

Contemporary Worship – 9:00 am

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Faith Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship – Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 (NIV)

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be on his shoulders, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

O Come All Ye Faithful Tan/Oakeley/Wade/Wykes

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O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

*O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord*

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation
O sing all ye citizens, of heav'n above
Glory to God all, glory in the highest

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, O the King has come

Yes Lord we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be the glory giv'n
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing

Corporate Confession of Sin

Adapted from "Prone to Wander: Prayers of Confession & 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 – Ephesians 1:7-8 (NIV)

In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Ken Barker

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Angels we have on heard high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains

Gloria in excelsis Deo

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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see, Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord the newborn King

Advent Reading – Psalm 51:10-12, 1 Peter 1:8-9 (NIV)

Nick, Carmen, & Nicholas Feil

“Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.” Psalm 51:10-12

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.” 1 Peter 1:8-9

Prayer of Dedication

*Giving: Box at the back of the sanctuary, Online at faithwilmington.com/giving,
or Text “Give \$_” to 844-697-1460*

Children ages 4 through 3rd grade are dismissed to Junior Church

Crown Him

J. Sooter/S. McWhirter

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It's not my life to live, it's not my song to sing
All I have is His for all eternity

It's not my righteousness, it's not my faithfulness
All I have is His for all eternity

*We will crown Him, crown Him King of Glory
Crown Him, crown Him Lord of All*

It's not my war to win, it's not my weight to bear
By His mighty hand, He won the victory

It's not by blood, but His that stands in my defense
Oh what love is this that won the victory

Scripture – 2 Corinthians 8:9 **(pew Bible page 1146)**

Sermon – Yet for Your Sakes **Rev. Kevin Koslowsky**

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Words of Institution 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 (NIV)

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Invitation to the Table & Prayer Serving of the Bread & Cup

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 – 1 John 5:20 (NIV)

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Announcements

Please visit Faithwilmington.com/calendar for more details

YIH Lunch – (Ages 55+) This Wed., Dec. 17, 12pm. \$5. Sign up in Gathering Space.

Visitation Day – Next Sun., Dec. 21, 12:30. Contact VicFend@aol.com

*Advent Resources – Children's Desk in Gathering Space & Christmas page of website
2025 Thank Offering – Rev. Jim & Karen (MTW West Africa). Checks to Faith w/ memo.*

Christmas Eve Worship – December 24, 5:00 & 7:00 pm

No Sunday School – On December 28

*Congregational Meeting & Luncheon – Sunday, Jan. 25; 9:30 Sunday School, 10:30
Combined Worship followed by lunch & meeting (\$5/person; \$15 max/family)*