elementary-
age children; singles and
couples in their mid 30s to
mid 40s*


SOJOURNERS
Room 214
*Parents of adult children;
singles and couples
primarily in their late 50s
or 60s*

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