

Second Sunday of Advent: Peace
Sunday, December 5, 2021



Faith Presbyterian Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome to worship at Faith Presbyterian Church! We are glad you are joining us this morning. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubt, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that means you. As we begin our time together, take a few deep breaths and settle in, to make the transition from getting here to being here, and to prepare your mind and body for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland BWV 659

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

***Call to Worship**

Sondra Watkins

A voice cries out in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord!

In the parched, desert places of our lives:

Prepare the way of the Lord!

On the mountains, in the valleys,

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Let us worship God together.

***Hymn 93** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in you our ancestors trusted and lived in faith. Forgive our failure to live up to your call on our lives. You have commanded us to do what is just, but we have been complacent, even fearful of what it would take to bring justice in our world. You have offered us the path to healing, but we prefer to stick to the paths we know. Help us to remember your love which never lets us go, and help us trust that in you, we will always find wholeness and strength to do what is right. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*

WAITING

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
while we are wait - ing, come.
Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,
while we are wait - ing, come.

The musical score is written for a choir in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: '1 While we are wait - ing, come; while we are wait - ing, come. Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el, while we are wait - ing, come.'

Assurance of Grace

*Gloria 646 *Sing Out, My Soul*

MAGNIFICAT

Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and
glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul.
Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!

The musical score is written for a choir in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of vocal lines. The lyrics are: 'Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!'

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Robin Nemser

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Congregation responds:

Let us prepare for peace, light candles, and pray: Come, Emmanuel
the candles are lit

Advent Embodied Prayer

As a sign of our preparation for Christ's coming, we are creating a window with our prayers. The week we invite you to dome add color to the window, to show our hope in God's promise of a world made new.

Hymn 85 *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

TIF IN VELDELE

verse 1 & 2

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Music *Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Don McAfee
(b. 1935)

Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

This is the word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD*Hymn 105 *People, Look East*

BESANÇON

verses 1-4

Invitation to the Offering

If you wish to contribute online, please scan the QR code with your mobile device to be directed to Faith's online giving site.

**Offertory** *Rise Up Shepherd and Follow*arr. Ruth Morris Gray
(b 1961)**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION****Invitation to The Table****Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...*The prayer continues,*

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the faithful of every time and place, saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might—
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest!**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.****Hosanna in the highest!**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again...**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of Communion

If you are in the sanctuary, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup, and return by the outside aisle. Gluten free, dairy free bread is available in a dish on each plate. If you are at home, when the bread is broken, please break the bread. When the cup is poured, please pour it or touch the cup if you've already filled it. We give thanks that the Spirit is present wherever we are, knitting us together as the body of Christ in the world.

Prayer after Communion

Mighty God, holy is your name. We give you thanks for gathering us at your table, and nourishing us with the bread of life. Send us out accompanied by your Spirit, that we might be part of your life-giving work: lifting up those who are laid low, showing mercy to all who are in need, and feeding the bodies and hearts of all who are hungry. And all God's people say, amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 104** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol*

Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

Passing of the Peace and Fellowship

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist
Sondra Watkins, Liturgist
Lenora Eubanks, Zoom Moderator
Dawn Shirey, PowerPoint
Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera

****Joys and Concerns:** We are a community who prays with and for each other. There is a book in the narthex where you may write your joys and concerns, to be included in the Prayers of the People and shared in our weekly prayer chain email. If you would like to be added to the prayer chain email: faithchurchbalt@gmail.com

This week we pray for:

Neal Hairston
John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family

Robert Ingram
Ann Scheck
Faith's homebound members

Announcements

The Forum *Sundays 9:15 Woodbourne Room & Zoom*

Advent November 28 through December 19

Advent Study *Mary Had a Baby: An Advent Study based on African American Spirituals* by Cheryl Kirk-Duggan and Marilyn Thornton

December

12th Children Go Where I Send Thee
19th Go Tell It on the Mountain

Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 a.m. in Woodbourne Room & Zoom

Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome!

Hand Bells and Chancel Choir *Rehearsal Thursdays*

The Faith Bell Choir rehearses at 6pm. Never played bells? We'll teach you everything you need to know. You get to wear white gloves and be a part of a fun-loving bunch. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 7pm, come and make a joyful noise with your friends at Faith!

Steel Pan Drums

A new, all ages group is forming now, rehearsal will be on Saturdays at 10. Please contact Samuel, widor1@yahoo.com, if you are interested.

Welcoming Visitors to Faith Church

Visitors are welcome at Faith – we are a community that seeks, stands, and serves together. If you would like to learn more about how to join us in that ministry by becoming a member of our congregation, email the pastor Cat Goodrich, cgoodrichpcbalt@gmail.com.

Prayground – children are welcome at Faith! At the front of the sanctuary, there is a *Prayground* for younger ones. There you will find books, coloring pages, children's bulletins, and other quiet activities to keep small hands busy during worship.

Restroom – the closest restroom is outside the door at the front of the sanctuary (by the pulpit), just turn right.