

32th Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2023



Iguara, Cuba, November 2023

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.

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

Lani Smith
(1934-2015)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mozella Williams

Ask, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.
We gather in the hope that through our searching, we will be found.
Let us join our hearts in worship.

*HYMN 411 *God Is Here Today*

DIOS ESTÁ AQUÍ

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess the times we have failed to be faithful disciples. We have been slow to act, letting opportunities to love and act justly pass without us. We have allowed fear to silence us, and mistrust to separate us from those with whom we should be in community and service. Forgive us! Restore in us the mind of Christ, that we might stand ready to answer your call with open hands and open hearts. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

KYRIE 287 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA

Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading;
fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing;
help us to follow you.

Refrain:

Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA 637 *O Sing to the Lord*

CANTAI AO SENHOR

Repeated four times
O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you...
... **and also with you.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE READING Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

MUSIC *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*

Jason Krug
(b. 1978)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:1-13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us;

you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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

Thanks be to God.

Reflections on A Visit with Our Cuba Partners

Christa Fuller Burns, Cat Goodrich, Scott McGill, Karen Meyers, Mozella Williams

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 350** *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

KEEP YOUR LAMPS

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Choose Generosity*

Christa Burns

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 *Umoja Tunaimba (United we Sing)*

arr. Victor C. Johnson

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 716** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

BEACH SPRING

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE *Carillon*

Herbert Murrill
(1909-1952)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
Mozella Williams, *Liturgist*
Paula Burger, *Deacon of the Day*
Jack Nesbitt, *Usher*
Kristin Herber, *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:

Faith's homebound members and
those receiving long-term care
Our partners in Cuba

Victims of gun violence
The people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, and all
those who suffer from war and disaster.

WELCOME to Faith Presbyterian Church! If you are visiting with us this morning, we hope you find 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.

Childcare for our young children is available. While kids are welcome in worship, there is a caregiver and safe play space in the nursery, just out the door nearest the pulpit.

Sign up for our weekly **News & Notes** email by completing the visitor card or go to the website: faithpcbalt.org and navigate to "Contact Us."

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

Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 a.m. on Zoom Wednesday - Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome! Meeting ID: 818 8551 6595; passcode: 716331

Faith's choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7pm in the chapel. Come and add your voice to the Chancel Choir! See Dr. Samuel Springer for more information.

Children's Sunday School has begun. After the Moment with Faith Kids, kids ages 4 and up are invited to explore the passage of the day with games, crafts, and other activities. They will return at the end of worship to the sanctuary.

ROPAGOFA Youth Group meets every third Sunday at 5:30! Join young people from Faith, Govans, and Roland Park churches to build a durable faith through fun, games, and encountering God together. Every third Sunday –November 19 at Stoneleigh Lanes (Bowling Alley), December 17 at Faith.

Faith youth will gather here monthly for our own Faith Formation Group on the first Sundays at 5:30.

New Directory We are updating our church directory! Please submit a recent photo and any changes to your address or contact information to faithchurchbalt@gmail.com.

Stewardship Sunday next Sunday, November 19, we will dedicate our pledges for 2024! Plan to stay after worship to celebrate our *Choose Generosity* campaign with lunch together.

Sunday, December 3, Noon - 2:00

Faith's Advent Festival

Get ready to tick off that long list, with treats and special gifts for all to enjoy.

Discover

Handmade gifts, ornaments, homemade fudge sauce, Kalua for You'ah, Georgia pecans, and more!

Invite your friends and family to join us at this festive celebration.

Join us for a potluck luncheon.