

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 26, 2023



View of Colliour, oil on canvas
The State Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg, Russia
Matisse, Henri (1869-1954)

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

JOYS AND CONCERNS**

PRELUDE *Folk Tune*

Peter Whitlock
(1903-1946)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kurtis Moore

We are pilgrims, beginning our journey to Jerusalem.

We gather here to fill our hearts with peace.

Whatever the wilderness in which we find ourselves,

We trust that the Spirit will sustain and protect us.

Because the road is long, and evil is real,

We travel together; we are not alone.

Let us worship God together.

*Please rise in body or in spirit

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy one, have mercy on us! You know the trials that we face. When we find ourselves in the wilderness, too often we let fear lead us, and scarcity direct us, instead of living with courage and generosity. Open our hands that we might share what we have, and help us to trust in your promise to provide, that we might recognize the angels among us.
We open our hearts to you in silent prayer...**

KYRIE 834 *Precious Lord, take my hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

Precious Lord, take my hand;
lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light;
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*ACT OF PRAISE 535 *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*

BLESS THE LORD

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord',
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.
You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

MUSIC *Be Still My Soul*

arr. Laura Bergquist

GOSPEL READING Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,
"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." "

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

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him." "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Holy wisdom, holy Word...
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 166 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

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 *Bread of the World*

arr. Alan Bullard
(b. 1947)

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 742 *We Will Walk with God*

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue in D minor - BWV 680*

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

REV. CAT DODSON GOODRICH, *Pastor*
DR. SAMUEL SPRINGER, *Minister of Music & Organist*
KURTIS MOORE, *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
Faith's homebound members and
those receiving long-term care*

*The people of Ukraine
Victims of gun violence
The people of Syria and Turkey*

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.

OBSERVE LENT AT FAITH

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. There are several opportunities to reflect, connect, pray, and create to practice your faith this season:



A Lenten devotional, *Henri Matisse and the Colors of Lent*, will be available to guide your own daily prayer at home. The devotional will also guide our conversation and learning in the Forum. A small group will meet on Monday mornings from 8-9 at Belvedere Square to reflect on the devotional together.

In worship, we will pray in color each week, creating banners inspired by the work of Henri Matisse to adorn our sanctuary.

Join a Lenten book study on Zoom with Govans and Knox Presbyterian Churches at 7 on Thursdays. The group will read and discuss *Burying White Privilege: Resurrecting A Badass Christianity*. The author, Rev. Dr. Miguel A. De La Torre will join them for the first session on March 2nd. Please email Andy Wilson, wilson@govanspres.org, to sign up.