



Cleansing of the Temple, Pieter Aertsen (1508 - 1575)
Netherlands, in Private Collection

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday after Epiphany

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 21, 2018

10:45 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME – Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here. Infant and childcare (through preschool) are provided all morning in the nursery, the second room on the right through the door by the pulpit. Children through the age of 4 may proceed to the childcare room following the "Moment with Faith Kids" for the remainder of the service. Worship Bags are available in the back pews of the sanctuary.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lit as a symbol of our prayers for peace.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns

Prelude Fanfare

Arthur Bliss
(1891-1975)

*Please, stand if you are able.

*Call to Worship

Jack Nesbitt

One: Who is this who enters the doors of our temple, who overturns the tables, strews silver and gold on the floor, frees the sacrificial doves from gilded cages? Listen, as they rise, the beating of their wings is a song of loud hosanna.

All: **It is Jesus of Galilee, who comes to cleanse the great temple, to restore its subverted chambers to a house of hallowed prayer.**

One: Then let us open the doors of our hearts even wider, so he can cast out the thieves who would take what is sacred and tender and turn it hard as gold in a fist.

All: **May the temple within us be a refuge where doves of peace roost in the rafters.**

One: May it be a garden that bears the fruits of a generous spirit.

All: **For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.**
Amen.

*Hymn 403 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER

Prayer of Confession

Jack Nesbitt

Prince of all Peace, God of all Grace, we open our hearts to you, knowing that we are the temple in which you make your home. Cast out what needs to be cast out – our rules and our regulations that have nothing to do with love. Cast out what needs to be cast out and fill us with all we need to be filled. As disciples of Christ, as dancers in the Holy Spirit, as children of our creator, we pray. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

Jack Nesbitt

One: Through Christ, the dividing walls have been broken down.

All: **We have been given the hope that we can live in new ways.**

One: Such a gift surely sets us free!

All: **We are free! And we will rise as God's freely chosen ones, shining in our world with love!**

***Sung Response 841** God Is My Strong Salvation

WEDLOCK



1 God is my strong sal - va - tion; what foe have I to fear?



In per - il and temp - ta - tion my light, my help, is near.



Though hosts en - camp a - round me, firm to the fight I stand;



what ter - ror can con - found me, with God at my right hand?

***The Peace of Christ**

Jack Nesbitt

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Rev. Burns

Prayer for Illumination

Jack Nesbitt

One: God has not stopped calling; God has not stopped speaking. Let us pray for understanding of God's word in our day.

All: **God of prophets, both ancient and modern, open our spirits to your voice; open our hearts to your call; give us the will and the courage to go forward in faith. Amen.**

Lesson John 2:13-25

Jack Nesbitt

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Sermon "It's the Annual Meeting – What Could Go Wrong?" Rev. Burns

***Hymn 301** Let Us Build a House TWO OAKS

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Rev. Burns

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from

the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

OFFERING

Offertory Anthem Jesu, Joy to Man's Desiring

Johann Sebastian Bach

Jesu, joy of our desiring holy wisdom, love most bright drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light Word of God, our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned striving still to truth unknown soaring, dying round Thy throne

Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings, where the flock in Thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs. Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure, theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure. Thou dost ever lead Thine own, in the love of joys unknown.

Offering Prayer

*Congregational Response 710 We Lift Our Voices

OFFERING

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our
lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our
voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
lives; they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we
give to you, we give to you. We lift our
voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering; we are an offering.

TO GO FORTH INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE IN CHRIST'S NAME

***Hymn 321** The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

***Benediction**

Rev. Burns

Go into the world in peace. Have courage. Return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint hearted and support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor every person that you meet. Love and serve the Lord. Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The service concludes with the following postlude.

Postlude Finale from Variations on Aurelia

Janet Linker

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music & Organist
Jack Nesbitt, Liturgist
The Chancel Choir**

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting *following worship today*

Plan to attend the Annual Meeting and Luncheon. The 2018 budget will be presented and there will be a vote to change the pastor's terms of call. We prayerfully request that you attend.

Sunday Adult Forum 9:15 a.m. – Woodmont Room

January theme is **Baltimore, Post Freddy Gray**

28th – Power of Peace, Rev. Michael Asbury Hunt

Wednesday Bible Study: 11:00 a.m. – Woodbourne Room, all are welcome. Join us for lively discussion on the upcoming Sunday lesson. No preparation is required.

January 24 – John 3:1-21
January 31 – John 4:1-42

Book Club Monday, January 22, 7:00 p.m.

At Pat & Jack Nesbitt's home, please come and enjoy a discussion of David McCullough's book *The Wright Brothers*.

African Children's Choir Concert Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.

St Matthews Catholic Church

The African Children's Choir is composed of African children, aged 7 to 10 years old. Many have lost one or both parents through the devastation of war, famine and disease. They represent all the children of a continent. The children melt the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles and delightful African tunes, accompanied by ethnic instrumentation. The program features well-loved children's songs, hand clapping, traditional spirituals and contemporary tunes.



Faith Family Movie Night

Who: Faith's Kids and their parents

What: Minute to Win it Games, Pizza, Movie

When: Friday, 2/16/18, 6-8 PM

Where: Faith's Fellowship Hall

Why: Time for parents to connect and kids to have FUN!

RSVP Robin Nemser (robin.nemser@gmail.com)

Joys and Concerns may be written before the service in a special book in the narthex. The book will be brought to the minister before the prayer.

Please pray for our homebound members:

Betty Bunce

Nancy Stutzer

Christian Dunyoh

Betty Lou Tampieri

Esmie & Leon Stirling

Dot Weller

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Session

Mike Billings, Clerk

2018	2019	2020
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Krista Wallace	Randy Woodfield	Carl Herber

Deacons

Dawn Shirey, Moderator

2018	2019	2020
Anna Burns	Ken Archie	Chandra Jackson
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Dawn Shirey	Mary Hodgson	
	Robin Nemser	

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Free Concert

Black History Month



Daniel Rich
Baritone
February 23, 7:00

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