

Sunday, November 7, 2021
A Service of Healing and Wholeness for All Saints Day



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.

Remembering the Saints

If you would like to add the name of loved one who has died since November 2020 to be added to our roll call of the saints during the communion prayer, please write their name on an index card (found in your pew).

Marigolds

As you came into the sanctuary this morning, you were given a packet of tissue paper. Write the name of one or more of your saints on the front and/or back of the circle (someone you loved who has died, an ancestor, or someone else who has gone before who is an inspiration to you).

During worship, gather the layers of tissue paper one at a time into the center of the flower, then open them back up again, fluffing them into a marigold.

During the hymn following the sermon, pass your marigold and/or index card to the center aisle, to be placed in a basket and brought forward. It will be strung onto a garland to adorn our communion table, and the names will be read during the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *City Called Heaven*

Calvin Taylor
(b. 1948)

Call to Worship

Deb Colmers

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

By faith we are gathered to bear witness to the living God.

By faith this church was built, and has endured for many generations.

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,

we shall run the race that is set before us;

we will run and not grow weary, we will not lose heart.

*Hymn 328 *For All the Saints*

SINE NOMINE

verses 1-4

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 48 *Rain Down*

RAIN DOWN

Rain down; rain down; rain down your
 love on your peo - ple. Rain down; rain
 down; rain down your love, God of life.

Assurance of God's Grace

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

John Colmers

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading Hebrews 11:1-3, 12:1-3

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

Gospel Reading Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of

them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Stewards and Saints

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn 730** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

GRAND ISLE

Pass your marigold and/or index card to the center aisle, to be placed in a basket and brought forward.

Minute for Stewardship

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 *The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King*

Henry Ley
(1887-1962)

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, concluding with

Today, we remember and give thanks for the lives of these saints of Faith Church who have died since last November: Nancy Pohl, June Rowe and Nancy Stutzer.

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 Stations

As we celebrate All Saints' Sunday and remember those who we love who have died, you are invited to join your hearts and bodies in prayer.

Candles: When you come forward to receive communion, you are invited to light a candle (or several candles) in memory of someone who you love who has died, giving thanks to God for their life.

Anointing: Cat will be at the back of the sanctuary to offer a healing blessing and anoint with oil any who wish to receive it.

***Hymn 469** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

CHILDREN PRAYING

Prayer after Communion

God of glory, in this holy feast, you have made us one with Christ and with the great multitude of the faithful who have gone before us, who hunger and thirst no more. May the meal we have shared nourish our bodies and restore our souls, that we might walk paths of righteousness and be guided to the spring of the water of life, until we join our voices with the choir of all the saints who forever praise your holy name. Amen and amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *For All the Saints*

setting David Cherwien
(b. 1957)

Passing of the Peace and Fellowship

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist
Deb Colmers, Liturgist
Kristin Herber, Zoom Moderator
Dawn Shirey, PowerPoint
Mike Shirey, 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:

Family and friends of June Rowe as they grieve her death.
Kay Ballard
The Barchi family
Neal Hairston
John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family

Robert Ingram
Bobby Hall
Ann Scheck
Faith's homebound members

Announcements

Gather Us In! Our Stewardship Campaign has begun. We will dedicate pledges on Sunday, November 21, and weather permitting, celebrate with Subs & Sundaes after worship.

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

November

14th Healing Our Neighborhood – Rep. Mark Conway, Baltimore city council representative from the 4th district will be with us!

21st Vegetarian Cooking – Cat & Dary Goodrich will share tips and recipes.

Advent November 28 through December 19

Advent Study Group

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, cgoodrichfaithchurchpcbalt@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 bulletin, 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.