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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Faith Presbyterian Church

DECEMBER 7, 2025 6:30 PM

Welcome!

Welcome to this warm and caring family of believers in Christ. Whatever your spiritual position – skeptic, seeker after God, or follower of Jesus Christ – we welcome you. If you are a first time visitor, we hope you will return to worship with us again and that you will sign our worship register when it is passed from the center isle of the pew.

Child Care

Care is available for children through 3 years old down the church hallway in Room 111.

About Faith Church

Faith Presbyterian Church was founded in 1936. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. We believe the Bible to be God's written and inerrant Word and receive the Westminster confession of Faith as our doctrinal standard. We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. Our regular Sunday morning Worship Services meet at 9:00 & 11:15 am. Hear us on WDEL 101.7 FM & 1150 AM from 9:30-10:00 am each Sunday morning.

Upcoming Sacred Music

Christmas Eve	December 24; 5 pm & 7 pm
<i>Music to Celebrate Christ's Birth</i>	

"Good Company" Quartet	March 1; 4 pm
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Maundy Thursday Service	April 2; 7 pm
<i>Music to Commemorate Christ's Passion</i>	

Brass Trio	April 19; 4 pm
<i>Barbara Prugh, Lisa Dunham, & Frank Gazda</i>	

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After Darkness, Light

With Choirs from Faith Presbyterian Church &
Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Newark, Delaware

Directed by David Giardiniere, Higo Rodrigues,
& Christopher Kraus

Pastoral Welcome & Invocation Pastor Kevin Koslowsky

Prelude: Fantasia on “Une Jeune Peucelle” arr. René Clausen

French folk song

“Twas the Moon of Wintertime”

Orchestra

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob Felix Mendelssohn

There shall a star come out of Jacob,
And a scepter shall rise out of Israel.
With might destroying princes and nations.

*As bright the star of morning gleams,
So Jesus sheds his glorious beams
Of light and consolation! Thy Word, O Lord,
Radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation;
Thine be praise and adoration!*

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

**Indicates standing for those who are able*

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-5 (NIV)

The Darkest Midnight in December..... arr. Stephen Mager

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The darkest midnight in December,
No snow nor hail nor winter's storm
Shall hinder us to remember
The Babe that on this night was born.

'Twas but pure love that from above
Brought Him to save us from all harms;
Then let us sing and welcome Him,
The God of Love in Mary's arms.

No costly gifts can we present Him,
No gold nor myrrh nor odors sweet;
But if with our hearts we can content Him,
We humbly lay them at His feet.

With shepherds we are come to see
This lovely Infant's glorious charms;
Born of a maid, as prophets said,
The God of Love in Mary's arms.

***Hymn: It Came upon the Midnight Clear No. 200**

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:25-32 (NIV)

Lo, How a Rose Is Blooming arr. David Giardiniere

Cologne Gesangbuch, 1599, alt.; Don Oíche Úd i mBeithil, Trad. Irish melody

Lo, how a Rose is blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
In Bethle'm, David's city it came a flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When halfspent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
Within a lowly manger, to show God's love aright,
She bore to men a savior,
When halfspent was the night.

This flow'r whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness ev'rywhere.
One with the Father's likeness, true God, yet fully man;
From sin and death He saves us,
Fulfilling redemption's plan. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7 (NIV)

Silent Nightarr. John RUTTER

*Translated from the German of Josef Mohr, 1792-1848
Franz Gruber, 1787-1863*

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin mother and child,
Holy infant, so tender and mild: Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds first saw the sight:
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia: Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiance beams from thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:68-80 (NIV)

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

Sussex Carol..... arr. Dan Forrest

Traditional English Carol

Chancel Choir with Children's Choir

On Christmas night, all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring:
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

The King of kings to us is giv'n,
The Lord of earth and King of heav'n;
Heaven and earth with joy may sing
All for to see the newborn King.

Then why should we on earth be sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin He set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night;
"Glory to God, and peace to men,
Now and forevermore. Amen!"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 25:1, 9 (NIV)

Meditation Rev. Kevin Koslowsky

No Night There..... Dan Forrest

God is with us; God is for us; do not be afraid.
There shall be...
No night there, no crying there,
God shall wipe away ev'ry tear from their eyes.

Even in the valley of the shadow of death (God is with us),
I will fear no evil (God is for us);
Lo, I am with you always, even to the end (God is for us),
I am with you to the end.

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:30-33 (NIV)

Brightest and Best.....arr. Shawn Kirchner

Text by Reginald Heber, 1911; Southern Harmony, 1835

Hail the bless'd morn,
See the great Mediator down from the regions of glory descend!
Shepherds go worship the babe in the manger, lo,
For his guard the bright angels attend.

*Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid.
Star in the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.*

Cold on this cradle the dewdrops are shining,
Low lies his bed with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we not yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offrings divine,
Gems of the mountains and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

***Hymn: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing No. 203**

Closing Prayer Pastor Kevin Koslowsky

Postlude: OvertureG.F. Handel, HWV 332

from "Concerto a Due Cori" in B-flat

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*An encore of this performance will take place next Sunday, Dec. 14, 6pm,
at Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Rd., Newark, DE.*

Faith Musicians:

Soprano:

Anna Bird
Lydia Bird
Rebecca Cowchok
Adrienne Giardiniere
Kendra Giardiniere
Marilee Giardiniere
Carmen Hunley
Laura Koslowsky
Christie Negley
Nancy Rowles

Tenor:

Frank Barlow
Mark Cowchok
Mark Friedlander
Mel Gray
Harold Naylor
Michael Thomas

Alto:

Julie Alloway
Nancy Cowchok
Meredith Gaetani
Denise Gray
Dorel Peplinski
Vickie Robinson

Bass:

Rob Bates
Tristan Negley
Bill Scott
Bill Troppman
Mark Troppman
Bob Wilson

Evangelical Musicians:

Soprano:

Amy Anderson
Ann Beattie
Linda Catinella
Ava David
Carrie David
Sophia Dorno
Bianca Rodrigues
Ira Rodrigues
Lisa Teodoro
Riama Tobing

Tenor:

Matthew Dorno
Stephen Kay

Paul Veenema
Ethan Warshaw
Greg Wood

Alto:

Rose Edamala
Theresa Franklin
Jenna Halley
Sue Hughey
Linda Kay
Lee Mitchel
Kathleen Morrison
Sheryl Roche
Luisa Rodrigues
Cynthia Webster

Bass:

Alan Beattie
Todd Metzler

Greg Morrison
Ian Rippon
Tyler Warshaw

Children's Choir:

Hannah Bird
Anela Comegys
Cohen Elliott
Toby Elliott
Lily Elliott
Noah Elliott
Penelope Emory
Annie Gaetani
Gabriel Giardiniere
Kingsley Giardiniere
Adrian Gutierrez
Alessandra Gutierrez
Caleb Kraus

Liam Jones
Reid Jones
Timmy Manbeck
Jacob Manbeck
Desmond McClure
Frankie Rispoli
Theo Rispoli
Benjamin Yacabell
Emmerson Yacabell
Desireé Yurik
Claire Yurik
Muen Zhong

Directors: Kendra Giardiniere & Anna Bird

Orchestra:

Brandon Page – Violin (Concertmaster)
Karen Baddorf – Violin
Rachel Massey – Violin
Lingchin Liao – Violin
Marybeth McCarrick – Viola
Kevin Freer – Cello
Ginyoung Park – Cello
Caleb Kraus – Cello
Alan Mason – Double Bass

Jillian Fetrow – Oboe
Genevieve Hahn – Flute
Matt Vice – Clarinet
Lisa Dunham – Horn
Jennifer Hugh – Bassoon
Stephen Tipping – Percussion
Harry Barlow – Percussion

Christopher Kraus – Organ

Amy Anderson – Piano

Livestream:

Darrell Negley

Sound Technician:

John Giardiniere



Christmas Eve at Faith Traditional Services with Carols

PLEASE JOIN US AND YOUR WILMINGTON
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CELEBRATION AT FAITH CHURCH.

5:00 AND 7:00 P.M.





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John Giardiniere	Contemporary Music Director
Dr. David Giardiniere.....	Choir Director
Christie Negley	Office Administrator
Ann Barlow.....	Preschool Business Administrator
Emily Kirchner	Preschool Education Administrator
Candice Kraus.....	Ministry Intern
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