

FAITH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC

2030 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06120

Phone: 860-547-0820 ~ Worship: Sundays at 10 a.m.

Rev. Cleo Graham, Pastor

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December 1, 2024 ~ First Sunday Of Advent ~ Hope

PRELUDE

Wayne Dixon, Minister of Music

WELCOME

Rev. Cleo Graham, Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Pamela Walters

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Congregation reads **BOLD** aloud)

Deacon Cerise Johnson

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill my promise to my people. There will be signs in the heavens and distress among the nations. **When Christ returns in power and glory, people will faint with fear.** But when you see these things, lift up your heads: **our redemption is drawing near!** Heaven and earth may pass away, **but the Word of God will stand unshaken.**

\*OPENING HYMN

*"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

#257 OLOFOB

INVOCATION & SHARING THE PEACE

(spoken together)


Deacon Cerise & Congregants

*"Righteous one, to you alone we lift our souls; in you alone we place our trust; for you alone we wait all day long. For you are the God of our salvation, abounding in mercy and steadfast love. Help us remain alert and watchful for the coming of your promised one—the one who comes with power and glory, the one drawing near to bring our salvation. Amen."* **And let us now share a moment of peace with each other!**

SYMBOLS OF ADVENT:

The Walters Family

THE ADVENT WREATH & LIGHTING THE HOPE CANDLE

ADVENT HYMN	<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verse 1)</i>	#188 AAHH
SCRIPTURE	Luke 21:25-28 <i>[red Bible (NKJV): p. 1034; blue Bible (NRSV): NT p. 65]</i> <i>“The Word of God for the People of God. Praise Be to God!”</i>	Pastor Graham
*GLORIA PATRI (sung)	<i>“Glory be to the Father (Creator) and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.”</i>	
SERMON	<i>“A REFUGE AND HOPE IN TROUBLING TIMES”</i>	Pastor Graham
CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP	<i>“Soon and Very Soon”</i> #193 AAHH	Deacon Cerise
	At this time, we invite you to join our church. You may come forward and be received by the Pastor and/or Deacon or speak to the Pastor or a Deacon after service today.	
PASTORAL & THE LORD’S PRAYER		Deacon Al Strother
RESPONSE TO PRAYER	<i>“We Will Glorify”</i>	#286 AAHH
TIME OF OFFERING		Brother Oscar Reese
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GIVE WITH A GRATEFUL HEART - <i>REMEMBER THE SAINTS’ OFFERING</i></b></p> <p>1. Text: Send a text to <b>73256</b> Type: <b>‘faithchurch’</b> and follow the prompts.</p> <p>2. Online: At <a href="https://www.faithmatterstoday.org">https://www.faithmatterstoday.org</a> . Look for the  button.</p> <p>3. Check: Mail checks payable to <b>‘Faith Congregational Church’</b> 2030 Main St., Hartford, CT 06120.</p> <p>4. In-Person: Ushers will now come to the pews to collect your offering.</p>		
OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<i>“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”</i>	Faith Choir
*DOXOLOGY (sung)	<i>“Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.”</i>	
<b><u>THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION</u></b>		
*STATEMENT OF FAITH	(see pg. 3)	All
COMMUNION HYMN	<i>“Taste and See”</i>	#680 AAHH
ADVENT COMMUNION LITURGY	(see pg. 4)	All
DISTRIBUTE ELEMENTS		Pastor Graham & Deacons
*PARTING HYMN	<i>“Oh, The Blood of Jesus”</i> <i>(* Please stand, if able)</i>	#265 AAHH

Hymnals - AAHH: African American Heritage Hymnal; NCH: New Century Hymnal; OLOFOB: One Lord, One Faith, One Baptisma

- Join Rev. Arthur Gaither for Sunday Bible Study at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89131531513?pwd=WFQ2M3dNYjZSU3NocHEzOXRQb3lWUT09>
- Tuesday Bible Study: 6:45p w/ Brother Bill Hollis. Call 605-313-5619, then 298245#
- Remember our Sick and Shut in your prayers, and at <https://parkandprayat111.com>



### **Statement of Faith**

***We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, God our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,  
and to your deeds we testify:***

***You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image,  
and set before each one the ways of life and death.***

***You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.  
You judge people and nations by your righteous will, declared through prophets and  
apostles.***

***In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior: You  
have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and  
reconciling the world to yourself.***

***You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.***

***You call us into your church:***

***To accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
To be your servants in the service of others,  
To proclaim the Gospel to all the world,  
To share in Christ's baptism and eat at this table,  
To join Him in His passion and victory.***

***You promise to all who trust you:***

***Forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
Courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
Your presence in trial and rejoicing,  
And eternal life in your realm which has no end.***

***Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.***

***Amen.***

## An Advent Communion Liturgy

**Leader:** Holy God, We give thanks for your creation, fragile, yet fruitful, enough for all.

**People:** **We give thanks that you call us into community where love and justice may flourish, enough for all.**

**Leader:** We give thanks that you invite us on this Advent journey. Awake, curious, longing to meet you, we set out for your table of grace.

**People:** **You light our path one step at a time, beckoning us onto a Way that offers us new eyes to explore the vision of the Promised One; new senses to feel the heartbeat of the Vulnerable One; new courage to share the urgency of the Ruler of Peace.**

**Leader:** One more step, one more stretch, one more challenge takes us deeper into the mystery of your abundant life: a world healed, renewed; all nature, all people at peace.

**People:** **We give you thanks for sending us Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-Us, whose life, death and resurrection have become for us the Way to find you, to know you, to join with you in creating your new heaven and new earth.**

**Leader:** We remember the night when Jesus gathered at table with his friends in a time of struggle and fear, took bread, blessed it and gave it to them saying...

**People:** **“Take and eat: for this is my body.”**

**Leader:** And after supper, as Jesus looked forward to your desired day of joy and power; he took the cup of wine, again gave You thanks and praise and said...

**People:** **“Take this, all of you, and drink. This is the cup of the new covenant, my life poured out for you. I will drink this with you again in the reign of God. Share this bread and this cup in memory of me.”**

**Leader:** **Come now, Holy Spirit of God—As you were present at creation, be present now, and let these gifts of bread and cup become for us the bread of life and the cup of blessing.**

**People:** **We participate in the new life Christ gives.**

**Leader:** As you were sent by Jesus to accompany us on our journey of faith, be present now, and transform this community, sharing this bread and cup, into one body in Christ.

### The Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All**

**Christ, our Lord and Savior, as we await the day when we celebrate the Bethlehem birth, we are blessed this day to celebrate Holy Communion. This bread and cup, which you give to us, are food for our spiritual journey. Let it nourish our spirits. Remind us of our need for grace, and bring us together as the Body of Christ. For the hope that we see, we are grateful to You. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory. Amen.**



## Faith Church Announcements



### Youth Sunday School Session 🧒

**The Children/Youth Sunday School will not be held on first Sundays (until further notice).** Virtual Sunday School lessons will appear in the bulletin for first Sundays. Families, please review and discuss the following Sunday School Lesson with your children/youth:

- **Kids' Table Virtual Sunday School Lesson - Topic: ADVENT**
  - **YouTube Channel:**
    - Go to Douglas Talk - "What is Advent?"  
[https://youtu.be/u4jlzh\\_x04k?si=PH3Cxd-132GA4KIi](https://youtu.be/u4jlzh_x04k?si=PH3Cxd-132GA4KIi)
    - Twinkl Educational Publishing - "What Is Advent?"  
<https://youtu.be/RfN7ucvUx4s?si=PyHRAdSVDHb0QLG9>

### Donations to the Warming Center 🗳️

**Faith Church is being called upon to fund (roughly \$150) a complete meal with dessert to feed between 75-100 people.** Thank you to those that donated, yet more is needed. So to all Individuals, Ministries and Committees...give TODAY during the Time Of Offering. Note 'Warming Center' on your gift, and **See Betty Ann Rooks if you have questions.**

### NEW DATE - "Joyful and Triumphant" - A Concert For The Community 🎵🧑

Featuring The North End Senior Center Harmonizers, area choirs and instrumentalists from the Hartford area, **will take place Saturday, December 21st at 2 p.m. at Faith Church. Admission is free, and a free-will offering will be taken** to benefit the ministries of our church, in particular our physical plant.

### Dates to Remember 📅

🧑 **Christmas Eve Service (12.24): In-Person** at Faith Church; 6PM

📅 **New Year's Eve Prayer (12.31): Broadcast via Faith's YouTube Channel** at ~ 11:45PM

### Young People's Sunday & Tree Trimming 🧒🧑🌲

**Our young people will be leading us in worship on Sunday, December 8th, so please come out and support** these dynamic young minds in their service to God! Also, all young people are asked to **decorate our Christmas tree after that day's worship.** If you wish to donate an ornament, feel free!

### OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU

*Mother Mary Ingram (Pastor's Mother)*  
*The Family of Mr. Noel McGregor*  
*Dea. Al Strother & Dea. Eric W. Gray*  
*Dea. Wendy Booker-Nixon & Mr. Michael C.*  
*Sis. Carrie Simpson & Mr. Vendrys Johnson*  
*Sis. Michelle Anthony & Sis. Irene Pittman*  
*Jeffrey & Gwen Anderson*  
*Dea. A. Lee Martin & Sis. Orelia Myers*  
*Mr. Jeffrey M. Bass & Ms. Judith A. LaBelle*  
*Ms. Frances Burton & Sis. Doreen Webb*  
*Min. Patricia Hollis & Roy Stafford*  
*The Families of Faith Members who have lost Loved Ones*

**A Century of Songs**  
*Travelers Chorale*  
 100th Anniversary Concert

A free concert presented by The Travelers Chorale

**THURS DEC 5 2024 7:30 P.M.**

**The Bushnell – Mortensen Hall**

Free parking & admission, donation of nonperishable food requested  
 – Conducted by Kenneth Ferris  
 – Accompanied by Stacy Cahoon  
 – Special Guests: Farmington Valley Symphony Orchestra

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**The North End Senior Center Harmonizers  
 Presents**



**A Concert for the Community  
 Featuring**

- The Deacon Bill Beckham Singers**
- The Bloomfield United Methodist Church Bell Choir**
- Dr. Jonathan Berryman, Organist**
- Mrs. Grace Ingrid Faniel, Pianist**
- Mr. Eustace Straker, Organist**
- Mr. Wayne C. Dixon, Director**

**Saturday, December 21, 2024  
 2:00 PM**

**Faith Congregational Church, 2030 Main Street, Hartford, CT**

*Happy Holidays!!!*

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# Shoe Size Fundraiser

Simply donate funds according to your shoe size!

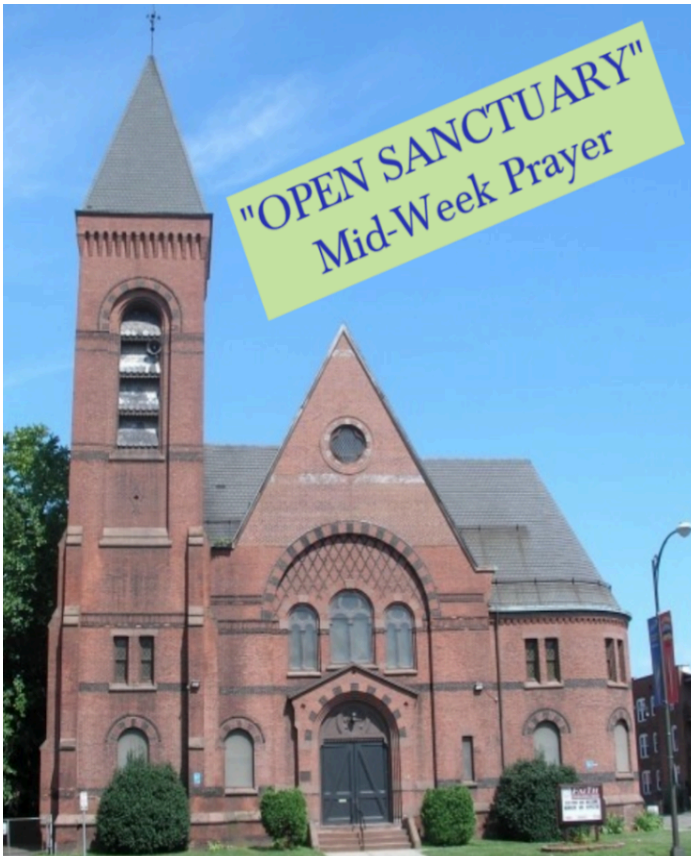
For example: If you wear size 9 you would donate \$9.00. If you wear size 10 you would donate \$10.00, etc.

1. Payments can be made to Faith Congregational Church by cash or check.
2. Text: Send to 73256 type 'faithchurch' and follow the prompts.
3. Online: <https://www.faithmatterstoday.org> - Look for the donate button.

Feel free to participate more than once.



Donations will be collected through December.  
Questions: See Betty Ann Rooks



Every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81190174109?pwd=p3jWpVfzCk2sCJyDTVkPSGuttWTg9e.1>

By Phone: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)  
Meeting ID: 811 9017 4109  
Passcode: 555487

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kJoBQuk3D>

All Are Welcome ❤️ 🌈 🙏

# Advent Word Search

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ADVENT	FRANKINCENSE	MAGI	NAZARETH
ANGEL	GIFTS	MANGER	SAVIOR
BETHLEHEM	GOLD	MARY	SHEPHERD
BLESSING	JESUS	MIRACLE	STABLE
EAST	JOSEPH	MYRRH	STAR
FAITH	JOY	NATIVITY	THREE KINGS

DIRECTIONS: Find and highlight the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.






# IF YOU WANT TO FEED YOUR SOUL, WE'VE GOT A GREAT MENU!

There are committee members needed for these positions and others. If interested in learning more or signing up, please email the contact the person listed. As life throws us curveballs, our ability to serve can change and we understand that. We are all volunteers-having fun, making a difference, and supporting each other! **We can't do it without you!!!**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Adult Sunday School</u></b></p> <p>To provide those over 18 via a gifted disciple (the teacher) with a systematic study of Scripture, and an emphasis on personal spiritual growth.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Board of Christian Ed. / Youth School</u></b></p> <p>The Board determines the educational objectives and programs of the Church community. Youth School provides those aged 5-12 via a gifted disciple (the teacher) with an age-appropriate study of Scripture, and an emphasis on personal spiritual growth.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>GHIAA</u></b></p> <p>Members from various churches in CT identify specific social justice issues to work on together using the process and principles of broad-based organizing. They work on issues for which there is common ground theologically.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Hospitality/Collation</u></b></p> <p>When requested, provide and serve food and beverages for monthly coffee hours and special events at church. Purchase of supplies, as well as setup, breakdown, and cleanup, are additional duties.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Men's Ministry</u></b></p> <p>To promote Christian brotherhood and spiritual growth. Study Christian principles, support the church and enhance the fellowship among the men of the church. Also engage in outreach projects with the church and community.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Missions</u></b></p> <p>To assist our local, national, and international families and churches. To promote Christian fellowship and nurture the human community and restore the environment and economics to God's service.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Music/Choir</u></b></p> <p>Help create an atmosphere for worship by providing congregational singing during worship services and special events, and connecting the congregation to the musical history and traditions of the church.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Nominating Committee</u></b></p> <p>Shall be appointed by the Church Council to present a slate of officers, board, committee, and ministry members as well as members-at-large to the Church Council. It shall choose members it deems best qualified to fill those positions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Safety &amp; Security</u></b></p> <p>Works to protect individuals and the church interior and exterior against any hurt, harm, or danger, be it by an act of terrorism, threats, assault, property damage, or other criminal activity.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sanctuary Guild</u></b></p> <p>Responsible for the purchase, placement and storage of flowers, candles, decor and linens to dress the Altar, Sanctuary, Narthex and other areas of the church, as needed. Also decorates the church according to the event /liturgical calendar.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Scholarship</u></b></p> <p>To provide the children of Faith members with a college scholarship to help offset the cost of books and incidentals. Funds are secured by fundraisers and donations from members.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Social Media/Webmaster</u></b></p> <p>To post, edit and update content to our YouTube channel, Facebook page and Website that will best serve our Faith community and others within the state and beyond.</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Stewardship</u></b>  <b>To educate</b>, motivate and develop strategies to encourage stewardship (giving) within the church membership. Also, to keep a faithful record of pledge accounts and furnish each contributor with a quarterly statement.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Technology Deacons</u></b>          To provide audio/visual services (at Faith Church and remotely) during church worship and special in-house meetings and events. Also, to provide live streaming or hosting service via YouTube or Zoom (by operating a laptop as well as a video camera, switcher and/or soundboard) for those unable to participate in person.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Trustee Board</u></b>          The Board of Trustees has a responsibility for the custody of all property of the church and full charge of its financial affairs. The Board establishes personnel policies, provides sufficient surety for all officers who handle Church funds and provides for custodial care of church property.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Ushers</u></b>          As a gatekeeper of the church, the Ushers are to keep abreast/pay attention to what is going on in the church during a service or event. To be ready to offer any assistance to people who may appear to need it.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Women's Ministry</u></b>          To promote Christian sisterhood and spiritual growth. Study Christian principles, support the church and enhance the fellowship among the women of the church. Also engage in outreach projects with the church and community.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>CONTACT...</u></b>   <b><u>Adult Sunday School</u></b>          artgainer@gmail.com   <b><u>Board of Christian Ed. / Youth School</u></b>          gezcez@yahoo.com   <b><u>GHIAA</u></b>          cknightja@aol.com</p>
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**JANUARY**

- 1 *New Year's Day*
- 6 *Epiphany*
- 15 *MLK Celebration Service / MLK Day*
- 28 *Annual Meeting*

**FEBRUARY**

- 1 *First Day of Black History Month*
- 13 *Shrove Tuesday*
- 14 *Valentine's Day/Ash Wednesday Services (2)*
- 19 *Presidents' Day*
- 21 *Wonderful Wednesday Begins*

**MARCH**

- 1 *First Day of Women's History Month & World Day of Prayer*
- 24 *Palm Sunday*
- 27 *Wonderful Wednesday Ends*
- 28 *Maundy Thursday*
- 29 *Good Friday*
- 31 *Resurrection Sunday/Easter*

**APRIL**

- 21 *Congregational Quarterly Meeting*
- 28 *Pastor Graham's Installation*

**MAY**

- 1 *First Day of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month*
- 12 *Mother's Day*
- 19 *Pentecost & Women's Day*
- 27 *Memorial Day*

**JUNE**

- 1 *First Day of Pride Month*
- 9 *Pastor's Conversation w/ the Congregation*
- 16 *Father's Day, Scholarship & Juneteenth Sunday*
- 19 *Juneteenth*
- 23 *Men's Day*
- 30 *Young People's Sunday*

**JULY**

- 4 *Independence Day*
- 14 *Joint Worship - Immanuel at Faith*
- 28 *Joint Worship - Faith at Immanuel*

**AUGUST**

- 11 *Friends & Family Church Cookout*

**SEPTEMBER**

- 2 *Labor Day*
- 11 *'Open Sanctuary' Begins*
- 15 *First Day of Hispanic Heritage Month*
- 22 *205<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service*
- 29 *Young People's Sunday*

**OCTOBER**

- 14 *Indigenous Peoples' Day*
- 20 *"Praising The Beauty of His Holiness" Concert*
- 27 *Congregational Quarterly Meeting*

**NOVEMBER**

- 1 *First Day of Amerindian Heritage Month*
- 5 *Election Day*
- 11 *Veterans' Day*
- 18 *Candlelight Memorial Service*
- 28 *Thanksgiving*

**DECEMBER**

- 1 *First Day of Advent*
- 8 *Young People's Sunday*
- 14 *"Joyful and Triumphant" Community Concert*
- 24 *Christmas Eve Service / Last Day of Advent*
- 25 *Christmas Day*
- 26 *First Day of Kwanzaa*
- 31 *New Year's Eve /Pastor's Broadcast Prayer for the New Year (via Our Church YouTube Channel)*



*Faith Church is the oldest Black Church in the city of Hartford. In our 205th year, the church is still a vibrant community of believers. We hold a high level of trust and witness to God's grace in the midst of human life. As a congregation of the United Church of Christ, (Southern New England Conference) we are devoted to making disciples for Christ. We are a justice minded church; a community committed to addressing issues in a denomination that often leads the way in our nation as we celebrate many firsts as part of our history. For example, the UCC is the first denomination to ordain a Black man, a woman, and a LGBTQ person into ministry in this nation.*

*Faith Church is a historic local church, too, having participated in the nation's first civil rights case, (the Amistad trial) where the captives on the ship La Amistad were eventually set free. Faith Church raised significant dollars for the captive's defense. The first school for "Colored Children" in Hartford was started here as well. We are a caring community through the empowering and liberating Word of God revealed and lived through Jesus Christ.*

*Faith Church is a place where we discover, develop, and grow our faith. FAITH MATTERS TODAY and ALWAYS! Faith Church is a place where questions are welcomed, and answers are discovered and shared. Our faith is Bible-centered, but we trust in the sharing we seek to do with one another, to grow in faith as well. We would welcome you. Our Spiritual Gifts are discovered and shared for the glory of God. We celebrate our history and build upon the best of the old and new traditions of our faith and worship...we love to tell the story! Our community extends beyond the doors of our church, and we bear witness, testify, and share the Good News. We are not afraid to try new things and embrace those things that help us praise God with spirit and in truth.*

***NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME AT FAITH***

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