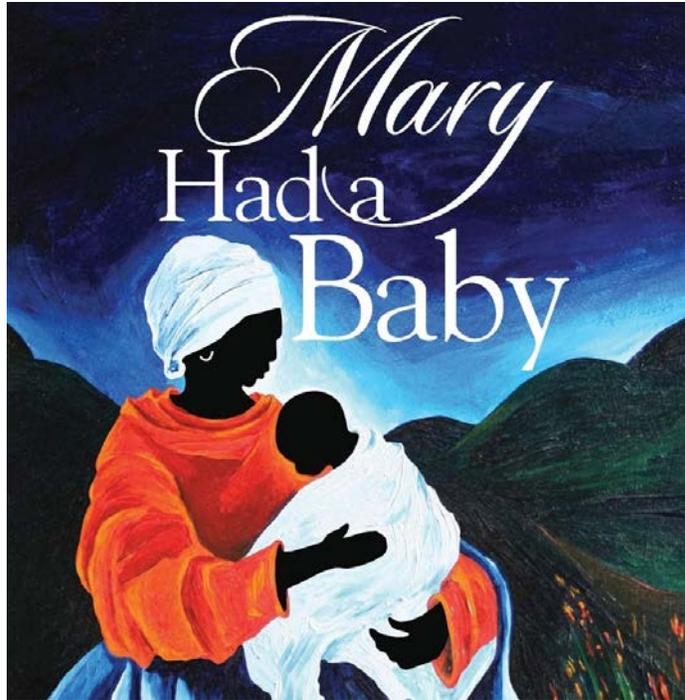


First Sunday of Advent: Hope
Sunday, November 28, 2021



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.

Faith Presbyterian Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns **

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *Wachet auf!* BWV 645
(Sleepers Awake!)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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

***Call to Worship**

Lauren Hill

We gather with expectation that where our lives are dry and parched, the living waters of the Spirit will revive us and bring forth new life.

Emmanuel, come quickly!

We gather with anticipation that in those places in our community which feel barren or broken, the Lord of the harvest will bring forth abundance, healing, and restoration.

Emmanuel, come quickly!

We gather with confidence that when we are weary and heavy laden, the God of all goodness will cover us with compassion and give us rest.

Emmanuel, come quickly!

***Hymn 88** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

verses 1-3

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we are dubious of angels, and we disbelieve good news. We doubt what we cannot prove and ignore what we cannot see. We hope for little and expect even less. Forgive us when we accept the world as it is instead of looking with expectation toward what you promise is coming – grace, goodness, justice, and peace. 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 voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. 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." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

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 voice in the treble clef. It is in the key of D major and 4/4 time. 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!" The melody is simple and rhythmic, with a clear emphasis on the words.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A Moment with Faith Kids

Lighting the Advent Candle

Congregation responds

Let us prepare with hope, light candles, and pray: Come, Emmanuel

the candle is lit

Creative Prayer for Advent

As we prepare for Christ's coming, we are creating a window with our prayers. This week, we invite you to come 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

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Music *Lo, How a Rose*

David Paxton
(1934-2015)

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 95** *Wait for the Lord*

WAIT FOR THE LORD

sung 4 times

Affirmation of Faith from *Our Song of Hope*, an affirmation of the Reformed Church in America

We are a people of hope waiting for the return of our Lord. God has come to us through the ancient people of Israel, as the true Son of God, Jesus of Nazareth, as the Holy Spirit at work in our world.

Come, Lord Jesus: We are open to your Spirit. We await your full presence. Our world finds rest in you alone.

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 *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

arr. Alan Bullard
(b. 1947)

Prayers of the People and Our 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.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 100** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Toccata on "Veni Emmanuel"*

Andrew Carter
(b. 1939)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist
Lauren Hill, Liturgist
Candlelighters
Andy Fuller, Audio/Camera Operator
Patrick Baker, Zoom Moderator
Dawn Shirey, PowerPoint Operator

**** 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

5th Rise Up Shepherd and Follow

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.



Advent

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ADVENT STUDY: NOV 28-DEC 19, 9:15

Mary Had a Baby:

*An Advent Study based on African American Spirituals
by Cheryl Kirk-Duggan and Marilyn Thorton*

DECEMBER 4, 11:00-2:00

Advent Fest

*The Hands of Faith Table will be full of gifts
for family and friends.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 5

Communion

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 12

A Service of Lessons and Carols

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 19

Christmas Pageant

*God With Us! by Susan Johnston
Presented by the Children and Youth of Faith*

DECEMBER 21, 6:00

A Service of the Longest Night

Worship in the chapel

CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00

Worship with Communion and Candlelight

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Carol Sing