



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Souper Bowl Sunday

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 4, 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

### Minute for Mission

Chandra Jackson

### Prelude Talk About a Child that Do Love Jesus

African American Spiritual  
arr. Calvin Taylor  
(b. 1948)

### \*Call to Worship

Peyton Lemon

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

*(The congregation will read the words in bold.)*

One: Come to the waters, all you who are thirsty: children who need water free from diseases, women who need respite from labor and searching, plants that need moisture rooted near the bedrock, find here a living spring.

**All: O God, may we thirst for your waters of justice, and learn to deny no one the water of life.**

### \*Hymn 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

### Prayer of Confession

Peyton Lemon

**God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives: the brittle words we have thought and spoken, the relationships that are crumbling, the arid perspective that centers on self, the cracked and jagged edges of our world. Hear our confession, O God and rain down your mercy upon us. Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

### Assurance of Pardon

Peyton Lemon

Jesus says, "Those who drink the water that I give them, will never be thirsty. The water that I give will become in them, a spring of living water."



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

Peyton Lemon

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**

Peyton Lemon

God of the ages, you send refreshing water to quench the thirst of your people. Open us to the words of the scripture this day so that they may refresh us on our journey of faith. Allow these words to meet the dry places in our lives and sustain us as God's people in this place. **Amen.**

**Lesson** John 4: 1-42

Judy Sperling  
Ron Sperling  
Peyton Lemon

One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

"Words Matter"

Rev. Burns

\*Hymn 494 Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

QUEBEC

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offering**

**Offertory** Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

African American Spiritual

arr. Katy Strand

(b. 1947)

I'm gonna sing when the spirit says sing. When the spirit says sing I'm gonna sing right along. Hallelujah! I'm gonna jump up when the spirit says jump. Jump up! Gonna jump right up. I'm gonna clap when the spirit says clap. Gonna clap! When the spirit says clap I'm gonna clap my hands. Bah! I'm gonna shout when the spirit says shout! You got to shout! When the spirit says shout I'm gonna shout right out. Shout it out! Hallelujah!

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

OFFERING

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

Hear the gracious words of our Savior Jesus Christ: Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

I am the bread of life. Those who come to me shall not hunger, and those who believe in me shall never thirst. No one who comes to me will I cast out.

Happy are those who hunger and thirst to do what is right, for they shall be filled.

## Communion Prayer

Rev. Burns

Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world, for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Guiding his children, he leads us. Visiting the sick, he heals us. Dying on the cross, he saves us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Living with you, he prays for us.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the death and resurrection of our Lord. Receive our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord. Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast. Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love, that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.

We pray you, eternal God, through Christ your word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever. **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 539** We Will Go Out with Joy

WE WILL GO OUT WITH JOY

\***Benediction**

Rev. Fuller Burns

One: The love of God is at home in us.

**All: We go out in peace.**

One: The justice of Jesus is at home in us.

**All: We go out in hope.**

One: The wildness of God's spirit is at home in us.

**All: We go out in wonder and joy.**

*The service concludes following the postlude.*

**Postlude** *Sinfonia* from Cantata  
"Wir danken dir, Gott"

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

**LEADING WORSHIP TODAY**

**Rev. Christa Fuller Burns**, *Pastor*  
**Dr. Samuel Springer**, *Minister of Music*  
**Peyton Lemon**, *Liturgist*  
**Judy Sperling**, *Reader*  
**Ron Sperling**, *Reader*  
**The Chancel Choir**

**FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Deacon's Meeting** *February 6, 7:00 p.m. – Woodmont Room*

**Souper Bowl of Caring** – *Today!* Look for Faith Kids with Soup Pots following worship. Please give generously.

More than 28 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Today donations will go to support GEDCO CARES Pantry.

**Super Bowl Party** *Tonight, 6:30 – Woodmont Room*

You are invited to join friends and family for a Super Bowl party! Watch the game on the big screen, there will be games, contests and prizes. Pot Luck, snacks and BYO...beverage.

Contact Mike Billings for more information at [mwbjr@verizon.net](mailto:mwbjr@verizon.net).

**Ash Wednesday** *February 14, 6:00 p.m.*

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. As has been our custom, we will gather in the Woodmont Room to share a meal of homemade soups and fresh bread. Following the meal, we will move to the chapel for a meditative Taizé Service and the imposition of ashes. Why Taizé? In 1940 Brother Roger arrived in Taizé, France with a dream of building an ecumenical community devoted to prayer and reconciliation. Over time the community multiplied, but the music of Taizé has kept true to its origins of simple, repetitive prayer set to music and sung in unison in a manner that creates both shared community and personal reflection. If you can contribute soup, please let Judy Sperling know.

**Sunday Adult Forum** *9:15 a.m. – Woodmont Room*  
February 11, 18, & 25

**Minority Women's Approach to Theology**

Arthur Sutherland, Ph.D. will lead the discussion.

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

**February 7** – John 9:1-14  
**February 14** – John 11:1-44  
**February 21** – John 13:1-17



### **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](mailto:robin.nemser@gmail.com))**

**POTUS Potluck** *Sundays 6:00 p.m., Woodmont Room*

Bring a dish to share and be home before 9:00 p.m.

**February 18** – Lincoln

**February 25** – The American President

**March 4** – All the President's Men

**March 11** - Dave

**Black History Month Concert** *Friday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.*

Daniel C.X. Rich, *baritone* will present a concert by African American composers, spiritual arrangements and songs set to the texts of Black poets.

Daniel has performed with several opera companies including the role of Surnani in an operetta commissioned by The Smithsonian and the Sultanate of Oman. Most recently, he took the rolls of Horseman in Strauss' *Rosenkavalier* and Falstaff in Verdi's *Falstaff*. Daniel is a graduate of Morgan State, and currently a graduate student at Manhattan School of Music.

A meet the artist reception will follow.

### **Dinners for Eight 2018**

The Church Growth Committee is excited to invite the congregation to our 2018 Dinners for Eight on **Saturday, March 3 at 6:00**. We already have two wonderful members who have volunteered to host a dinner for the first time!

Would you consider hosting this year? The responsibilities for the host are to provide a home for dinner, the main dish (ex. lasagna, pork loin, your favorite chicken recipe, etc.) and drinks of your choosing. The guests volunteer to bring side dishes and dessert. For those folks who require an accessible home, we will be hosting a dinner at Faith for the third time. If your home is too small to host

a Dinner for Eight, consider being the host at church (you won't even have to clean your house!).

Please call or email Robin Nemser (443-570-9710; robin.nemser@gmail.com) or Paula Burger (443-928-8091; paulapburger@gmail.com) to volunteer to host or to attend a party. Don't miss this great opportunity to make connections with other Faith members.

**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	Christian Dunyoh	Esmie & Leon Stirling
Nancy Stutzer	Betty Lou Tampieri	Dot Weller

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### Session

Mike Billings, Clerk

2018	2019	2020
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