



Divine love always has met and
always will meet every human need.

~ Mary Baker Eddy

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 14, 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.*

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lit as a prayer for peace.

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Randal Woodfield

Prelude Prelude on the spiritual "O Fix Me"

J. Roland Braithwaite
(b. 1927)

*Call to Worship

Phyllis Compton

One: Brothers and sisters, the extravagant love of God has called us together.

All: For long before we were even aware of it, God knew us.

One: He had already chosen us to be part of his family—children of God!

All: And having chosen us, he called us;

One: and having called us, he justified us;

All: and having justified us, he gave us his glory!

One: What extravagant love is this!

All: So come, let's worship God together!

***Hymn 12** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Prayer of Confession

Holy God, sometimes in life we get a raw deal. Things don't go our way. Someone lies. Someone takes advantage of us. It is easy then to turn aside from our calling. It is easy then to indulge ourselves to the detriment of others. It is too easy to wind up centered on ourselves and to forget your call to love our neighbors. In those moments, we are no better than those who have hurt us. Offered life-transforming discipleship, we turn away. But for you, nothing is final. Life is full of new beginnings, second and third and fourth starts. Forgive us, and turn us once more to you. Call us again, and give us the strength to follow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is observed.

Assurance of Pardon

One: Who is to condemn?

All: It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes who was raised, who is at the right hand of God who indeed intercedes for us.

One: Believe in the promise of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Sung Response 695** Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

*The Peace of Christ

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

Dawn Shirey

Prayer for Illumination

God, whom we know through the scriptures and creation, speak to us in this hour. Show us the wisdom and joy of your ways that we may know what is good and do what is right, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lesson Romans 8: 26-39

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One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

"God Is a Yankees' Fan"

Rev. William Ingram

***Hymn 786** Why Stand So Far Away, My God?

MORNING SONG

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

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 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. Roy Ringwald
(1910-1995)

Precious Lord, take my hand, Bring me home through the night, Through the dark, through the storm, to Thy light. I have been to the mount, I have seen the Promised Land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, Bring Thy child home at last, Where the strife and the pain all are past: I have dreamed a great dream That Thy love shall rule our land: Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand. Precious Lord, take my hand, Take Thy child unto Thee, With my dream of a world that is free For that day when all flesh Joins the glory Thou hast planned, Precious Lord, precious Lord, take my hand.

***Offering Response 659** Know That God Is Good

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Offering Prayer

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

***Hymn 724** O Jesus, I Have Promised

ANGEL'S STORY

***Benediction**

The service concludes following the postlude

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. William Ingram, *Guest Preacher*
Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music*
Phyllis Compton, *Liturgist*
Dawn Shirey, *Children's Sermon*
The Chancel Choir

We welcome **Rev. William Ingram** to the pulpit. He was born in Washington, DC, and raised in Richmond, VA. Bill has two grown children and two teenage granddaughters. He graduated from the University of Richmond with a B.A and Union Theological Seminary in VA (now Union Presbyterian Seminary) with a D.Min. Bill was the pastor of two Baptist congregations in Virginia. Currently retired, he lives with his partner in Towson.

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social & Environmental Justice Meeting *today following worship, Woodbourne Room*
All are welcome. Questions? See Karen Meyers.

Sunday Adult Forum 9:15 a.m. – Woodmont Room
October 21 – Midterm Elections led by Charles Minor
October 28 – Desolation in this Divisive Season led by Deb Colmers and Bill Millen

Session Meeting Monday
There is a regular Session meeting Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Woodbourne Room. Please let the office know if you cannot attend.

In Search of Advent Festival Facilitator
Faith Church is looking for a volunteer to facilitate this year's Annual Advent Festival. We would love someone to take on this one day event with the help of folks who have facilitated in the past. The main responsibility is planning the meal, as the Deacons coordinate the Alternative Gift Table. Decorations, music, crafts are options, but we're really looking for new ideas. Maybe you'd consider teaming up with a friend to make it more fun and less work. Please contact Robin Nemser to volunteer! (443-570-9710, robin.nemser@gmail.com)

Your Input Is Requested
The Session is considering naming a meeting room or special area in honor of our retired pastor Christa Fuller Burns. Suggestions are being considered for whether this is the proper time for this action and which room or area would be named in her honor. Please submit your suggestions or comments in writing in the offering plate, to the church administrator or in an email to the Clerk of Session, Mike Billings - mwbjr@verizon.com.

Book Club October 29th & November 26th at the Nesbitts.

For October, we are reading *Galileo's Daughter: a Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love* by **Dava Sobel**,. For November -*The Chilbury Ladies Choir: A Novel* by **Jennifer Ryan** unfolds the struggles, affairs, deceptions, and triumphs of a village choir during WW II. Everyone is welcome.

Our Sunday Child Caretaker

Rosemary Miller, our child caretaker is ill and won't be here for some time. She would appreciate cards; please send them to the church office to be forwarded.

CARES

Your donation, large or small, of any non-perishable food will make a difference. On behalf of GEDCO CARES' clients, thank you for your continued outpouring of generosity.

Seeking Nursery Attendants

Robin Nemser is looking for volunteers to fill Rosemary Miller's vacancy as Nursery Attendant. You won't miss the sermon, as the service can be heard through the speakers in the nursery. The job is very easy and consists of the following:

Expectations for Nursery Attendant

1. Arrive at 10:30
2. If no children are in attendance by 11:00, feel free to go to worship, but sit close to the hallway door in case someone arrives late.
3. Care for the children in the nursery by playing with them, changing diapers, providing comfort, following parents' instruction.
4. Obtain parents' cell phone number in the case that they are needed during the service.
5. If appropriate, take the children into the sanctuary during the "time with Children," then return to the nursery.

See Robin Nemser or call (443-570-9710) to pick your Sunday!

Yoga at Faith

Gentle Yoga class is led by certified instructor, **Leanora Eubanks**. All are welcome, experienced or new to yoga. Come and try it out on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:15 in September. Where: the Chapel; Cost: \$40/4 sessions or \$12.50/drop in. To register or for more information call the church office 410-435-4330.

Habitat for Humanity, Save the Dates!

Here are the work dates that you all have been waiting for! Fall/Winter Build Dates for the McCabe Project are listed below. Contact **Natalie Wallace** if you are able to work any of the dates. Nrew62@msn.com or 410-207-7190.

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope

Fridays October 26, November 2, 9 & 30.

Saturdays October 20, November 10 & 17, December 1.

There is a maximum of 10 people per day. First come first serve! More dates will be available for December, January, February and March.

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.

Shredding by Andre

Andre Slacum is a Faith Church member who volunteers here at Faith; one of his favorite activities is shredding. He provides a service to Faith Church by offering his shredding services here at the church. Bring your **sensitive documents** to church and place them in the box in the workroom marked "Shredding for Andre" or give them to Robin Nemser. You will be helping Andre, and he will return the favor to you. Start purging those file drawers!

Please pray for our homebound members:

Betty Bunce

Esmie & Leon Stirling

Nan Pohl

Nancy Stutzer

June Rowe

Betty Lou Tampieri

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