

Traditional Worship – 11:15 am

Advent Reading: Psalm 5:11, Romans 15:13

Frank, Christine, Frankie, & Theo Rispoli

Prelude: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming..... arr. Peter Hilliard

Lisa Dunham, horn

Call to WorshipIsaiah 55:1, 6 (NIV)

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

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

***Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful.....No. 208**

**Indicates standing for those who are able*

Confession of Sin..... Psalm 51:1-4 (NIV)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Private Prayers of Confession People

God's Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 55:7 (NIV)

Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

***Hymn: All Praise to Thee, Eternal LordNo. 219**

***Confession of Faith Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)**

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,
but made himself nothing,
taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself and became obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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.

Special Music: Dona Nobis Pacem arr. Peter Hilliard

Lisa Dunham, horn

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20 pew Bible page 935

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon: The King Will Bring You HomeRev. 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: Good Christian Men, RejoiceNo. 207**

***Benediction Jude 24-25 (NIV)**

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

***Postlude**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about. Luke 2:15

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. God of God, Light of Light;
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

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born the King of an - gels;
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted;
 in the high - est; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor. 2 Cor. 8:9

1. All praise to thee, e - ter - nal Lord, clothed in a
 2. Once did the skies be - fore thee bow; a vir - gin's
 3. A lit - tle child, thou art our guest, that wea - ry
 4. Thou com - est in the dark - some night to make us
 5. All this for us thy love hath done; by this to

garb of flesh and blood; choos - ing a man - ger
 arms con - tain thee now: an - gels who did in
 • ones in thee may rest; for - lorn and low - ly
 chil - dren of the light, to make us, in the
 thee our love is won: for this we tune our

for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine a - lone.
 thee re - jice now lis - ten for thine in - fant voice.
 • is thy birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth.
 realms di - vine, like thine own an - gels round thee shine.
 cheer - ful lays, and shout our thanks in cease - less praise.

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.
 Luke 2:11

1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Announcements

FaithWilmington.com/announcements

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

TODAY AT FAITH 10:15 am Children’s Sunday School Program
12:15 pm Visitation Day
2:15 pm Mary Campbell Center Service
6:00 pm Christmas Concert at Evangelical Pres.

THIS WEEK AT FAITH

M, 12/16	T, 12/17	W, 12/18	R, 12/19	F, 12/20	Sa, 12/21
▪ Hartzell YIH CG	▪ Men’s Bible Study ▪ Deacons Meeting	▪ YIH Lunch	▪ Hornung/ Taylor CG ▪ Prorock CG ▪ Worship Team	▪ Caroling 6:30 pm at Ivy Gables	▪ Men’s Bible Study

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

- Welcome to Melissa Duggan and family! Melissa is visiting this weekend as a candidate for our Director of Outreach & Children’s Ministries position.
- Today Melissa will teach in Jr. Church and visit during Sunday School
- Job description: FaithWilmington.com/childrensoutreach

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

- Today, 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

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

ADVENT RESOURCES

- 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2025

- Sunday, January 26, 2025; following lunch in the gym
- 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am combined worship, 11:45 am luncheon – \$5 per person for lunch, \$15 max per household
- We will elect elder and deacon candidates, report on the ministries of the church, review the budget, and hold a meeting of the corporation

WOMEN'S WINTER BIBLE STUDY

- Mondays, January 6 – February 24, 7:00-8:00 pm; Groom's Parlor
- “Remember Your Joy” by Courtney Doctor & Melissa B. Kruger – a Bible Study of Salvation Stories in the Old Testament
- Pre-order book (available on amazon.com)
- Contact Tanya Hettler with questions (tanyahettler@gmail.com)

VISITATION DAY

- Today, 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

- This 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