

Traditional Worship – 11:15 am

Advent Reading: Isaiah 9:6-7, John 14:27

Dan, Amy, Liam, & Reid Jones

Prelude: Joy to the World!Arr. Dan Forrest

From Christmas Joy!

Chancel Choir

Call To Worship Luke 1:68-75 (NIV)

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us-- to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Prayer of Adoration & Invocation.....Pastor Yurik

***Hymn: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus.....No. 196**

**Indicates standing for those who are able*

***Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed People**

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he 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.

***Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on HighNo. 214**

Missions Moment Video: MTW Panama

Dedication of Tithes & Offerings Pastor Yurik

*Giving: In-person offering box at the back of the sanctuary,
Online at faithwilmington.com/giving or Text dollar amount to 84321*

Lord's Prayer People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

***Hymn: It Came upon a Midnight ClearNo. 200**

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4 pew Bible page 950

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon: The King's HeraldRev. Kevin Koslowsky

Prayers of Commitment

Prayer for Those Seeking God:

God, I long to know you in a personal relationship. I desire faith to trust that you are real and that you are found by all who seek you. Please honor my longings by having your Spirit work in me to draw me to you.

Prayer for Those Receiving Christ:

Father, I have offended you by my words, actions and thoughts. There is nothing I can do to reconcile myself to you. I believe the words of Jesus Christ that no one can come to you except through him. I now accept the crucified and risen Christ as the only acceptable payment that could ever be made for my sin. I desire to follow and obey him.

***Hymn: Comfort, Comfort Ye My PeopleNo. 197**

***Benediction Titus 2:13-14; 3:15 (NIV)**

Wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. Grace be with you all.

***Postlude**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25

1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on - high, ap - pear;
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Angels We Have Heard on High

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.

Luke 2:14

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
 Say what may the tid - ings be, which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

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It Came upon the Midnight Clear

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An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.

Luke 2:9

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace - ful wings un - furled,
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,
 4. For lo, the days are has - t'ning on, by proph - et bards fore - told,

from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years comes round the age of gold;

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav'n's all - gra - cious King";
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,
 look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing:
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,

the world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 and ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing.
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem. Is. 40:1, 2

1. Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
 2. Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed;
 3. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 4. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er plac - es plain;

com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load.
 all that well de - served his an - ger he no more will see or heed.
 bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.
 let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them; tell her
 She hath suf - fered man - y a day, now her griefs have passed a - way; God will
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way; let the
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad; and all

that her sins I cov - er, and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
 val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
 flesh shall see the to - ken, that his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Announcements

FaithWilmington.com/announcements

PRAYER CHAIN: *FaithWilmington.com/community/prayer-requests*

TODAY AT FAITH 10:15 am Children’s Choir Practice (grades 1-6)
6:00 pm Choir Concert

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

T, 12/10	W, 12/11	R, 12/12	F, 12/13	Sa, 12/14
▪ Men’s Bible Study	▪ Family Christmas Celebration	▪ Yurik CG ▪ Worship Team	▪ Manbeck/ Lim CG	▪ Men’s Bible Study ▪ Foster Luncheon ▪ Women’s Tea

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: HERE IS JOY FOR EVERY AGE

- Tonight, Sunday, December 8; 6:00 pm
- Featuring the joint choirs and orchestras of Faith Presbyterian Church and Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Newark
- Invite friends and neighbors to this musical outreach event

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES

- Traditional Christmas Eve Services; 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm
- Christmas Sunday School Fellowship (all ages) on December 22; gym
- No Sunday School on December 29

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

- Next Sunday, December 15; 10:15 am
- All adult & children’s Sunday School classes meet in the gym for fellowship, carols, and a re-enactment of the Christmas story

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY: FAMILY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

- This Wednesday, December 11; 6:00-7:30 pm; Gym
- Invite friends for free pizza, Christmas cookie decorating, & family fun
- Register online to attend. Contact anna@faithwilmington.com to help.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA

- This Saturday, December 14; 3:00-5:00 pm; Bob Gray Chapel
- Bring a tea cup & a wrapped "white elephant" gift if you are able
- Donate: baked goods (visitation ministry) & gift cards (Foster Closet)
- Sign up in the Gathering Space or email Cowchok.Nancy@gmail.com

ADVENT RESOURCES

- Candle lighting in our December services reminds us of the promise that Light has come to the world & we look to His second coming
- A family guide of Advent Readings is available in the gathering space and at faithwilmington.com/christmas

2024 THANK OFFERING

- Between Thanksgiving and year end we annually receive a special offering, thanking God for his goodness to us over this past year.
- This year's Thank Offering supports MTW Panama missionaries Rev. Scott Dillon & family– meeting monthly support & surgery expenses.
- Place cash in designated giving envelope. Checks should be made out to Faith Presbyterian Church with "Thank Offering" on the memo line. Give online: faithwilmington.com/giving

VISITATION DAY

- Next Sunday, Dec. 15; 12:30 pm; carpool from the Gathering Space
- We weekly have members unable to attend worship, but who would be blessed by a friendly visit. Can you serve by giving a few hours?
- Contact Vickie Fender: 302-475-2445 or VicFend@aol.com
- Visits occur on the third Sunday of each month

YOUNG-IN-HEART CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

- Wednesday, December 18; 12 noon; Bob Gray Chapel
- Ages 55+ (you do not have to be a member of the YIH CG to attend)
- Lunch provided; please contribute \$5 if you are able
- Sign up in Gathering Space; contact Chuck Hartzell: 302-593-4832

FOSTER CARE CLOSET – CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

- Take a tag from the Gathering Space tree and bring the specified gift to the bin by Dec. 15 for families in need (faithfostercloset@gmail.com)