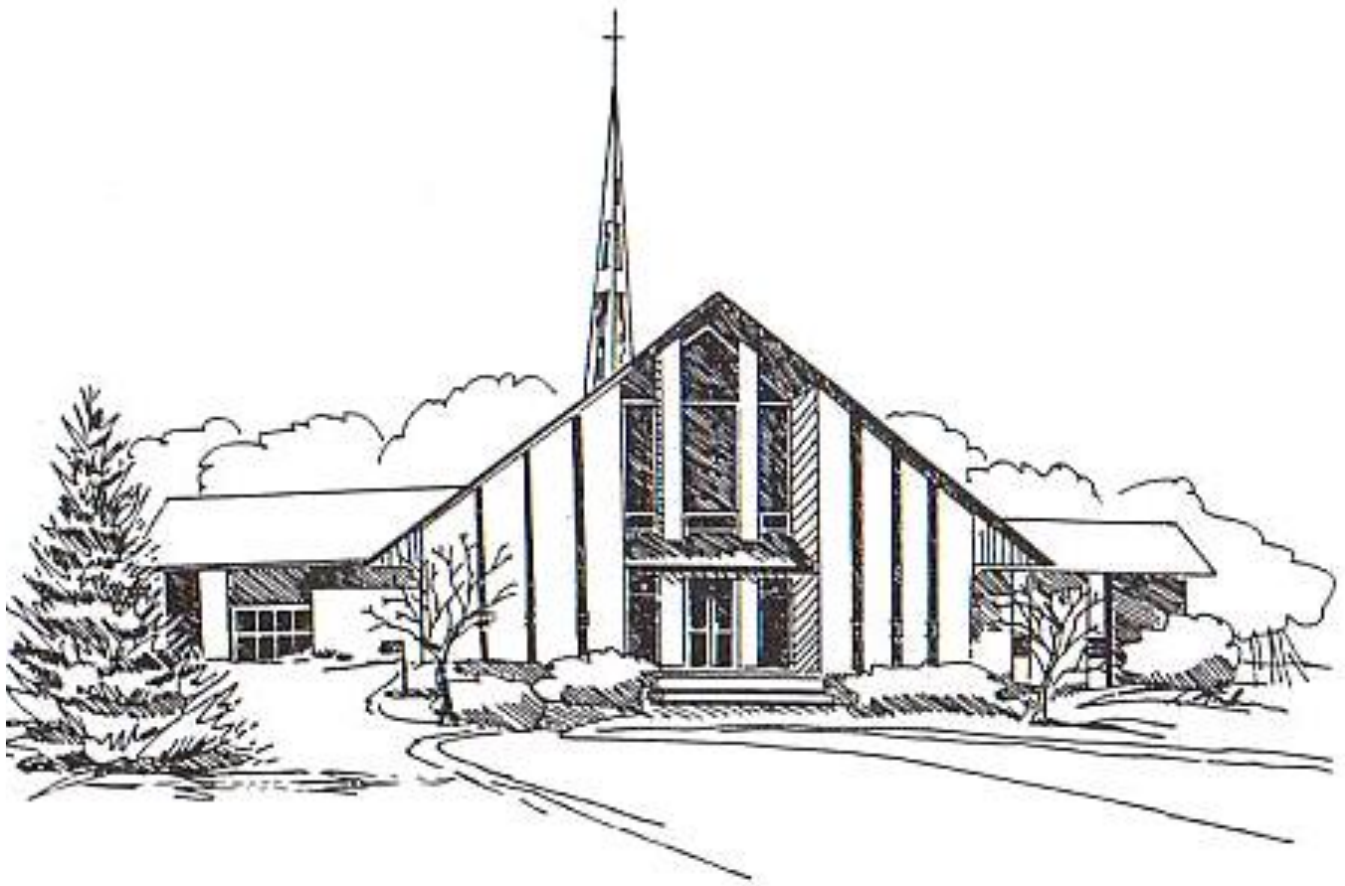


# **FAITH**

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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2024**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**PRELUDE: *REVERIE* - Debussy**

**A PRAYER UPON ENTERING GOD'S HOUSE**

*Loving God, it is good to be with you in the company of the assembly. When we seek you, we find you. When we pray, you respond. When we listen, your voice sounds. Make your presence palpable in the places we gather. We come to be formed, informed, and transformed by your lavish and bountiful love for your glory and for all you hold within your heart. Amen.*

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP**

**\* OPENING HYMN: *DEAR GOD, EMBRACING HUMANKIND***

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**\* CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**Pastor:** Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Bless God at all times.

**People:** We praise God who is with us. We honor God who sustains, redeems, and delivers.

**Pastor:** Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Boast in the Holy One.

**People:** We seek the Holy One who hears our cries with grace, mercy, and compassion.

**Pastor:** Look to the Holy One and be radiant! Magnify God with me.

**People:** O taste and see, hear and proclaim, touch and know that God is good. Bless the Holy One!

**REJOICING IN GOD'S GRACE**

**\* CALL TO AND CONFESSION OF SIN:**

**Gracious God, break our hearts for what breaks yours. Forgive us for hearts that are sometimes cold with indifference. Forgive us for hearts sometimes hard with intractability. Forgive us for hearts closed with isolation. Open our hearts fully to compassion and companionship with our neighbor and your vision of a beloved kingdom come. Amen.**

**\* THE KYRIE 750**

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.*

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**\* WORDS OF GRACE**

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouths shall show forth your praise.**

**\* THE GLORIA PATRI 759**

*Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

**\* WE SHARE PEACE: THIS IS THE DAY 84**

**This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice, and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it; This is the day, this is day that our God has made.**

**LEARNING ABOUT GOD**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:**

Old Testament: Job 42:1 – 6, 10 – 17

New Testament: Mark 10:46 – 52

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD'S WILL**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

**God, the image of your son is not visible in the pages of our newspapers, in the faces of our leaders, in the deployment of our weapons, in the violence of our actions.**

**Christ, take our words, our world, our weapons, our work and transform them in your image.**

**So we may see your face, in truth where news is reported, in justice where power is abused, peace where war is threatened, in reconciliation where deeds foster hatred.**

**Open our eyes, Lord!**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND INTERCESSION**

**Pastor: Living God, come and make our souls the temple of your Spirit.**

**People: Sanctify us Lord.**

**Pastor: Fully baptize your Church with fire that its divisions may soon end and that it may be built up in the world as a pillar and support of your truth.**

**People: Sanctify us Lord.**

**Pastor: Grant each of us the fruits of your Holy Spirit: brotherly and sisterly love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness.**

**People: Sanctify us Lord.**

**Pastor: May your Holy Spirit speak through the lips of your servants who preach your Word, in this place and throughout the world.**

**People: Sanctify us Lord.**

*(The names of specific people, places, and circumstances may be lifted up at this time)*

Pastor: Gracious God, as you have promised, may it come to pass. We pray in Christ's name and offer the prayer He offered;

**Unison: Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

#### **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

#### **OFFERTORY**

**SPECIAL MUSIC: *LISTEN* – arr. Scott Laverne Carole Burkhardt**

**\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE – THE DOXOLOGY 780**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

**\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

**Loving God, bless us with increased generosity, trust, and faithfulness. Receive these gifts as an offering of praise. May needs be met, lives be changed, and hearts be warmed through our giving. Amen.**

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\* CLOSING HYMN: *SING PRAISE TO GOD, OUR HIGHEST GOOD* 6**

**\* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**\* MEDITATION**

*Almighty God, grant that the words we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted into our hearts through your grace, that they may produce in us the fruits of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**\* POSTLUDE: *MEDLEY* – Debussy**

\*Would those who are able please stand.

**Welcome to Faith Church this Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost.** We are glad to have you worshiping with us. May our time together serve as an inspiration for the days and weeks ahead. Please sign and pass the Friendship Pads provided for you in the pews.

**The altar flowers this morning are presented by Jerry & Elaine Trexler in memory of Departed Friends.**

**This morning we welcome pianist, Eileen Wescoe and soloist, Carole Burkhardt and thank them for their special music during the service.**

**Pastor Bruce will be away Monday – Wednesday at a Continuing Education Workshop.** If you find yourself in need of pastoral care during this time, please call Rev. Teresa Martin @ 717-654-4044.

**Thank you to all who wrapped the Holiday Hope Chest boxes. The boxes will be ready for you to take and fill on Sunday, November 10th!**

**The Jewelry Fundraiser will begin next Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Faith's Penny Party is next Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>! Doors open at 12 noon and games begin at 1:00 pm. Bring your family and friends!!**

**Baked Goods are still needed for the Penny Party. Please bring them along next Sunday.**

**Next Tuesday, November 5th is Election Day. We'll be having a Soup and Baked Goods sale! If you would like to volunteer your time or baked goods see Brenda Hovis!**

# CALENDAR

Sandy's Office Hours: Remotely (610-967-6232) on Monday 9-4;  
In Office - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 – 4; Closed Friday

*Pastor Bruce is away Monday through Wednesday.*

- Today** - 9:00 am Sunday School  
- 10:15 am Worship
- Monday** - Sandy works remotely
- Tuesday** - 2 pm Faith in Stitches
- Friday** - Office Closed; Pastor's Day Off
- Sunday** - 9 am Sunday School  
- 9:30 & 11:30 am Faith Singers Rehearsal  
- 10:15 am Worship  
- All Saint's Sunday  
- 1:00 Penny Party (Doors Open at Noon)  
- 3:00 Chamber Music Program

## *Thanks to our volunteers:*

	<b>October 27</b>	<b>November 3</b>
Head Usher:	Cindy Talaber	Chuck Talboo
Ushers:	Tom & Brenda Hovis	Deb Herstine George Rau
Lay Reader:	Brenda Hovis	Barb Maursky
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