

WELCOME to FAITH

Jesus loved the church and knew it was more than a place you go, but it was about people...people like you! Here at Faith—no matter what your spiritual background or past—we would like to meet you and help you become all God intended you to be.

Whether you are single, married, single again, with or without children—no matter where you've been or what you've done—we invite you to experience Faith Community Church.

Here is what you'll find: Friendly people to help you find your way around, a message that is relevant to your life, a blend of music that is both traditional & contemporary, services that last about 75 minutes, and a range of programs from nursery to adult.

What to expect: We desire individuals and families to join with us as we journey to become fully devoted followers of Christ. Our services offer a comfortable and friendly environment that welcomes folks just starting on their path to discovering God, as well as believers that are ready to be challenged to go deeper into His truth.

Faith Community Church is an experience...so plan to join us on a great journey! Worship with us on Sundays at 10:00AM!

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ORDER OF SERVICE

December 17, 2017

PRELUDE Janet Dornath
"Joy to the World" No. 125
WELCOME & THE WORD Pastor Niles
ADVENT CANDLE: Lori & Jordan Pederson
Old Testament Prophecy: Isaiah 9:2-3
New Testament Fulfillment: Luke 2:8-12
"We Three Kings" No. 166
"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" No. 128
WE WORSHIP WITH OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS
PRAISE Worship Team
MESSAGE, "Following the Christmas Star"
Matthew 2:1-12 Pastor Niles
BLESSING

GRACE AND PEACE to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We are honored and strengthened by your presence. If you are visiting us today, please fill out the connection card in the pew and put it in the offering plate. If you have a special need, contact Pastor Niles, Pastor Russ

PRAYER CONCERNS: Bette Brinkman, recovering from hip replacement; Mindy Skow; Monte Cunningham; Eldon & Ruth Freese; Dan Duitscher, Gloria Beekman; Don & Jeanette Gerdes; Matt Nickles; Nancy Nelson; Linda Rohlf; Michelle Dornath; Ruth Smothers; Mary Seehusen.

GREETERS TODAY: Dave & Mary Fevold, Mike & Laurie Ayers; Welcome Desk: Janice Martin. **Next week:** Steve & Joan Julius, Larry & Dee Wuebker; Welcome Desk: Lori & Jon Kerns

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Class in west fellowship hall, a DVD study by Robert Morris, "Finding Relationship through God's Top 10" led by Pastor Niles. **Young Adult Class** is doing the same study in Room 11 facilitated by Mark & Terri Samuelson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES are due by Wednesday noon (a week earlier). Thanks

PLEASE CHECK your church mailboxes for newsletters, devotionals & other important items.

A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENT is being co-sponsored by Faith Community Church, LifeGate Fellowship and KJYL Radio **tonight, 7:00 pm** at the Humboldt High School Auditorium. In concert will be Jason Gray with Chris August and Hannah Kerr. Tickets will be available at the door if you still wish to attend.

EXTRA COPIES of the devotionals, "Christmas for the Heart", written by Pastor Niles, are available at the Welcome Desk for you to pick up.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN will have a part in the program during the Christmas Eve service again this year, "Prince of Peace". We have been learning our songs during the Sunday School hour so please continue to arrive on time.

Please note the following two 'extra' practices that will help us to learn our parts.

Today, December 17th: Practice in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service, while you enjoy coffee and fellowship. This will take about 30-40 minutes.

Sunday, December 24th: No Sunday School, but we will practice in the Kid's church room, during the Kid's Church portion of the morning church service.

Christmas Eve: Children arrive at **5:15 p.m.** to put on costumes and run through the songs one last time. Worship Service at 6:00 p.m. Please email tiffanymayall@gmail.com. If you have any questions. Thank you!

Tiffany Mayall (1st - 6th music teacher) &
Jeanne Elbert (Pre-school & Kind. music teacher)

THANK YOU to the carolers that came to the house on Sunday. We really enjoyed the singing and the nice gift. Thanks also for the prayer that was said for me by a "special angel".
Nancy and Allan Nelson

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 17. Today, 8:45 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages.

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service w/Kids' Church

-Following Worship, a time of fellowship & refreshments while the children practice for Christmas program.

7:00 p.m. – Jason Gray Concert at Humboldt High School

Dec. 18, Mon., 7:00 p.m. – Joint Council Meeting

Dec. 19, Tues., 7:30 p.m. – Worship Team practice

Dec. 20, Wed., 5:30 p.m. – Family Meal (hot dogs, chips, & applesauce)

6:30 p.m. – Moms' Connect; Faith Club; Adult Class w/Pastor Niles, "Is This the End?"

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. - Foundations Class followed by Program Practice

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – High School Program Practice

Dec 24, Sun. Christmas Eve Day – NO Sunday School.

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service. Preschool-6th graders will practice for Christmas Eve program during Kids' Church

6:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Service/Program

ADVENT: means "coming". We are reminded that through the prophets God foretold of Christ's first coming to earth as a baby to be our Savior – 700 years before He came. Advent is a time to be reminded of the need to invite Jesus to come into our hearts to be Lord of our lives. We are also reminded that Jesus' promises to come again in the clouds just as He ascended up into Heaven. "Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your LORD is coming." Matthew 24:42.

The candles on the Advent wreath are reminders of God's promises. The first candle is called Prophecy or Hope; 2nd candle--Bethlehem or Preparation; 3rd candle--Shepherd or Joy; 4th candle—Angel or Love.

ANY EXTRA BIBLES and/or Christian materials that you aren't using and would like to donate to a good cause may be placed in a tote marked "Love Packages" in the east entry. These will be sent to Illinois to be distributed around the world. Thanks, Jon & Gloria Aden

NOTES

December 17, 2017

Faith Community Church Mission:

"Helping people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ."



WELCOME

**WE ARE
GLAD YOU
ARE HERE**

**"Faith is being sure of what we hope for
and certain of what we do not see."
Hebrews 11:1**