

Emmaus Church of Smithville  
Drive-In Worship Service  
September 20, 2020: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

**OPENING HYMN: Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom**

Faith while trees are still in blossom,  
plans the picking of the fruit;  
faith can feel the thrill of harvest,  
when the buds begin to sprout.

Long before the dawn is breaking,  
faith anticipates the sun.  
Faith is eager for the day-light,  
for the work that must be done.

Long before the rains were coming,  
Noah went and built an ark.  
Abraham, the lonely migrant,  
saw the Light beyond the dark.

Faith, uplifted, tamed the water  
of the undivided sea,  
and the people of the Hebrews  
found the path that made them free.

Faith, believes that God is faithful,  
God will be who God will be.  
Faith accepts the call responding:  
"I am willing; Lord, Send me."

**NICENE CREED: (Unison)**

We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit

and the virgin Mary and was made human.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

## **PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER**

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 17:1-10

**MESSAGE:** Impossible Faith

### **CLOSING HYMN: Let Us Plead for Faith Alone**

1. Let us plead for faith alone,  
faith which by our works is shown;  
God it is who justifies,  
only faith the grace applies.

2. Active faith that lives within,  
conquers hell and death and sin,  
hallows whom it first made whole,  
forms the Savior in the soul.

3. Let us for this faith contend,  
sure salvation is the end;  
heaven already is begun,  
everlasting life is won.

4. Only let us persevere  
till we see our Lord appear,  
never from the Rock remove,  
saved by faith which works by love.

## **CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION**

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Church Council and Trustees Meetings:  
Monday 9/21 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Offering Counters Needed**

We currently have a shortage of counters and could use your help counting the weekly offerings. If you can help, please contact Pastor Don, Hannah, or Terry.

### **UPDATE: Emmaus Food Pantry**

If you would like to donate items to the Food Pantry, please drop off those items on *Sunday mornings or Tuesday afternoons ONLY*, so that a Food Pantry volunteer will be present. Please do not donate expired or damaged food items. If you have any Food Pantry questions or concerns, or know someone who has an emergency food need, please contact Lenore at 609-652-7123.

### **Food Pantry Items of the Month:**

Canned Soups & Chili (Hearty Soups or Low Sodium are preferred)  
Canned Ravioli & Pastas

### **Local Businesses**

We are blessed to have many small, local, and family owned businesses in our community. They are part of what makes up the special fabric, which makes this area unique. Please pray for and patronize them to show our support. We have a special thank you to those businesses that have supported Emmaus Church and our ministries: Pocket Full of Posies, Smithville Inn, Bellino's Market, Smithville Bakery & Coffee Shop, and Oyster Creek Restaurant.

### ***Hear Emmaus on the radio!***

**Sundays 11 AM on Praise FM:** 100.9 FM Manahawkin, 104.9 HD-3 Egg Harbor City, WJPG 88.1 Cape May Court House, WJPH 89.9 Woodbine  
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**Saturdays 5:30 am and 6:30 pm:** 100.9 FM Manahawkin

**Sundays 3:00 am and 9:30 am:**  
WJPG 88.1 Cape May Court House, WJPH 89.9 Woodbine