

Contemporary Worship – 9:00 am

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Faith Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship – Isaiah 55:6-9 (NIV)

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. 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. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Only King Forever

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Our God and firm foundation; our Rock the only solid ground
The nations rise and fall
Kingdoms once strong now shaken. We trust forever in Your name –
The name of Jesus. We trust in the name of Jesus!

*You are the only King forever, Almighty God we lift You higher
You are the only King forever, forevermore You are victorious
(repeat)*

Unmatched in all Your wisdom; in love and justice You will reign
And ev'ry knee will bow
We bring our expectations. Our hope is anchored in Your name –
The name of Jesus. Oh we trust the name of Jesus!

[Bridge]

We lift our banner high; we lift the name of Jesus
From age to age You reign; Your kingdom has no end
(repeat)

Confession of Sin

Adapted from "Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession and Celebration" by Barbara Duguid

Heavenly Father, you are our great King. We are eager to declare our willingness to go where you command. Yet we confess that we are very weak

and fickle. We are easily distracted and quick to follow our own sinful hearts instead. As we plan our futures, we think more of our safety, comfort, and financial profit than we do of laying down our lives for the sake of your kingdom.

Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you did not guard your own interests, but chose to leave the comfort and richness of heaven for us. Teach us what it means to take up our cross daily and follow you. Help us put to death our overwhelming desires to control our own lives in the present and future. Change our selfish hearts. Enlarge them with a love and gratitude toward you so immense and powerful that following you will be our greatest joy and delight. Amen.

Private Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness – Micah 7:18-19 (NIV)

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

See, amid the Winter's Snow

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See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn, hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem – Christ is born in Bethlehem!*

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the starry skies
He who throned in height sublime, sits amid the cherubim

Say, ye humble shepherd's say, what's your joyful news today
Wherefore have ye left your sheep on the lonely mountain steep?

As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a wonderous light
Angels singing "Peace on earth" told us of the Savior's birth

Sacred Infant, all divine; what a tender love was Thine
Thus to come from highest bliss down to such a world as this!

Advent Reading – Matthew 22:36-40, John 3:16-17

Seoyeong Jang, Dana & Ian Sim

Prayer of Dedication

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Special Music – Jesus, Joy of the Highest Heaven

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Children's Choir*

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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Come Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every lonely heart

Joy to those who long to see thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse, of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Him the people to deliver, born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring
By Thy own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thine glorious throne

Scripture – Micah 5:1-5 (pew Bible page 922)

Sermon – The King We Need Rev. Mike Yurik

Prince of Heaven Ligertwood

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Earth in shadow restlessly hold, labors waiting in silent hope
For the promise it longs to know what heaven holds

Then the angels in holy haste lift their anthem, your Savior lays
In a manger in humble form, your king is born

*Hail the Prince of Heaven comes
Angel choirs sound the call
For this babe wrapped in a cloth is
The incarnate Word of God
All the kingdom and its power
Resting now in this child
Prince of Heaven, Jesus hope of the world*

This means mercy in fullest form, loving kindness forever more
Son of David and Son of God, He is Christ the Lord

[Bridge]

King of Glory we gladly greet – Born in wonder and majesty
Forever worthy, the earth will sing – Oh Prince of Heaven we worship Thee!

We can know Him, this Prince of Peace
In light of mercy confess our sins
Lay our burdens at Jesus' feet and with gladness sing

Benediction – Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV)

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Please visit Faithwilmington.com/calendar for more details

Christmas Eve Services – Tuesday, December 24 at 5pm & 7pm

2024 Thank Offering – Dillons (MTW Panama); checks to FPC (memo: Thank Offering)

Congregational Meeting 2025 – Jan. 26: 9:30 Sunday School, 10:30 Combined Worship,

11:45am Luncheon (\$5 each/\$15 max per family) followed by meeting

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Plants may be taken home following Christmas Eve services.

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