

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, February 12, 2023



"We Must Wade in the Waters..." illustration for
National Catholic Reporter by Julie Lonneman

Faith Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

Joys and Concerns**

Gathering of God's People

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Dale Wood

***Call to Worship**

Come, let us worship God with gladness!

We raise our voices to the one who brings forth streams in the desert, and shares water in the wilderness.

Come, let us praise Christ our brother;

He walks beside us, offering life and liberation.

Come, seek the holy presence in our midst...

In silence, in scripture, in story, in song, may we find ourselves awash in grace!

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of life, by the waters of baptism, you call us each to lives of love and service. But: instead of walking in the way of Christ, we allow enmity to grow among us, and tolerate discord between neighbors, and between nations. Help us to be peacebuilders! Your spirit offers wisdom and guidance, but too often we rely only on ourselves, refusing to trust your direction. Forgive us! Liberate us from all that weighs us down and holds us back, that we might share your healing love with the world. We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

Kyrie 576 *Lord, Have Mercy*

SINGAPURA

Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Assurance of Grace

*Act of Praise 590 *Hallelujah*

HALLELUJAH

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu,

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

A Moment with Faith Kids

The Presentation

*Theodore Burns, child of Bryant Burns and Reynolds Wilson
Josephine Macdonald & Hugh Macdonald, children of Anna Burns Macdonald and Steven Macdonald*

Affirmation of Faith

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Baptism

***Hymn 488** *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

BORNING CRY

Proclamation of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Music *Musette*

G.F. Handel

Hebrew Bible Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in God's ways, and observing the commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death,

blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying and holding fast to God; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham and Sarah, to Isaac and Rebecca, and to Jacob and Rachel.

For words of challenge,
For words of blessing,
For the spirit of wisdom moving in our midst,
We offer our thanks and praise!

Sermon

Rev. Goodrich

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 693** *Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)*

GIFT OF LOVE

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 *Kum Ba Yah*

John Rutter

Prayers of the People

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.

Sending God's People into the World

***Hymn 483** *We Know That Christ is Raised*

ENGELBERG

***Charge & Benediction**

Postlude *We Know That Christ is Raised*

David Cherwein

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor

Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, *Pastor Emerita*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music & Organist*
Fran Marinacci, *Liturgist*
The Chancel Choir
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, please email faithchurchbalt@gmail.com.

This week we pray for:

Our partners in Cuba

Ann Scheck

Faith's homebound members

The people of Ukraine

Victims of gun violence

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.

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!

The Forum: Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom.*

January 29-February 19 What is patience? Is it waiting for the passing of time? Is it endurance in the midst of pain and suffering? Is it tolerance or forbearance with self or others? Is it constancy in the face of discouragement? Is it constructive engagement with events or circumstances? Whatever it is, why is it in such short supply? This Forum will pursue these questions and explore why patience is a concern for faith and social justice. **Arthur Sutherland, PhD**, associate professor of theology at Loyola University will lead the Forum.

