

Welcome to Faith Church

We're so glad you're here!

Our CHURCH NURSERY is located downstairs in the classroom on the right for babies and children from Newborn to Pre-K.

Children's SUNDAY SCHOOL is held after the Children's Message during the 10:00am worship service, for children in Kindergarten to Fifth Grade, in the downstairs classroom on the left.

RESTROOMS are available in the church lobby and downstairs.

Faith UMC is One Church in Two Locations and Our Vision is Building Community by Reconciling People with God and One Another!



Painting The Parables

by Rev. Angelique Bradford, Associate Pastor

"He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper." Psalm 1:3

You may have experienced a painting event at a local Painting Studio with family and friends, but you have not experienced an event like this. We had an awesome time during the "Painting the Parables" event held at Roots of Faith. We examined various scriptures that referenced trees. We talked about the way trees are interpreted and how they help our faith to grow closer to God. One familiar tree that we all remembered was the Sycamore which is referenced in Luke chapter 19. What are some familiar verses of scripture that you can recall of a tree that remind you to grow closer to God? I hope you will reflect upon the many ways the love of God is revealed to us through creativity.

Building Community by the Numbers

On 12/19/21, 66 people attended worship churchwide! 54 at Faith (41 in-person, 13 online) and 12 at Roots (8 in-person, 4 online).

News & Announcements

Owlah Service of Repentance & Forgiveness

Sun. 1/2, 10am & 11:30am. Traditionally, Christians kept a vigil to prepare themselves spiritually for a new year by ridding themselves of bad habits, renouncing evil and injustice, and renewing their covenant relationship with God. As we cross the threshold of a new year, we turn to this tradition as an opportunity to reevaluate our lives in light of the future.

Special Charge Conference

All are invited to attend a Special Charge Conference following the 11:30am Worship Service at Roots of Faith on Sunday, 1/9 in order to vote for Stephanie Backus as a Certified Candidate for Ministry.

Remembering Dr. King

Sun. 1/16, 10am & 11:30am. Please join us for a worship & celebration service in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will also recognize Human Relations Day with a special offering to benefit neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

Faith Family Night

Mark your calendars for a brand new monthly mid-week program night for all ages at Faith UMC! 2nd Tuesdays, 6:00-7:30pm, Starting February 8th.



6:00pm - Fellowship & Dinner

6:30pm - Devotions & Worship

6:45pm - Activities & Lesson for Kids

6:45pm - Speakers & Discussion for Adults

Nursery care provided. Transportation available from Roots at 5:30pm, registration required. Contact Pastor Scott or Pastor Angelique for information.

Give online at www.faithfoxchapel.org/give

Programs and Ministries

Children's Sunday School	Sundays	10:00am (F)
Bible lessons for children in grades K-5 meets after the children's message.		
Circles Sharpsburg	Tuesdays	6:30pm (O)
Anti-poverty program to achieve individual and community goals.		
Virtual Moment of Prayer	Wednesdays	12:00pm (O)
Gathering to lift up congregational and community requests in prayer.		
The Neighborhood Table Dinner	1st-3rd Thurs.	6:00pm (R)
To-go meals with Legal Clinic 2nd Thu. & Ask the Doctor Clinic 3rd Thu.		

Location Key: (F) - Faith Church (R) - Roots of Faith (O) Online

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MERRY
Christmas

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." ~ LUKE 2:14

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
261 W Chapel Ridge Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

December 26th, 2021
First Sunday of Christmas

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

People: Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

People: All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!

Leader: Come, let us joyfully praise God!

People: Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness.

AMEN.

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Sing We Now of Christmas* UMH 237

*PSALTER *Psalms 148* UMH 861

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

PROCLAMATION

GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 2:41-52 NRSV*

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹ He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN *Love Came Down at Christmas* UMH 242

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*No matter who you are or where you come from, you are welcome here!
We welcome you to become a part of our Church Family!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CAROL SING *Share your favorite Christmas Carol from UMH 196-254*

RESPONSE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, it's only a few days after the Christmas celebration and we are exhausted. People have come and gone; gatherings are winding down; we are being reminded of the "normalcy" of life returning to us. We don't want to go there just yet. We want to linger in the warmth of the season. Forgive us when we don't seem to feel your warmth in our lives all the time. Forgive us when we assign warmth only to Christmas, and then to Easter and seem to dwell on the mundane the rest of the time. Give us courage to live as people of the Light, those who find your comforting, encouraging presence in our lives at all times. Strengthen us for joyful service in your name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, feel the presence of God right now, in this place, warming your hearts, forgiving your fears and strife; preparing you for joyful service. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are beloved and forgiven. AMEN.

*CLOSING HYMN *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* UMH 251

GOING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The King Shall Come When Glory Dawns*
DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able

