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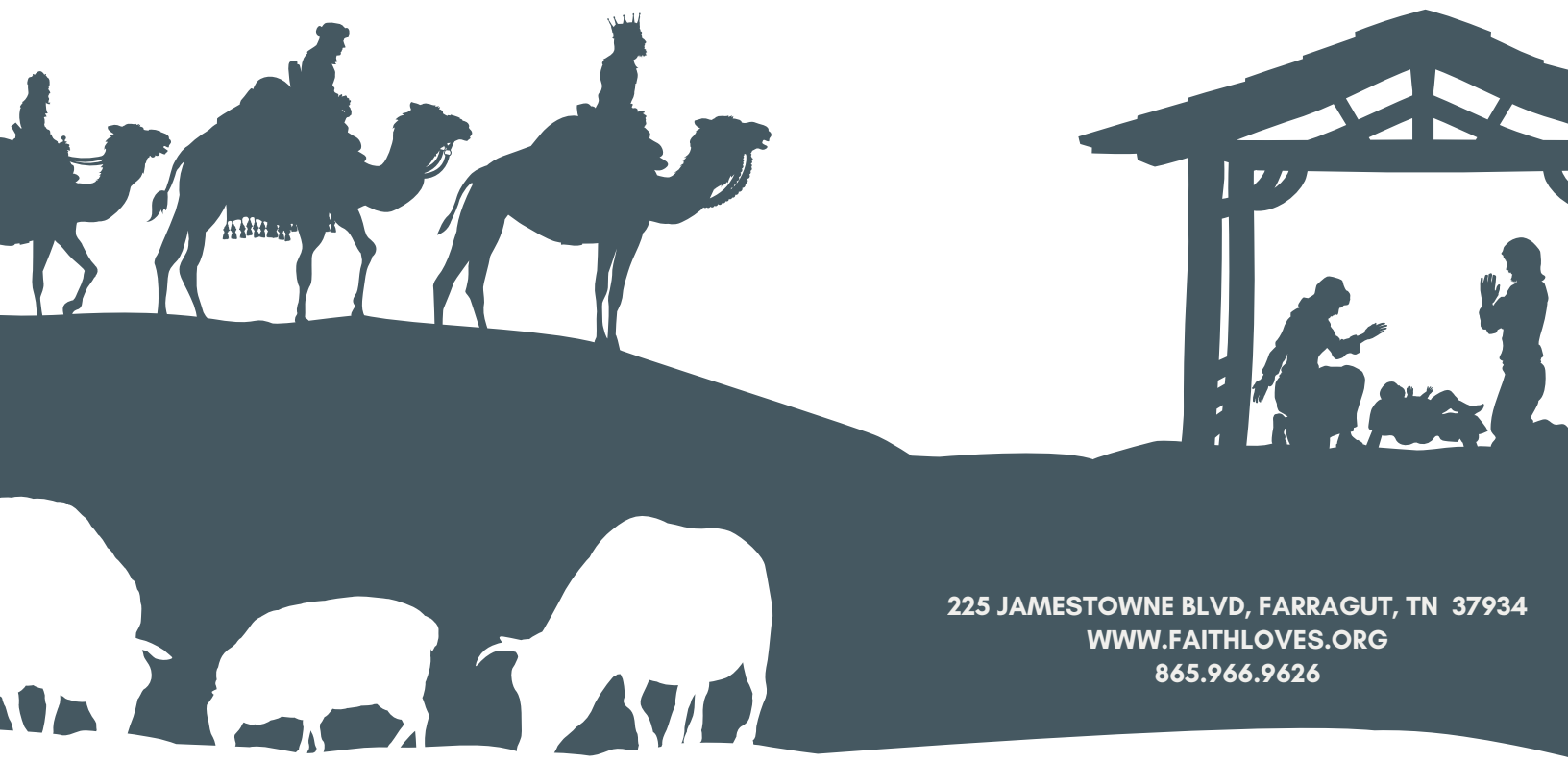
Love God. Love Others. Serve.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Contemporary Service with Praise Band

REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

- 9 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 11:11 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service



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PRELUDE

*God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Angels We Have Heard on High
What A Glorious Night*

CALL TO WORSHIP FROM THE BAPTISMAL FONT *stand*

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest,

Congregation: and peace to God's people on earth!

P: Behold, I bring you good news, to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior,
who is the Messiah, the Lord.

C: O come, let us adore Him.

P: God is real. God is in this place. God is with us, Emmanuel.

C: Merry Christmas!

GATHERING CAROL & PROCESSION OF THE CROSS *Oh Come All Ye Faithful*

GATHERING PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray: Glorious and gracious God, we thank you for giving us the holy
gift of Jesus. Tonight, we celebrate his coming into the world and into our lives.
Fill our hearts with the hope and joy of Christmas. Glory to you in the highest
and peace to your people on earth.

ALL: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TALK

WELCOME & PARISH NEWS

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 9:2-6 *pew Bible pg. # 624*

Cadence Titsworth, lector

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20 *pew Bible pg. #935, stand*

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter

What Mary Teaches Us About the Joy and Pain of Life

SONG OF THE NIGHT *Oh Holy Night*

PRAYERS *stand or kneel*

Greg Bohlken, Assisting Minister

Assistant: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God who became flesh
and dwells among us this night.

Congregation: Christ shall be called Wonderful! Christ shall be called Peace!

A: On this night, new joy entered our world,

C: We pray that we share that joy with each other this day and every day.

A: On this night, fresh hope entered our world,

C: We pray that we bring hope to those heavily burdened.

A: On this night, love was visible in a child,

C: We pray that we show our love for others in real ways of friendship and service.

A: On this night, the promise of peace on earth was proclaimed,

C: We pray that we be lovers of peace and demonstrate such love by peaceful responses to life's challenges and trials.

A: We celebrate Christmas.

C: We pray to deepen our relationship with God and with one another in ever-growing love and reverence. This we ask through Jesus, born this night; and born anew in our hearts as we love and serve him.

Silence for prayers of the people.

Pastor: Let all God's people say . . .

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of the Holy Child be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

All greet one another with the peace of Baby Jesus!

OFFERING FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERING SONG *The First Noel*

Liezel Rognsvoog, cello

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Wyn Bryant

Celebrant: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you!

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our God.

Congregation: It is right to give God thanks and praise,

Celebrant: We give you thanks, O God, for you so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Especially on this night, we give you thanks for Jesus coming into the world to accomplish our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for them to drink, saying: "This is my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, O God, and send us forth into the darkness of this holy night, burning with justice, peace and love.

Congregation: Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: We pray together:

**All: 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 and ever. Amen.**

WELCOME TO THE TABLE Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We practice hospitality, where all people are welcome to partake in the Lord's Supper because we believe and trust that the gifts of God are free. Holy Communion is served by intinction: the worship assistant will give you a piece of bread and you can either dip that in the wine (chalice) or in the grape juice (clear glass). Gluten free wafers are available upon request. You may also come forward to receive a blessing.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

*The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond **Amen***

DISTRIBUTION SONG *Away in a Manger*

Lynn Rognsvoog

COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: The Word of God dwells among us and the Light of God shines in our dark world.
Celebrate the hope, light and promise of this night.

Congregation: Amen.

LIGHTING OF CANDLES IN CELEBRATION OF JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

CANDLELIGHT CAROL *Silent Night, Holy Night*

BENEDICTION *Make a cross with your candle with Pastor Bob.*

Pastor: And now may the glory of God surround you, the grace of Christ dwell within you
and the power of the Holy Spirit uphold you. Blessings in the name of the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit. †

Congregation: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Children are invited to come to the altar to lead the final carol.

DISMISSAL

Assistant: Go into the darkness as the people of light to love God, love others, serve.

All: We go in peace! Amen.

Christmas Memorials & Honorariums

Altar Arrangements

In honor of the Birth of Our Savior *by* Faith Lutheran Church

In memory of our son Joe *by* Alice & Joe Pigott

Poinsettias

In memory of Karen & Ralph—Peggy & Paul Jurkoic
In honor of Maria—Jen & Brad Berry
In memory of Austin Montgomery Herbold—Mary & George Herbold
In memory of C.B. & Louise Wright—Mary & George Herbold
In memory of Arlene & George Herbold—Mary & George Herbold
In memory of our son, Adam—Nancy & Stephen Dean
In memory of Adelaide & Sterling Wigren—Nancy & Steve Dean
In memory of Myrtle & Wilbur Dean—Nancy & Stephen Dean
In memory of Betty & Bob Ellis—Dawn Ellis
In honor of our grandchildren & great grandchildren—Alice & Joe Pigott
In memory of our son Joe—Alice & Joe Pigott
In memory of Joe Pigott's parents Edna & Richard Pigott—Alice & Joe Pigott
In memory of my husband Toivo Rist—Connie Rist
In memory of my husband Jim West—Marj West
In memory of Lisa and Carol—Vicki Adams
In honor of our children—Shirley & Ben Campbell
In memory of Patricia's parents Nita & Paul Hoover—Patricia & David Mabry
In memory of David's parents Virginia & Arthur Mabry—Patricia & David Mabry
In memory of Leonard, Jeff & Jill Johnson; Craig & Bonnie—Debbie & Anthony Ragucci
In memory of Michael Lee—Debbie & Anthony Ragucci
In honor of our families—Debbie & Anthony Ragucci
In memory of my father Skip Beardsley—Laura Beardsley
In memory of my grandparents Harold & Louise Polsgrove—Laura Beardsley
In memory of Bud & Carol Beardsley—Laura Beardsley
In joyful celebration of our children and grandchild—Carrie & Andrew Parrott

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor	Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter
Assisting Minister	Greg Bohlken
Lector	Cadence Titsworth
Celebrant	Rev. Wyn Bryant
Altar Guild	The Berry Family
Communion Ministers	Rev. Dr. Bob Stelter Rev. Wyn Bryant Lisa Stelter Amy Monteagudo Melissa Horning Vicki Adams Dawn Titsworth Cortlyn Titsworth Yvette Edwards
Greeters	Leslie Smenner Rick Smenner Christina Landau
Ushers	Ethan Gray Matt Gray
Lights & Projection	Jen Berry
Nursery Caregiver	Tiffany Bryson



As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identities are united here in our mission to love God, Love Others, Serve.

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

Tonight's sermon will explore what Mary teaches us about the joy and pain of life.

If you are new, welcome! Please sign a worship card and place it in the offering plate.

DIG IN, GROW DEEP, LEARN WITH OTHERS.

*Sunday School Classes
held at 10:15 a.m.*

Adult Bible Class: The Holy Land Revealed – In the classroom side of the Cup

Teen Sunday School (6th – 12th grade): In the Youth Room (Resumes in January)

Confirmation Class (8th – 10th grade): In the Library (Resumes in January)

Children's Sunday School for 5th grade and younger: (Resumes in January)

- Ye Littles of Faith for Kindergarten and younger in East hallway classroom next to Nursery
- The Mighty Kids Kingdom for 1st – 5th grades in West hallway classroom, 2 doors past youth room

Tuesday Bible Study (Open to All): In the classroom side of the Cup

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