



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 7, 2017

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 *Adagio* from Organ Sonata No. 1

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

*Call to Worship

Jay Chalfant

**Please stand if you are able.*

(The congregation will read the words in bold.)

One: Come and see, come and see!

All: We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.

One: Come and see, come and see!

All: We come with open hearts to experience Jesus.

One: Come and see, come and see!

All: We come to be closer to God.

One: Come and see, come and see!

All: Yes, we come and we will follow the one who calls us.

*Hymn 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

Prayer of Confession

Jay Chalfant

Jesus asks us to come and see. Sometimes we find it inconvenient to drop everything and to come and take a look. Sometimes we may stop and look, but we do not see what we expect to – maybe the sight is too ordinary or too seemingly insignificant or too humble. Sometimes we look, but keep moving on. God of the lowly stable and of the one from Nazareth, forgive us for our inability to notice your appearance in our midst. Forgive us for walking by the stables of the world. Forgive us for not paying attention to the stars.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

Jay Chalfant

One: In Christ, God gives us a new light to help us see. God shows us a well-lit path to wholeness and forgiveness, to courage and clarity. Let us walk in the light.

All: Thanks be to God.



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

Jay Chalfant

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

Jay Chalfant

God of light and love, may we be gathered together in the sound of your word.
May we find illumination in the sound of your word and may we discover again
our Savior's call to discipleship.

Lesson John 1:35-51

Jay Chalfant

One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

Sermon

"Come and See"

Rev. Burns

*Hymn 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Offering

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling

***Congregational Response 710 We Lift Our Voices**

OFFERING

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are as follows:

We lift our voic-es; we lift our hands; we lift our
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our
 voic - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our
 lives: they are yours: we are an of-fer - ing.
 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
 voic - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

Offering Prayer

Invitation

Rev. Burns

One: We have come asking for the child – Wondering where that love might be born, seeking that joy that might satisfy our thirst, wandering through the darkness of so many mistakes.

All: We have come to this place where wise-people and shepherds and a young woman met.

One: We have come to this place called Bethlehem – to this place where our hearts rise like yeast; to this place where we meet our newborn hope; to this place where we taste our deepest joy.

All: In Bethlehem, where we assumed the worst, imagined that no good can come, we somehow missed its name. Bethlehem: Lehem meaning bread. Bethel meaning house.

One: There is something here that will satisfy our hunger. No matter how long we have wandered, here our hearts arise. Our light has come.

All: In this bread and in this cup, we celebrate something we can't quite understand. Because God has made a house at this table. Because God satisfies our hunger in the most unlikely places. Because God comes to be with us. Now and always.

One: It is with this expectation that we come to the table to taste and see that God is here.

Communion Prayer

Rev. Burns

Holy Spirit, come into this bread and this cup. Transform these ordinary objects as you change our hearts to shape and form your world with the joy you promise. Pour your grace upon us, so we overflow with your love. Help us to remember how a newborn baby might grow into a little child that would one day turn to his hope-filled friends in an upper room...and once again invite them to "come and see". Amen.

Words of Institution

Rev. Burns

Communion *Cubed bread is gluten-free. Please come to the front of the sanctuary via the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the chalice, then partake and return to your seat by way of a side aisle.*

Prayer

Rev. Burns

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

***Hymn 744** Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

***Benediction**

Rev. Fuller Burns

And now let us step out...into our waiting world, into a new year. May we discover what the wise who traveled this path before us knew: the treasure of this map is buried not at journey's end, but at its beginning. May the blessing of God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be with us now and always. **Amen.**

~ adapted from Jan Richardson

The service concludes following the postlude.

Postlude Sortie in C

Henry Smart
(1911-1940)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music
Jay Chalfant, Liturgist
The Chancel Choir

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Session Meeting *tomorrow, 7:00 p.m. Woodbourne Room*

Annual Congregational Meeting *following worship January 21*

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 you attend.

2017 Contribution Statements and End of Year

Faith will close out the year on January 8, 2018. The final contributions for 2017 will be due then, checks received after this date will be recorded as 2018.

Please date checks in the year you would like them recorded. Call the office with questions about your pledge or if you would like your 2017 Contribution report before mid-January.

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

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

14th – Changing the Narrative, Heather Harvison

21st – Mayor's Program to Reduce Violence, Kerry Yerico

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 10 – John 2:1-11

January 17 – No Class

January 24 – John 3:1-21

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:

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