God Shows No Partiality, acrylic and water color
Erick Ayoti, (b. 1989) Kenya

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday after Epiphany

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 12, 2020

10:45 a.m.

Welcome to Faith Church; we are glad you are here.
Childcare for infants and preschoolers is provided all morning in the nursery,
the second room on the right through the door by the pulpit.
Children attending Church School will be escorted
by teachers to class following "Time with Faith Kids.".

THE CHURCH GATHERS

The candle is lighted as a prayer for peace.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Puer natus in Bethlehem* Dieterich Buxtehude
A child is born in Bethlehem (1637-1707)

**Please rise in body or in spirit; unison parts are in bold.*

***Call to Worship** **Jay Chalfont**

One: O Lord, open my lips,
All: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise
One: I will sing to the Lord with my whole heart.
All: O Lord, give energy that my voice may be heard.
One: Happy are those who live within the circle of your grace.
All: O Lord, confirm your life in us.
Almighty God, come and revive us,
Sustain us, and fill us with joy in your presence.
In this new year, instill in us a willing and graceful spirit.

***Hymn** O God, Beyond All Praising THAXTED
see insert

Prayer of Confession

God of all majesty and power,
you have created this world in goodness,
and called us into fellowship with you.
We confess that we have turned from this calling:
we give our loyalty to other gods,
we allow ourselves to turn from the truth,
we separate ourselves from those who need our ministry.
God of love, by your Word and Spirit,
we seek your help in fulfilling your intentions for us;
fill us with the good gifts you give to meet life's demands,
help us to be your pilgrim people in the world.
Guide us, that we may live this new year 2020.
In the confidence and joy of Jesus Christ. Amen.

moment of silence

Assurance of Pardon
One: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Sung Response** Iona Community

Glory and gratitude and praise now let earth to heaven raise;
Glory and gratitude and praise: these we offer to God.

*__The Peace of Christ__

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

TO PROCLAIM AND EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

Time with Faith Kids

Sung Prayer for Illumination
Hymn 288 Spirit of the Living God LIVING GOD
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. *(repeat)*
melt me, mold me, fill me, use me…
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayer for Illumination **Rev. Jack Hodges**

First Lesson Isaiah 42:1, 5-7 *page 670*

Second Lesson Acts 10:34-43 *page 129*

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon "Never Forget The Main Thing Is The Main Thing" **Rev. Hodges**

*__Hymn 435__ There's a Wideness in God's Mercy IN BABILONE

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 Anthem Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Martin How (b. 1931)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation, Jesus, of God and Mary the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, O thou my soul's delight and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the verdure and bloom of spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes the saddest heart to sing. Fair are the flowers, fairer still the sons of men, in all the freshness of youth arrayed: Yet is their beauty fading and fleeting; My Jesus, thine will never fade.

*Doxology 607 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***Dedication of Self & Substance**

O God, you give us New Life in Christ Jesus.
With all that we have, and all that we are,
we seek to be faithful to this gift.
Accept our endeavors, amend our errors,
and guide our ambitions,
that we may know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
for Christ's sake. Amen.

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

***Hymn 463** How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION

***Charge to the Congregation and Benediction**

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Jack Hodges, *Guest Preacher*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music*
Jay Chalfont, *Liturgist*
Chancel Choir

Postlude *Allegro Moderato* John Stanley (1712-1786)

Faith welcomes **Rev. Jack Hodges** to the pulpit today. Jack is a retired Presbyterian minister who has hopelessly failed retirement. He has served five congregations from relatively large (978) to small (21) - small was the most fun. He is the General Presbyter Emeritus of Cascades Presbytery in Oregon, past member of the boards of the national Presbyterian Mission Agency, Presbyterian Foundation, San Francisco Theological Seminary, and the Jinishian Memorial Program. He is currently on the Board of Governors of Occidental College in Los Angeles. Jack and Diane have two children, Craig and his family live in Wallingford – a Philadelphia suburb, Karen and her family live in Baltimore. Jack does consulting under the name of The Kairos Group.

FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacons Meeting *Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in Woodbourne Room*

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Faith Presbyterian Church of Baltimore City will be held following worship on **January 26**. We will enjoy light lunch and fellowship before the meeting. Please make every effort to attend. The business will include the presentation of the 2020 budget. **Committee reports are due by Wednesday, January 15.**

2019 Contribution Statements and End of Year

Faith will close out the year on January 13, 2020. The final contributions for 2019 will be due then; checks received after this date will be recorded as 2020.

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 2019 contribution report before mid-January.

Offering Envelopes

The 2020 offering envelope are in the Jackson Lounge. If you don't have envelopes and would like them, or if you don't need envelopes, please contact the office.

Nursery Attendant Needed

A volunteer is needed each Sunday to cover the nursery. See **Robin Nemser or** put your name on the sign-up sheet by the nursery door.

January Adult Forum *Sundays 9:15 – Woodmont Room*

12th Loving Arms, Inc., led by **Cindy Williams,** CEO/Program Administrator
19th Armaninta Freedom Initiative, led by **Corinne Capobianco,** Certified Presenter
26th Kirwan Report, Strong Schools Maryland, led by **David Hornbeck,** Founder

Cuba Partnership Scholarship Fundraiser with Silent Auction

Cuba Partnership Scholarship Fundraiser, "Evening at the Paladar," Saturday January 25, 2020, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Music, Authentic Cuban Meal, Entertainment, Silent Auction, Raffle, Intergenerational Event in Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation for meal $10. For more information, see **Audrey Trapp** or **Mike Billings.**

The Session is sponsoring a fund raiser for the Cuba Partnership Scholarship Fund. Part of that fundraiser will involve a "Silent Auction". We need lots to make up our auction items. Things like - Art Work, Jewelry, Cook Books, Weekend Vacations, Dinners, Baby Sitting, Handy-Man Time, Furniture, Coupons, Cakes, Pies, Handmade Treats, Regifted Christmas Gifts, Kitchen Appliances, Floral Arrangements, Wreaths, Window Washing, Car Detailing. Let's see how creative we can get! Let Mike Billings (mwbjr@verizon.net) know how you can help.

Walter P. Carter School

The remaining Walter P. Carter Family/Community Engagement Nights are as follows:

February 18: African American History, Culture, and Talent Exposition
March 17: "Know Your Rights" (when interacting with law enforcement) and Self-Defense Night
April 21: Holistic Wellness Night
May 19: STEAM and Science Fair Night

All are Tuesday nights, and the time is 5:30-7:30. The school is located at 1101 Winston Ave. We do not yet know the dates of the planning sessions, but we will pass them along once we know. If you are interested in getting involved, please email **Karen Meyers** (karencmeyers@gmail.com) or let Diane know.

CARES Pantry

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. Food donations may be placed in the baskets outside the sanctuary doors. Please continue to donate to the Bread Fund; your gifts are used to purchase fresh produce.

Book Club *Monday, January 27-7:00 at the Nesbitts*

The Guest Book by Sarah Blake is an unforgettable love story, that follows three generations of a powerful American family. It is a novel about past mistakes and betrayals that ripple throughout generations. The Guest Book examines not just a privileged American family, but a privileged America.

Please pray for our homebound members:

Betty Bunce Beverly Baker Nan Pohl Nancy Stutzer

Please Pray for Our PNC

Karen Burd Paula Burger
Neil Nemser Pat Nesbitt
Mike Shirey Judy Sperling
Natalie Wallace Mozella Williams

Faith Presbyterian Church's Ministry

Rev. Mary Barrett Speers, *Interim Pastor*
maryfaithchurchbalt@gmail.com - 443-893-3717
Rev. Doris Cowan, *Parish Associate*
dw.cowan@verizon.net - 410-444-4731
Rev. Bill Millen, *Parish Associate*
bill.millen@comcast.net - 443-632-6047
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music*
widor1@yahoo.com - 410-483-0808

Session

Mike Billings, Clerk

2020	2021	2022
Mike Billings	Ellsworth Jackson	Paula Burger
Vivian Slacum	Karen Meyers	Andy Fuller
Bobby Hall	Mike Shirey	Neil Nemser
Carl Herber	Audrey Trapp	Charleen Witherspoon

Deacons

Susan Minor, Moderator

2020	2021	2022
Chandra Jackson	Leanora Eubanks	Lauren Hill
Ileana Martinez-Castillo	Gail Poorbaugh	Mary Hodgson
Susan Minor	Natalie Wallace	Robin Nemser
Mozella Williams	Sharon Will	Hannah Pope

The Faith Church's

CUBA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY

JANUARY 25TH 5:30 PM

FAITH CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

"THE PALADAR"

Music

Authentic Cuban Buffet

Entertainment, Silent Auction, Raffle,

Suggested donation $10 per person

Inter-generational Event

RSVP Church Office by 1/22/20

Ride Share Available

410-435-4330

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

How you can help!

Donate to the "Silent Auction"

Make a menu item

We are using a prescribed menu. Items will be made ahead, combined together with other recipes, and presented on a buffet. We need 12 people cooking these recipes

Help set up the festive environment

Manage the Silent Auction

Participate in the entertainment

Manage a Raffle

Help Serve and Assist

Clean up

Please call or email

Mike Billings

410-446-7725

mwbjr@verizon.net

All funds raised from this event will support the recently established Cuba Scholarship Fund to assist Faith members with the travel costs to visit our partners in the Meneses and Iguara Churches in Cuba, widening the circle of relationships.