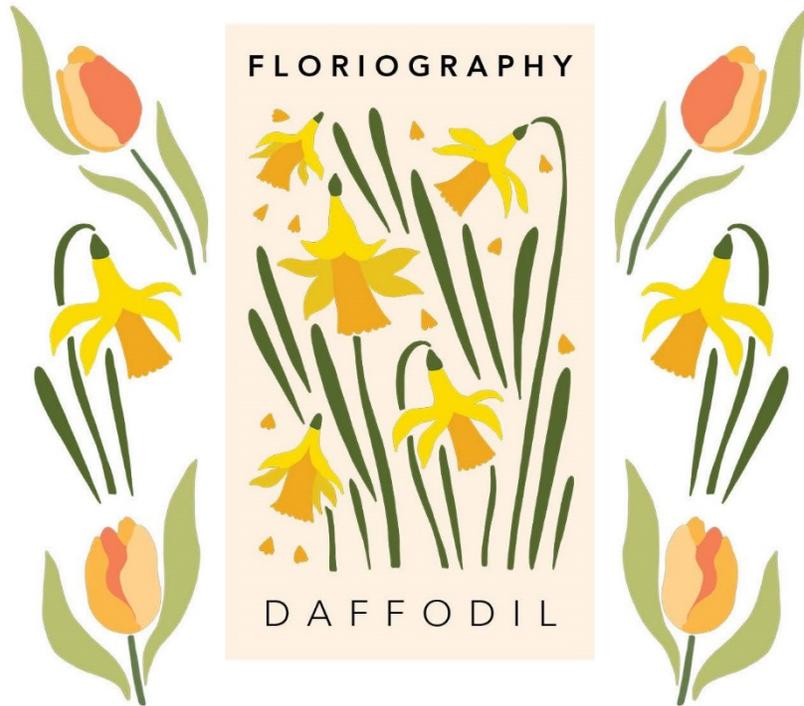


First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 6, 2022



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

Joys and Concerns

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude *"Rorate coeli" ('Drop down, ye heavens')*

Jeanne Demessieux
(1921-1968)

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

Let us be led by the Spirit,
Even if the path to the promised land leads straight through the desert,
 Through hunger and doubt and temptations;
Even if we are led where we would rather not go.
 Yet we will be led by the Spirit
And end our journey rejoicing in our God.

*Hymn 415 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We admit, almighty God, that we are and have been afraid – afraid of getting sick, afraid that we might not have what we need, afraid of being alone, afraid of uncertainty and we confess that we haven't always remembered your providential care.

Forgive us, God.

We admit that it takes something like Ukraine to see our world as vulnerable and yet whole. We've not taken seriously the threats to democracy that are all around us and we've been too worried about our own security and the price of gas, failing to see the suffering of our neighbors.

Forgive us, God.

So we ask for forgiveness as we begin our Lenten journey. Give us eyes to see the devils along the way. Give to us faith to see the angels in our midst. And give to us hope in your steadfast love and providential care.

Amen.

Kyrie 431 Forgive Us, Lord

CONFESIÓN

Fine Leader

3 In your e - ter - nal mer - cy:
 For-give us, Lord. for -
 In your sus - tain - ing grace:
 give us, Lord. for-give us, Lord.

Assurance of Grace

Gloria 544 *Bless the Lord*

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Moment with Faith Kids

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Reading Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.'
Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling-place,
no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.
You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honour them.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Music

Gospel Reading Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone." '

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." ' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Paths We Do Not Choose

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn 166 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

Minute for Mission *Sound of Faith*

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 *Sanctuary*

Mike Shirey, *guitar and vocals*

Eliza Gilkyson
(b. 1950)

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,

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 *When the bread is broken, please break the bread you have at home. When the cup is poured, please pour it at home, 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.*

You are invited to find a piece of origami paper in the pew, and to write a word or phrase that signifies a commitment you will make during the season of Lent to deepen your spiritual practice. Or write the name of a person or place for which you pray this day. When you come forward to receive communion, bring your paper with you, and leave it in the basket.

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, may we who share Christ's body live his risen life; may we who drink his cup bring life to others; may we whom the Spirit enlivens give light to the world. Keep our feet firmly on the path you have set before us, walking with hope for the future you promise until we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth lives to praise your name. Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***Hymn 542** *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

GOD BE WITH YOU

Charge and Benediction

Postlude *Postlude on "Kelvingrove"*

Denis Bedard

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, Guest Preacher
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist
Natalie Wallace, Liturgist
Mike Shirey, Guitar and Vocals

Kristin Herber, *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:

Ellen Bernard's sister
John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family
Robert Ingram
Ann Scheck

Lynn Weber
Faith's homebound members
The people of Ukraine

Wednesday Bible Study *11:00 a.m. on Zoom*

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