

**Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love
Sunday, December 18, 2022**



Pageant Sunday

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 *Creator of the Stars of Night*

arr. Richard Lind
(b. 1943)

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

***Call to Worship**

James Herber

Light looked down and saw the shadows of fear.

"I will go there," said Light.

Peace looked down and saw the horror of war.

"I am needed there," said Peace.

Love looked down and saw the pain of hatred.

"I must go there," said Love.

And so it was that the Light of the world,

the Prince of Peace,

the Good Shepherd came to us, becoming one of us.

Thanks be to God!

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, in Christ you became a child among us, bringing love to a lonely world. We confess that doubt has overwhelmed our hope that peace is possible. Weary from work and weighed down by bad news, we have missed the signs of your coming. We haven't made time to watch the skies, to seek the star, to make any room for miracles at all. Forgive us, we pray! Clear a place so that something new might be born in and through us. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 90 *Wait for the Lord*

WAIT FOR THE LORD

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

The image shows a musical score for 'Wait for the Lord' in G major and 2/2 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' and 'Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!'.

Assurance of Grace

*Gloria 109 *Blest Be the God of Israel*

MERLE'S TUNE

I Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;
 who vis - its and re - deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty.
 The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;
 God shall ful - fill that prom - ise and bring the peo - ple peace.

The image shows a musical score for 'Blest Be the God of Israel' in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a single treble staff. The lyrics are: 'I Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free; who vis - its and re - deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty. The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease; God shall ful - fill that prom - ise and bring the peo - ple peace.'

Lighting the Advent Candle

The Hill Family

Creative Advent Prayer

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

VENI EMMANUEL

verses 1, 4, 6-7

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-56

Rev. Goodrich



2022 Christmas Pageant

“What’s It All About”

*Hymn 85 *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

TIF IN VELDELE

Organ

So Many Stars

Lin Marsh

Searcher:

Autumn Paige (dancer)
Campbell Burd (speaker)

Wise One:

Carly Burd

Towering Angels:

James Herber (Herald)
Ashton Kendall (Hark)
Jonathan Skinner (Glory)

Family:

Veronica Herber (Mom)
Maddie Goodrich (child)
Sydney Williams (child)
Jaileel Tomlin (child)

Friends:

Jaileel Tomlin
Sydney Williams
Maddie Goodrich

Success:

Carly Burd

Soloist:

Gabriella Anthony

Mary:

Gillian Goodrich

Joseph:

Nixon Hill

Angels:

Josie Nemser
Jo Macdonald

Star Bearer:

Emmanuel Rausch

Shepherds: Veronica Herber
Maddie Goodrich
Sydney Williams
Jaileel Tomlin

Angel Choir: Deb Colmers, Phyllis Compton, Adelaide Cook, Mary Hodgson, Neil Nemser, Pat Nesbitt, Vivian Slacum, Marilyn Valentine, Natalie Wallace, Ted Wallace, Sondra Watkins

Choreography: Kelsey Shirey

Star Maker: Laura Curtis

Organ: Samuel Springer

Piano: Jonathan Skinner

Flute: Sarah Nemser

Directors/Wranglers: Karen Burd, Kristin Herber, Susan Johnston, Robin Nemser, and Others

***Hymn 138** *Who Would Think that What Was Needed*

WHITE ROSETTES



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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 *Let Your Light Shine*

Mary McDonald
(b. 1956)

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 94** *Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*

JEFFERSON

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude *Carillon on a Ukrainian Bell Carol*

Gerald Near
(b. 1942)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor
Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music and Organist
James Herber, Liturgist
Paula Burger, Elder of the Day
The Hill Family, Candlelighters
Dawn Shirey, Zoom Moderator & 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:

The people of Ukraine	Victims of gun violence
<i>Faith's homebound members</i>	Cathy Billings
Mercy Dunyoh	Carol Duray
JoAnn Robey	Ann Scheck
Pat Thomson	Janice Williams

WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting with us this morning, we hope you found our worship to be meaningful - your presence enriches our community. If you are seeking a church home, we hope you will return soon so that we might get to know you better. To learn about ways to get engaged in the life of Faith, check out our website, www.faithpcbalt.org, and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org.

KIDS are welcome at Faith! Our PRAYGROUND at the front of the sanctuary is for children 6 and younger during worship. There are books and quiet activities to keep hands busy so ears can listen, and it's close to the action so that our youngest members can experience the beauty of worship in a space that's just for them.

Today!

HOPS AND HYMNS
Christmas Carol Sing-a-long
WITH FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, December 18th
6-8 PM
All ages welcome!
At **Full Tilt Brewing**
5604 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212