



**FAITH IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

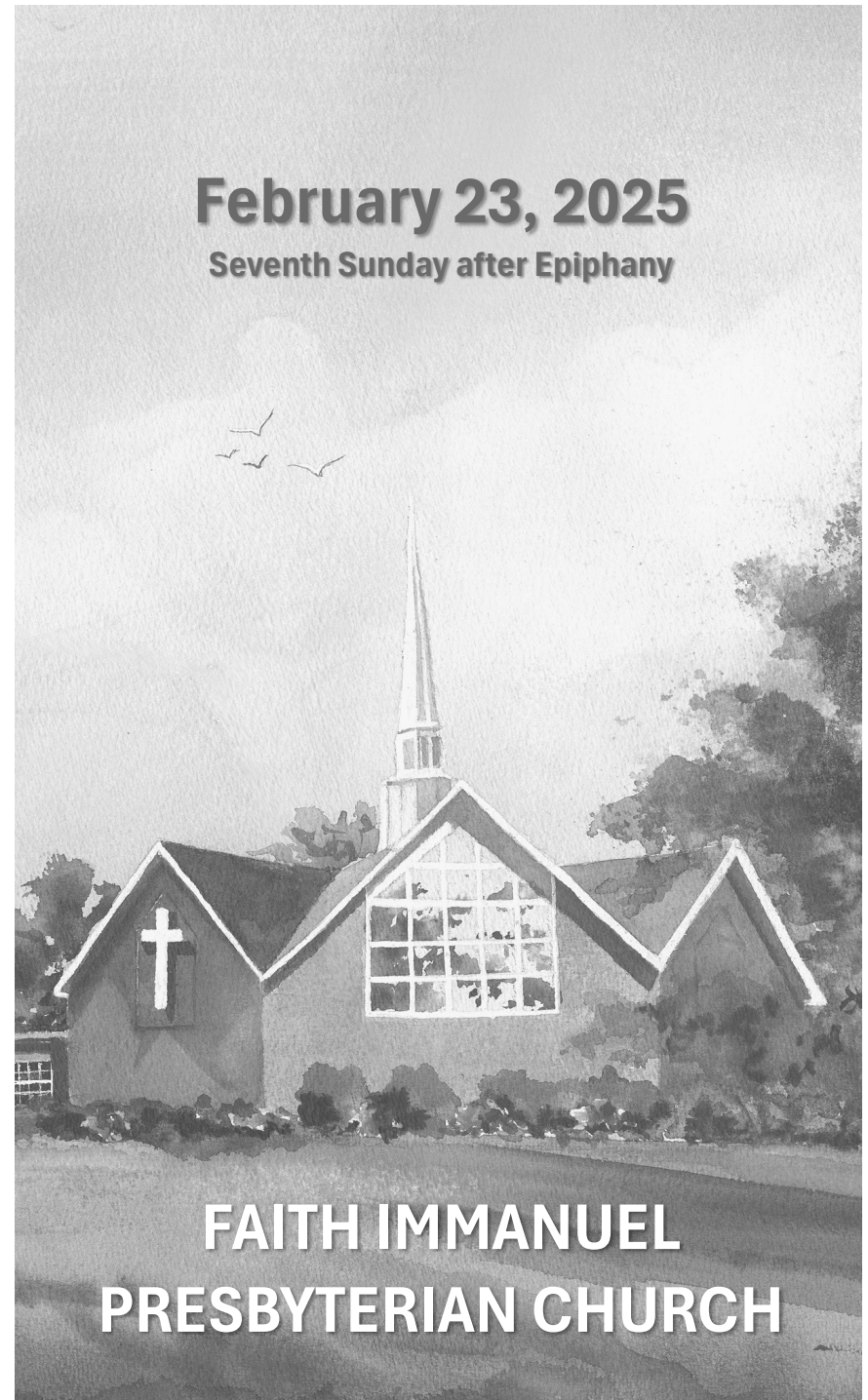
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Monday: 9am – 4pm
Tuesday: 9am – 12pm
Wednesday: 9am – 4pm
Thursday: 9am – 4pm
Friday: 9am – 4pm



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“A welcoming community serving God and Neighbor”

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Worship at 11:00 am

February 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

PRELUDE

“In Heavenly Love Abiding”
G. Martin

WE CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 37)

One: Trust in God, and do good to others.

All: We will praise God!

One: Commit your ways to God. Trust God and wait for the Lord’s timing.

One: In the name of God, the Creator, Jesus Christ the Savior, and the Holy Spirit, the Sustainer...

All: Let us worship God together!

relevance of Jesus’ parables for today’s world. Perhaps the most authentic words of Jesus, they hold the heart of the gospel message. Through a discussion format we discover how these stories continue to startle, comfort, challenge, and change us. Join us on Sunday mornings 9:30 to 10:30am, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 in the Nevada Room. Rev. Ruth Hope Woodlen will be the class facilitator.

THANK YOU: Thank you so much for all the phone calls, texts, emails, cards, visits and especially the prayers after my surgery. My church family is the very best. - Pat Reidell

PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERNS AT FAITH IMMANUEL CHURCH

Linda: Friend of the Barb Legg and Shirley Cleaver. Fell and injured her hip.

Stewart Robinson: Prayers.

“Victims, Families, and Emergency Support from both recent air tragedies.”

The Family of John McCann: Jackie Webb’s cousin. Passed away Jan 31.

Theresa: Friend of Kathy Buffington. Recovering from surgery Feb 3.

Our Interim Moderator’s Mother: Lisa’s Mom’s health has recently declined.

Kimberly: Friend of Gary Souders. Pray for upcoming medical procedure.

Marge Barner: Moved to Kindred Place.

Ronald Neumann: Recovering from surgery.

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, 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, Cornelia Wall, The Family of Naida Huber, Carolyn Frischkorn, Leslie, Kathleen, Bob Finkle, Linda, Julianna, Larry Klaboe, Courtney, Kathy Buffington, Irene, Nancy, the Family of Peter McCollum, Andie, Nancy, & Cecelia.

WELCOME TRACEE! The rose on the Communion table today is placed in honor of Tracee Olver, the newest member of Faith Immanuel Presbyterian Church. An active participant in the life of the church since her arrival as a visitor over two years ago, Tracee is already well known to many of us. She will be featured as Worshipper of the Month in the March newsletter so that we can get to know her even better. Tracee was received into membership by Session on January 30 through a letter of transfer from Market Square Presbyterian Church. We are so grateful that she has chosen FIPC as her new church home. Welcome, Tracee!

ANNUAL REPORT: Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for February 23, 2025, following worship for: 1) receiving annual reports of committees and organizations; 2) electing officers; 3) electing persons from the congregation to the nominating committee; and, 4) to conduct any business properly coming before the congregation.

CHANCEL FLOWERS: Please sign up for Chancel flowers. The binder is available in the Gathering Area. Flowers cost \$40, which is due by the date you signed up for.

PDA WILDFIRE: We are certain that you have seen the total devastation caused by the wildfires in California. PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Aid) is requesting funds to support the recovery efforts. Please make your check payable to the Church and note PDA California on the memo line. Your support of this request is greatly appreciated. Donations should be made by February 28. God bless you for caring.

MISSION-A-MONTH: This month's Mission a Month is HANNA's Pantry. Since this month is "dental health month," they are requesting dental hygiene products, specifically toothbrushes and toothpaste. Donations should be returned to the Church by February 28. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to the Church and note HANNA's Pantry on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

GIVING STATEMENTS: 2024 Giving Statements are available. If you have not picked yours up and wish to have it, please call the church office at 717-545-4631 to make arrangements to receive it.

NEWSLETTER: The deadline for March Newsletter submissions is tomorrow, Monday, February 24. If you need an extension, please contact Christine at the church office. The deadline for the April Newsletter will be Monday, March 24.

LIFT: LIFT (Learning In Faith Together) returns for another cycle in March. Our theme for this 6 week cycle will be a study of The Parables: A reflection on the

OPENING PRAYER

***HYMN #634**

To God Be the Glory Great Things He Hath Done

***UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of tender mercies, we admit that we often fall short of your expectations of us through our words, actions and deeds. We bristle at the slightest insult, and harbor bad feelings against those who have wronged us. We laze about in the good news of our faith and we do not consider the deep commitment of faith. We care for ourselves but not for others. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive us, help us to repent, and make us whole and more like your son Jesus, our Redeemer. It is in Jesus's name we pray...

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and his gracious promise of forgiveness is sure. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: **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**

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

WE RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11

Old Testament page #616

(Pew Bibles are located under your seats.)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“God Make My Life a Shining Light”

M. Betham-Edwards / A. Lovelace

Chancel Choir

SECOND READING

Esther 4: 10-17

Old Testament page #447

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“For A Time Such as This” Rev. Lisa Chase

***HYMN #12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1:30pm **Organ Practice:** *Sanctuary*

2:00pm **Concert Committee:** *Zarfoss Library*

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

5:45pm **Bell Choir Rehearsal:** *Music Room*

TUESDAY, FEB 25TH

12:00pm **Church Office Closes at Noon on Tuesdays**

1:00pm **Faithful Stitchers:** *Zarfoss Library*

5:30pm **Soroptimists:** *Shaffer Hall*

WEDNESDAY, FEB 26TH

7:00pm **Square Dance Club:** *Shaffer Hall*

THURSDAY, FEB 27TH

7:00pm **Cub Scouts Den Meetings:** *Shaffer Hall, Nevada Room, etc.*

SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND

Communion

11:00am **Worship:** *Sanctuary*

Guest Pastor: Rev. Frank Terhune

12:45pm **Agape Nepali Church:** *Sanctuary*

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD

1:30pm **Organ Practice:** *Sanctuary*

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

5:45pm **Bell Choir Rehearsal:** *Music Room*

6:15pm **CCA Board Meeting:** *Zarfoss Library*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WELCOME: Today we welcome to the pulpit the Reverend Lisa Chase, an Associate Pastor from Silver Spring Presbyterian Church and our assigned Moderator of Session from the Presbytery of Carlisle. Rev. Chase is a native of Tennessee, a graduate of Hollins University with an MBA from UNC-Greensboro and an M.Div. from Lancaster Theological Seminary in 2019. She is a second-career minister, having spent years as a successful fund-raising executive. She is married to Randall and the proud parent of two adult children, Olivia and Elliott, and her wonderful canine family member, Nelly. Lisa believes in the transformative power of the Cross and God’s restorative love, mercy and grace through Jesus Christ for all people. We are blessed to have her serving as our Moderator.

A more complete biography of Rev. Chase can be found on the Silver Spring Presbyterian Church website: www.silverspring.org

PRAYER REQUESTS may be emailed to the church office by Thursday at 2pm 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.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Lay Reader: Shirley Cleaver
Ushers: Mike & Barb Legg

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb 24: Norm Diefenderfer
Feb 25: Lauren Tucci
Feb 26: Barbara Legg
Feb 27: Hayley Barrett
Feb 28: Betsy Kaneda



*Today's Chancel Flowers are placed by Karen Miller:
"In Loving Memory of J. Gordon & Joyce Fenstermacher."*

UPCOMING AT FAITH IMMANUEL

FEBRUARY 23RD THROUGH MARCH 2ND

SUNDAY, FEB 23RD

Congregational Meeting Following Worship

11:00am **Worship:** *Sanctuary*

Guest Pastor: Rev. Lisa Chase

12:45pm **Agape Nepali Church:** *Shaffer Hall*

MONDAY, FEB 24TH

March Newsletter Deadline

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.

RECEIVING A NEW MEMBER – Tracee Olver

Questions for Tracee Olver

Rev. Lisa Chase: Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior?

New Member: **Yes.**

Rev. Lisa Chase: Do you trust in him?

New Member: **I do.**

Rev. Lisa Chase: Do you intend to be his disciple, to obey his word and to show his love?

New Member: **I do.**

Rev. Lisa Chase: Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, giving of yourself in every way, and will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?
New Member: **I Will.**

Questions for the Congregation

Clerk of Session: Do we accept Tracee Olver as a part of this congregation?
Congregation: We do.
Clerk of Session: Will we welcome her in worship and discipleship, mission and fellowship, will we bring her into the life and ministry of this congregation, and will we pray with her and for her?
Congregation: We will.

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL MEDITATION “Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus”
L. Stead

***DOXOLOGY** **Hymnal, #606**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

Thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to give back a portion with which you have so readily blessed us. We pray that you will multiply these gifts, given in gratitude for the many ways you care for us, so that we are able to further your kingdom here on earth.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

WE GO TO THE WORLD AS CHRIST’S OWN

***HYMN #697** **Take My Life and Let it Be**

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** **Hymn # 601**
“Amen”

***POSTLUDE** **“Standing on the Promises”**
R. K. Carter

*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 as you worship with us today.

REMINDER: Please, silence mobile phones.

SANITIZER: Due to cold and flu season, we have placed hand sanitizer for your use in the welcome center.