



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

World Communion Sunday

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 7, 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 prayer for peace.*

**Words of Welcome and Announcements**

**Randal Woodfield**

**Minute for Mission**

**Susan Minor**

**Prelude** Prelude for Organ

Fanny Mendelssohn  
(1805-1847)

*\* Please stand if you are able.*

**\*Call to Worship**

**Mike Shirey**

One: Welcome to this place.

**All: Where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side, where heaven and earth embrace in peace, where God has been, is, and always will be.**

One: Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

**All: Where we find God's love, where we hear the tender voice of Jesus, where the Spirit teaches us new songs.**

One: Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

**All: Where we bring our hunger, and find food; where we bring our brokenness, and find healing; where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.**

**\*Hymn 611** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

### **Call to Reconciliation**

We marginalize peace, yet it is the horizon towards which we journey. We are divided from others, not so much by belief, but by fear. On this day of unity around God's Table with our sisters and brothers throughout the world, let us confess how we have not lived as God's beloved children. Please join me as we pray, saying,

### **Prayer of Confession**

**We have not been your people, Preparer of Peace. When we could see our brother Jesus in others, we turn away from those who are unlike us, who scare us. When we could offer peace to those around us, we break our promises, we hoard grudges in our hearts, we pander to prejudice. When we could speak of hope, we fling words that shatter another's heart. When we could live as one with all people, we try to push them as far away from us as possible.**

**Redeem us, Lover of Peace, and pour out your grace upon us. May the warmth of your tenderness melt our frozen souls, may the balm of your words mend any broken hearts we have damaged, may we be as trusting and vulnerable as a little child, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Brother, into your kingdom of joy.**

*Silence is observed.*

## Assurance of Pardon

One: The forgiveness of God be upon you; the peace of Christ rest upon you; the grace of the Holy Spirit be the gift which is placed in your life, this day and forever.

**All: From this day to the end of eternity, we are God's children: citizens of God's kingdom, brothers and sisters of the Prince of Peace. 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

### Prayer for Illumination

O God, draw us into your community of love with people across the ages and around the world. By the Holy Spirit that binds us together, speak to us that what we read and ponder may enliven us and broaden us to trust and follow you; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**Lesson** Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; 13:2

One: This is the word of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

"Angels and Strangers"

**Rev. Doris Cowan**

\***Hymn 749** Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

## OFFERING

**Offertory** Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

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

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**Offering Prayer**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Invitation**

**Rev. Bill Millen**

Friend, this is the joyful feast of the People of God. Today we join with people around the world as we gather at the Lord's table. Let us pray.

## Thanksgiving Prayer

One: May the Lord be with you, little children of the kingdom.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, open your hearts to God.

**All: As we seek to walk in integrity in the kingdom, we offer our hearts to God for wisdom and peace.**

One: Come to the table which has been prepared for you, with songs of thanksgiving in your hearts.

**All: With this people gathered in this place, we give thanks to God for all the blessings which are ours.**

One: Long ago, so long ago only you can remember, imaginative God, you brought creation into being, subjecting chaos to your will. It was fitting for you to do this, for your word shaped glory into mountains, fields, and streams; your Holy Spirit breathed hope into all that has life in you.

So, with those who gather around tables of peace and hope in every corner of our world, and with those who are with you in glory, we offer our praises to you with glad songs:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of glory and goodness! All creation joins in one voice in glorifying you. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the Pioneer of our redemption. Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Pour out the spirit of the Prince of Peace, upon the gifts of the bread and the cup, not only on those gathered in this place, but on all your children throughout the world: on those who gather around war-scarred tables and at the tailgates of military vehicles, longing to pass the bread of life from hand to hand, mouth to mouth, until all have been fed; and on those who stand on both sides of walls built by hatred and fear, daring to share the cup of salvation with those labeled as the 'enemy' until all are graced.

And when the eons of our fighting and destruction are done, when all of your children are gathered in peace around your table of glory and grace in heaven, we will bless you in that great congregation, singing our love, our hope, our joy to you, God in Community, Holy in One.

**All: Amen.**

## Words of Institution

**Communion** (by intinction) *Gluten-free, cubed bread is available on each tray. 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.*

**Hymn 530** One Bread, One Body

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

## Prayer after Communion

One: Let us pray. We will go from this place,

**All: To sit at the side of those forgotten by the world, as we are welcomed by their grace and God's holy presence.**

One: We will go to wherever your children gather to be blessed by their love as they echo Jesus' gentle voice. We will go with our hunger and be fed; we will go with our brokenness and be healed; we will offer ourselves and be

accepted by the Holy Spirit, who lives and works in every person we will meet. **Amen.**

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

\***Hymn 770** I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

\***Benediction**

*The service concludes following the postlude.*

**Postlude** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

John Behnke  
(b. 1953)

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**Rev. Doris Cowan**, *Parish Associate*

**Rev. Bill Millen**, *Parish Associate*

**Samuel Springer**, *Organist*

**Mike Shirey**, *Liturgist*

**The Chancel Choir**

## FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Finance Meeting** *Monday, October 8, 7:00 in Woodmont Room*

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

**October 7** - Planning Your Memorial Service led by **Rev. Bill Millen**

**October 14** - Midterm Election led by **Mary Pat Clark**, City Council

**October 21** – Midterm Election led by **Charles Minor**

**October 28** – Desolation in this Divisive Season led by **Deb Colmers** and **Bill Millen**

### **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, and 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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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, and following parents' instructions.
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 "Moment with Faith Kids," and then return to the nursery.

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

## **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.

## **2019 Cuba Encuentro**

The Presbytery of Baltimore's partnership with El Centro Presbytery in Cuba invites you to attend its 6<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual Gathering to be held February 15-22, 2019. Spend three days as a guest of one of El Centro's 13 congregations, and then gather with the group for four days of celebration, worship, and study.

Cost is \$1200 all expenses included; \$300 is deposit required by Thursday, November 15. Scholarships may be available. Contact **Audrey Trapp**, 410-466-2133 or [audreytrapp@comcast.net](mailto:audreytrapp@comcast.net)

## **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!

## **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 served! More dates will be available for December, January, February and March.

### **Yoga at Faith**

Gentle Yoga class are led by 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.

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

### **Please pray for our homebound members:**

Betty Bunce

Nan Pohl

June Rowe

Esmie & Leon Stirling

Nancy Stutzer

Betty Lou Tampieri

## Faith Presbyterian Church's Ministry

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### **Session**

Mike Billings, Clerk

2019	2020	2021
Kay Ballard	Mike Billings	Ellsworth Jackson
JoAnn Robey	Scott Bissett	Karen Meyers
Neil Nemser	Bobby Hall	Mike Shirey
Randy Woodfield	Carl Herber	Audrey Trapp

### **Deacons**

Susan Minor, Moderator

2019	2020	2021
Karen Burd	Chandra Jackson	Gail Poorbaugh
Lauren Hill	Susan Minor	Natalie Wallace
Mary Hodgson	Mozella Williams	Sharon Will
Robin Nemser		

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