



FAITH MATTERS

Weekly Newsletter for Faith Covenant Church

December 23, 2018

WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude: <i>Joy Medley</i>	Piano Duet
Special Music: <i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>	Choir & Faith Ringers
Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle	Holtgren Family
Special Music - <i>Do You Hear What I Hear?</i>	Men's Chorus
*Hymn #171: <i>What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest</i>	
Welcome & Announcements	Pastor Paula Frost
*Greetings	
*Praise Songs: <i>Who Am I, Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone), & All the People Said Amen</i>	Praise Team
Giving Back to God	Pastor Kris Johns
Special Music: <i>An English Christmas</i>	Choir
*Hymn #153: <i>It Came upon the Midnight Clear</i>	
Scripture: <i>Psalms 98:1-9 & John 15:9-12</i>	Kathryn Stansell
Children's Moment	Pastor Paula Frost
Sermon: <i>The Healer Comes with Joy</i>	Pastor Herb Frost
*Closing Song: <i>You Never Let Go</i>	Praise Team
Sending Out	Pastor Herb Frost
Postlude	

*Please stand as you are able.
Hearing assistance devices are available at the A/V Booth.
Nursery care for babies thru age 3 is provided.

SERMON NOTES

The Healer Comes with Joy
Psalms 98:1-9 & John 15:9-12
Pastor Herb Frost

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music

Colossians 1:9-12
James 1:2-4
1 Peter 1:3-9

What is the joy of the Lord?

Joy lives on a different _____ than _____.

Joy is a lasting _____ that isn't destroyed by the _____ of life, while happiness may _____ and _____.

SERMON NOTES CONTINUED...

Joy stands in contrast to

Happiness exists in contrast to _____.

Joy and _____ (grief) can

_____ cannot.

Can we find joy when life is _____?

Luke 2:8 -11

Finding joy even when life is

_____ Hope lives with the end in mind ... so does _____.

Joy comes from:

_____ Jesus' _____ (John 15:11) _____ praying _____ (John 16:24) _____ Being with _____ people (1 Thessalonians 2:19,20) _____ Generations that _____ Christ (3 John 4)

Christmas teaches us joy is available for _____ people!

Questions for us:

Will we _____ joy over happiness?

Will we live with an _____ perspective?

Will we live to bring joy to _____ people

Challenge for us

Word and Prayer Wednesdays -

_____?

Will we invite _____ the people to find joy?

Christmas Eve is tomorrow - Who can we _____?

The Faith Covenant Church Staff Wishes for You and Your Family a Peaceful, Spirit-filled, Merry Christmas!

For those who are traveling, we pray for your safety.

For those who are staying home, we hope to see you Christmas Eve at one of the Candlelight Services here at FCC.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Tomorrow evening, Dec. 24th, Candlelight Services will begin at 4:30pm and 7:30pm. Both services are intended for all ages. The 4:30pm service will be more focused on families and will have music led by the Praise Team as well as special music. The 7:30pm service will have a combination of traditional hymns and special music. Everyone is welcome! Bring your family and friends!

THIS WEEK'S YOUTH GROUPS SCHEDULES

No youth group gatherings this week.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

This group will not meet during the holidays but will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 8th. Regular schedule: Every other Tuesday at 6:30pm. Locations to be announced.

ALL-CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

This group will not meet during the holidays but will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 9th. Regular schedule: Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

These groups will not meet again until Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019. The regular schedule is Wednesday mornings at 9:00am & 12:00pm through the first week of May, 2019. If you would like to participate, please contact Mary Griffiths.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Saturdays at 9:30am at Riemer Eye Center in Manistee (please come to the back parking lot and enter through the back entrance). Please note: The Tuesday morning men's group will not meet until next spring.

MOPS STEERING COMMITTEE BIBLE STUDY

MOPS moms gather each month for an amazing time of Bible study on Thursday mornings. Contact Pastor Paula Frost or Heather Barker for more information.

MEN'S BASKETBALL NIGHT

We will meet this week and Wednesday evenings, 7:00-9:30pm through April 24th. For more info, contact Pastor Kris Johns: 231.907.3044.

YOUNG FAMILIES SMALL GROUP

This group will not meet during the holidays but will resume on Thursday, Jan. 10th. Regular schedule: Thursday nights at 7:00pm in the choir room.

THIS WEEK'S MINISTRIES CALENDAR

SUNDAY, December 23

7:30am: Praise Band Rehearsal
9:15am: Fellowship & Coffee Time
9:30am: Christian Formation Classes
10:30am: Worship Service

MONDAY, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:30pm: Candlelight Service
7:30pm: Candlelight Service

TUESDAY - December 25 - Christmas Day

The office is closed and there are no ministries scheduled today.

WEDNESDAY, December 26

9:00am: Men's Breakfast at the Bungalow Inn

THURSDAY, December 27

12:00pm: Faith Matters Weekly info deadline

FRIDAY, December 28

No ministries scheduled today.

SATURDAY, December 29

9:30am: Men's Bible Study at Riemer Eye Center

SUNDAY, December 30

7:30am: Praise Band Rehearsal
9:15am: Fellowship & Coffee Time
9:30am: Christian Formation Classes
10:30am: Worship Service
2:00pm: Medical Care Center Service

UPCOMING EVENTS:

01.01.19: New Year's Day - The office will be closed.
01.21-25.19: ECC Midwinter '19 Conference
01.27.19: FCC Annual Meeting

WHITE POINSETTIAS

The Christmas flowers in the sanctuary this morning were purchased by the following people in memory or in honor of loved ones:

In memory of parents, Jim & Corinne Dyer, and son, Brady Reid, from Todd & Jennifer Reid.

In memory of Kristine Ketz and Herman Ketz from Marie Ketz and Family.

In memory of husband, Don Fredrickson, and parents, Jim & Peg Frisbie from Judy Fredrickson.

In memory of Norman Postma and Larry McShane from Brian & Eileen Postma.

In memory of husband, Robert Johnston, and son, Brad Johnston from Bev Johnston.

In memory of parents, Chick & Char Hejl and Jim & Alice Abbe from Greg & Susan Hejl.

In memory of parents and grandparents from Jane Kuriger.

In honor of grandchildren, Josh & Ella from Doug & Julee Malm.

Introducing: **Lilia Faith Marie Vogt**

Born on Dec. 15, 2018 (during our Christmas concert!) in Annecy, France

Lilia weighed in at 9 lb 2 oz and was 21" long.

Parents: Chris & Rebecca Vogt, Missionaries to N. Africa

Grandparents: Glenn & Mary Griffiths

"Lilia" is named after Lilius Trotter, a missionary from England to Algeria in the late 1800's and early 1900's. Lilius Trotter felt God drawing her to a non-Christian land in N. Africa where she learned Arabic to connect with the people. So the name, Lilia, is fitting for this little one who will soon relocate from France to N. Africa and will be raised knowing English, French, and Arabic.



Chris' original comment with that photo was, "Where do we plug her in? She runs on breast milk and ... electricity?"

"We were in stitches chuckling at the differences between Uganda, US, and French medicine processes. In Uganda you bring your own sheets, toilet paper, razor blade to cut the cord, etc. - in the US it is overkill medicine - the French more laid back. Rebecca typically is out of the bush hospital within 4-6 hours, especially since there are no screens on the windows and malaria is a concern. The French had her stay 3 days! She decided it might be best to enjoy the "BandB" before returning home to her full house."

Keep In Your Prayers:

Don Block & Family

Jean Kinnan & the Hecht Family

Todd & Jennifer Reid & Family

Hank & Edie Minster

Chris & Rebecca Vogt and Family

Church Leadership & Ministry Teams

A MESSAGE FROM FCC FINANCIALS TEAM

All giving intended to be credited to 2018 must be received in the church office or postmarked no later than Monday, December 31, 2018.

Thank you for your faithful giving! Your gifts have made a difference in the work to grow God's Kingdom!

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Sunday	Ushers	Greeters	Nursery	Scriptures	Coffee Host	Stewards	Audio	Video
Dec. 23	Dave Wagner Ruth Minster John Wagner Sheryl Zimmerman	Mark Miller Connie Miller	Renee Solberg Scott Solberg Karen Sundbeck Pam Carlson	Kathryn Stansell	Pam Carlson Kim Carlson	Pat Krolczyk Ruth Minster Craig Smith	Abby Poirier	Esther Poirier
Dec. 30	Ruth Minster	Dick Rees Barb Rees	Annie Johns Pam Rankin Heather Barker Emily Erble	Joyce Reed	Jeanne Youngberg Mert Youngberg	Pat Krolczyk Craig Smith Denis Johnson	Abby Poirier	Esther Poirier

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We exist to help people KNOW Christ, GROW in Him, and GO to the world with His message.