



Church Office

Weekly Bulletin Announcements: Deadline for the bulletin is Tuesday at 12 noon. Please e-mail your announcements to rick@faithpres.org

Please schedule all meetings & events with Rick Reed in the church office. 952-935-4481 ext. 20 or rick@faithpres.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

If you missed Commitment Sunday, we still welcome your 2012 pledge cards. Please mail your pledge card to the church office. Thank you.



Faith Offering

	Received	Budget	Over(Short)
Last Week	\$ 6,777	\$ 12,006	\$ (5,229)
YTD 2012	\$ 265,306	\$ 254,805	\$ 10,501



Worship
Discipleship
Service

December 4, 2011

*To Follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
Be Filled with His Love and
Share His Abundant Grace with our Communities.*

Welcome Visitors & Friends!

We are glad you are here and hope you meet God and some new friends. Stop by the Welcome Center for information about the ministries and opportunities for you here at Faith! Be sure to check out our website at www.faithpres.org.

We Gather & Worship in God's Name

Prelude	Organ	
Call to Worship	Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus	#124
Greeting		
Life of the Church	(please sign and pass the attendance pads)	
Advent Reading and Candle Lighting		Maddie Swanson
Video	Sandbible - Luke 1:26-80	
Children's Song	Away in a Manger	
Children's Message		
Hymn	The First Noel (vs 1,2,3,6)	#136
Offering	Silent Night, Holy Night	Choir, Piano
Pastoral / Lord's Prayer		
Scripture	Malachi 3:1, Luke 1:76-79	
Sermon	Gratitude from a Prophet	Rev. Buck Day
Closing Song	It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (vs 1 & 4)	#128
Benediction		
Postlude	Organ	

<p>Sunday, December 4 9:00 am Stimulate 9:00 am Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am Confirmation 10:15 am Celebration Worship 7:00 pm An Evening in December 7:00 pm Focus</p> <p>Monday, December 5 6:30 pm AHG Troop Meeting 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 6 11:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Circles United Board 6:00 pm Faith Church Rec Volleyball 6:00 pm Personnel Meeting 7:00 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:00 pm Communications 7:00 pm Mission Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday, December 7 9:15 am Parent Morning Out 9:30 am Palette Club 5:45 pm Amazing Grace Rehearsal 6:30 pm Prayer Group 6:30 pm Kidz of Faith 6:30 pm Lighthouse 7:00 pm Men's Study Group</p>	<p>Thursday, December 8 6:15 pm TOPS</p> <p>Friday, December 9 9:00 am Senior Breakfast</p> <p>Saturday, December 10 10:00 am Saturday Morning Out</p> <p>Sunday, December 11 9:00 am Stimulate 9:00 am Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am Confirmation 10:15 am Celebration Worship 11:15 am Deacon's Caroling & Chili 7:00 pm Focus</p>
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Worshipping with children? We are glad to have your family with us today!
Did you know the nursery is available during the worship service for children under 5 years old?
We also offer children's bulletins and activity bags for children ages 3 to 9 who are attending church with their families. We know adults and children worship differently, so if you need to take a break or get a drink please feel free to come and go as necessary.

Faith Prays

Pray for those hospitalized: John Raymond.

The safety and care of all who currently serve in the armed forces: Jackie Branscome, Chris Beyl, Jodie Brueske, Adam Dowd, Brian Knutson, Amanda McGregor, David O'Keefe, Callea Pavelka*, Ross Pavelka*, Gary Slater, Gordon Sloan, Joe Tourand, Stephen Varverakis, Christopher Wilmot, Nicholas Worthy. Mike MacDonald *
* serving in Iraq, Afghanistan or Africa



Pray for Faith: Become a prayer warrior! Join others in praying for Faith by checking out our website, www.faithpres.org. Pastor Buck has put some of his prayers there for Faith.



To inform us of a hospitalization or to request a hospital or home visit, please call the church office at 952-935-4481.

For Prayer Requests please fill out a prayer request card or contact Carol (952-545-4303, shanh@mac.com).

Today at Faith

Hearing devices are available at the Welcome Desk.

Usher Volunteers are Leslee Day, Captain; Rolf Lokensgard, Paul Tesarek, Glenn and Shirley Baillie, John Parks, Gene Almond; Gary Hemphill, Co-Chairman, Usher Scheduling.

Greeter Volunteers are Bev Nodine, Carol Hemphill, Bob and Carol Holzinger.

Children and Student Programming:

9:00 am: Stimulate (for grades 6-8)
9:00 am: Confirmation (for grades 8-9)
9:00 am: Sunday School (for age 3 - 5th grade)
7:00 pm: Focus (for grades 9-12)

The Sanctuary flowers this morning were given by Dorothy Foster in memory of her daughter, Roxanne Way.

An Evening in December - Tonight at 7:00 pm: Don't miss this wonderful Christmas concert presented by the Faith Church Music Ministry. It is a free concert and there are "Invitation Tickets" available at the Welcome Center to hand out to your friends and neighbors.



Family Ministries

Children and Student Programming:

Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm:
Kidz of Faith (K-5th grade) and Lighthouse (grades 6-8), childcare will be available.

Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Because of your efforts, 109 boxes are on their way to bless children in India. Please continue to pray for the shoeboxes as they make the long journey to these kids. The boxes are estimated to arrive sometime in early February. You can continue to get information about what Samaritan's Purse is doing through these boxes by visiting their website, www.samaritanspurse.org

Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor. - Proverbs 22:9.



The December packing date for Feed My Starving Children is Monday, December 19 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm at the Chanhassen location. You can register online at www.volunteer.fmcs.org using the JOIN CODE I70303 or simply sign up at the Welcome Desk.

December Family Events: December is a time to celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ come to earth to live among us and to remember what his life was all about. It is a time of giving; to those we love, near and far, to those who may not have heard the Christmas story, and to those less fortunate than we are. At Faith we have some wonderful opportunities that will help us to share the love of Christ in small ways that can make a big difference in someone's life. Check out the dates below and consider what your family can do. For more information and to volunteer, contact Joanna at ext. 19 or Joanna@faithpres.org. Thanks for sharing the true Christmas spirit with others.

- 12/11 - Enjoy fellowship, food and fun activities during the Caroling and Chili event sponsored by the Deacons, 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
- 12/18 - Host an Angel Tree family at the party, ring bells, socialize, have fun and just be yourself, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
- 12/24 - Ring bells and participate in the telling of the Christmas story from the gospel of Luke during the Worship services, 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm

Events & Announcements

Adult Discipleship Classes:

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
When God's Spirit Moves - Room #114 - for men

The December Senior Breakfast is coming this Friday! Don't miss it! On Friday, December 9 we will gather for our Seniors of Faith Breakfast. Check in and fellowship begin at 9:00 am. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 am. Cost is \$5 at the door. Bring your neighbor or a friend. Everyone is welcome. Our theme will be Christmas Music and Memories. Please sign up TODAY on the Seniors bulletin board in the Information Hallway near the coffee. Come join us!



Join Pastor Buck on Sunday, January 8 and 15 at 9:00 am as he updates us on changes within our denomination and what it might mean for us here at Faith. He will talk about the Fellowship of Presbyterians and how our denomination is in the place it currently finds itself. This will be an important opportunity for us to learn about possible changes and how we as the people of Faith may want to respond.



Faith Church "Ladies Night" - Holiday

Cookie Exchange: Thursday, December 15, 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the home of Stacey Hurrell. Come join us for a few hours of fun and fellowship as we share our favorite Christmas cookies, and help each other out with holiday baking! Be prepared to make several dozen of your favorite recipe and you'll take home a dozen of everybody else's cookies! Please bring one extra dozen to donate for the Angel Tree party at Faith on December 18. We'll enjoy some light appetizers and holiday beverages! Please RSVP to Stacey (952-401-0443) so we can determine how many cookies to have the group make. Faith Women's Ministry Team.



Faith Website Feature: The Messages of the Sermons.

Have you been out of town and missed a service? Have you attended church and thoroughly enjoyed your Sunday experience? Many times you will find that when you listen to or read the message again, you will pick up things that maybe you missed when you were in church. May we suggest that you check out our Faith website: www.faithpres.org

Many things about Faith Church can be found there; but today, specifically, check out the sermons either in audio or typed versions. Once in the website you will find the sermons under: "Worship, Music and the Arts". From that screen, if you click on the "Sermons" menu item, you will find a chronological listing of sermons that goes back several years. If you click on the "Following Jesus" menu item, you will find recent sermons grouped by topic.

Calling all Second Halfers and Friends! We're going to see "A Mighty Fortress Is Our Basement" at the Plymouth Playhouse on Sunday afternoon, January 20, 2012! The performance starts at 2:00 pm and we will carpool from church at 1:00 pm.

Tickets are \$26. Those who wish to can share a meal at the Green Mill restaurant following the play (on your own). Sign up TODAY in the Information Hallway - reservations are due January 1. Questions? Call Mary Erickson (952-934-9692) or Mardell Sluka (952-935-5387).

Ministry Needs & Opportunities

Christmas Caroling is December 11. We will meet after church in the Activity Center at 11:30 am and go out in teams, returning to the church for chili prepared by the Deacons. Bring your family and friends and share the love and joy we feel for our home-bound Faith friends this Christmas. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

The December 18 Angel Tree party is an opportunity for Faith to welcome Angel Tree families from the Hopkins and St. Louis Park areas to our church, by volunteering and having fun at the Sunday afternoon party, 2:30 - 4:30 pm. The event will include Christmas gift giving, a holiday meal, and the Christmas message in word and song for children and their caregivers. Check out an opportunity to serve at the "Volunteer at Faith" table in the Information Hallway.



"Finding Hope and Healing" No one but you knows the gaping hole left in your life when someone you know has died. And no one but you can mourn the silence that was once filled with laughter and song. It is the nature of love and death to touch every person in a totally unique way. Comfort comes from knowing that people have made the same journey. And solace comes from understanding how others have learned to sing again. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Room #120, 10:00 - 11:30 am. Upcoming dates are December 13 and January 10. Contact Kathy ter-Steeg for more information.

Men's Ministry - Bag Time: Please join the men of Faith Church as we partner with Midwest Challenge for the seventh year in providing Welcome Home Bags to men returning from prison to Midwest's housing program. Our goal is to provide 75 duffle bags filled with essentials such as socks, towels, a watch, a Bible, etc. You can participate in this project by giving a suggested donation of \$60 (or more) or providing components for the bag. Please stop by our table in the Information Hallway to learn more about our bag project & Midwest Challenge. Donations by check for this bag project can be made out to Faith Church. Put "Men's Ministry" in the memo line.

