



Light upon the Cathedral, (May 2008) National Cathedral, Washington DC  
Gerry Hofstetter, (b. 1962) Swiss

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Epiphany

## FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 5, 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.*

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

*The candle is lighted as a prayer for peace.*

### Words of Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mary B. Speers

**Prelude** Es ist ein' Ros' entsprungen  
*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming*

Johannes Brahms  
(1919-2009)

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

### \*Call to Worship

Jack Nesbitt

A dramatic reading from the Iona Community

### \*Hymn 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are

KINGS OF ORIENT

### Prayer of Confession

**God of Light, we come before you confessing our failure to live in the light of Jesus. So often, in weariness or fear, we leave it to someone else—anyone but us. So often we do harm when we mean to do good. So often we see all the hurt in your world and despair of doing any good at all. We forget that only you are God. We forget that we can do all things in Christ who strengthens us. Raise our spirits, renew our hope, and work through us to make a better world; for we pray in the strong name of Jesus, our brother, our savior, the Light of the World. Amen.**

*Silence is observed.*

### Assurance of Pardon

One: ...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### \*Sung Response 118 *verse 6*

CHRISTMAS

**All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;  
Good will to all from highest heaven, and to the earth be peace;  
and to the earth be peace.**

### \*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

### Sung Prayer for Illumination 150 *verse 1*

DIX

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold as with joy  
they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright; So, most  
gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to Thee.**

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sermon

"Keeping Christmas"

Rev. Speers

\*Hymn 158 Born in the Night, Mary's Child

MARY'S CHILD

### 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 Star of Wonder

Alan Bullard  
(b. 1947)

\*Offering Response 147 *verse 6*

THE FIRST NOWELL

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord, that hath made heav'n and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought: Nowell, Nowell...born is the King of Israel!

### Dedication of Self and Substance

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you. In returning these offerings to you, we offer our lives in your service. Follow these gifts with your blessing, that your light may shine in the darkest night. Amen.

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### The Invitation: Words of Institution

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*...the prayer continues*

#### Breaking of the Bread and Pouring the Wine

**Communion** *(by intinction)* So that all may be welcome at the table, please know that gluten-free, cubed bread is available on each tray, and "wine" is unfermented grape juice. Please come to the front of the sanctuary via the center aisle, take the bread and dip it into the chalice, partake and return to your seat by way of a side aisle.

## Prayer

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

**And all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul:

**And forget not all God's benefits. God our help: we thank you for this supper shared in the Spirit with your holy child Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for the light you have poured into our hearts, and pledge ourselves in turn to pour that light into the world you so love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

~ from Psalm 103

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

\***Hymn 136** Go Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

## \***Benediction**

*The service concludes following the postlude*

**Postlude** In dir ist Freude BWV 615  
In You Is Joy

Johann Sebastian Bach

### LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**Rev. Mary Barrett Speers, Interim Pastor**  
**Samuel Springer, Minister of Music**  
**Jack Nesbitt, Liturgist**  
**The Chancel Choir**

## FAITH FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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*

5<sup>th</sup> Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition, led by **Samuel Jordan**, President

12<sup>th</sup> Loving Arms, Inc., led by **Cindy Williams**, CEO/Program Administrator

19<sup>th</sup> Armaninta Freedom Initiative, led by **Corinne Capobianco**, Certified Presenter

26<sup>th</sup> Kirwan Report, Strong Schools Maryland, led by **David Hornbeck**, Founder

### **Silent Auction Coming Soon!**

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.

### **Save the Date**

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### **Walter P. Carter School**

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

January 21: Parent-Teacher Conference Night

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.

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

Betty Bunce

Beverly Baker

Nan Pohl

Nancy Stutzer

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