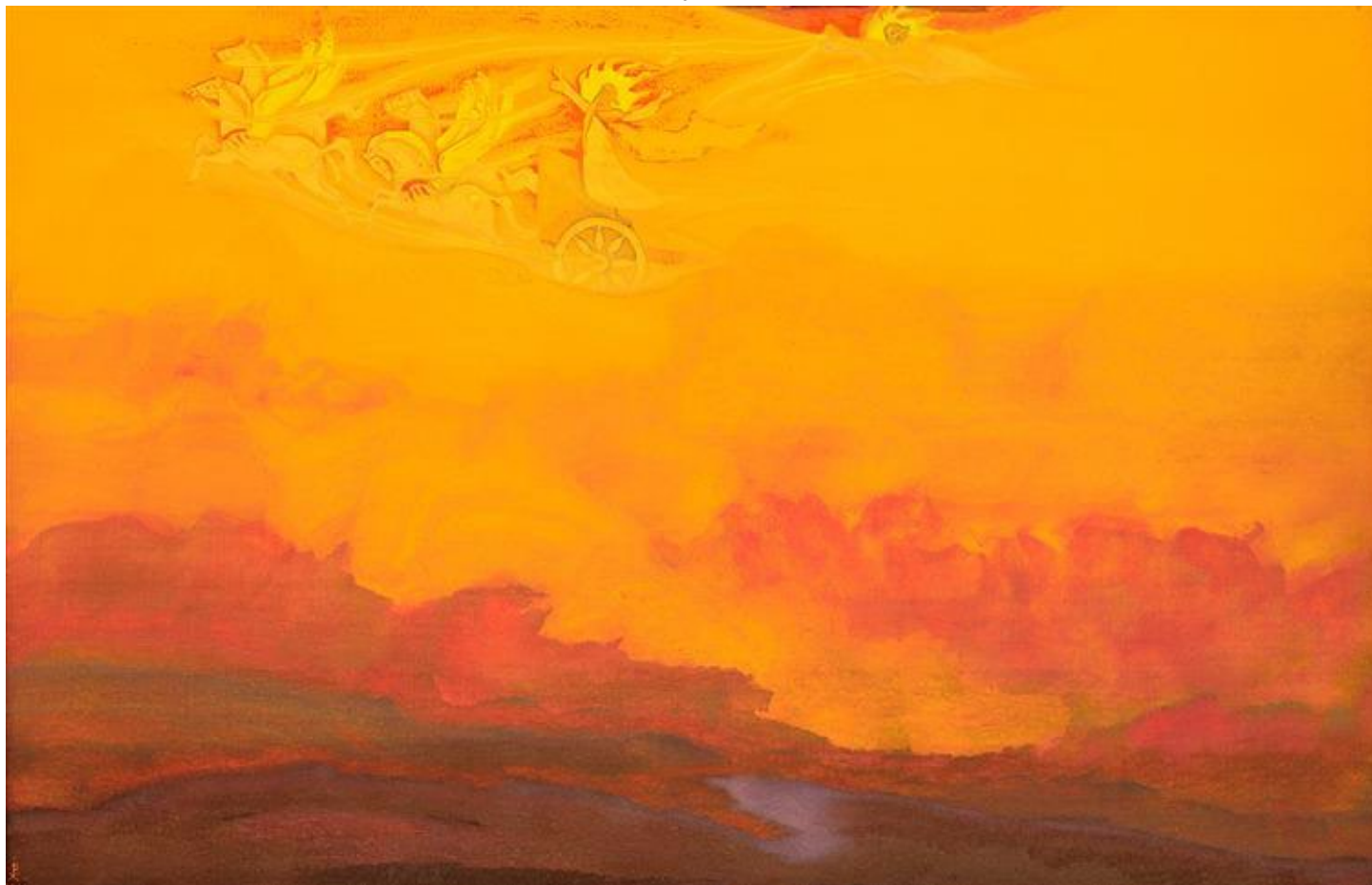


Transfiguration Sunday
February 11, 2024



Elijah the Prophet, tempera on board
Nicholas Roerich Museum in New York City
Nicholas Roerich (1874-1947) Russian

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cat Dodson Goodrich

JOYS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *This Little Light of Mine*

Calvin Taylor
(b. 1948)

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Nancy Gulsoy

Creation sings of the glory of God!

Do we notice it often enough?

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the gift of life is glorious.

Yet everyday miracles are hard to hold on to.

That seed gives rise to flower and fruit;

that hands can hold, comfort, and encourage;

that this community is gathered for just this time, in just this place.

May our eyes open with wonder at the glory and gift of God.

***HYMN 327** *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*

HOLY GROUND

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

South Africa

God of life, when we resist change, or find it difficult to adapt to new circumstances, forgive us. When we ignore the sufferings of others and live comfortably with injustice, call us into discomfort that we might be compelled to act. For the times we are too rushed to care, or too tired to bother; when we don't really listen, and are quick to act from motives other than love, have mercy on us, we pray. Pour out your spirit on us as we open our hearts to you in silent prayer...

KYRIE 466 *Come and Fill Our Hearts*

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

***GLORIA 582** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you...

... and also with you.

¹ Confession adapted from PASCA, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, Bread of Tomorrow: Prayers for the Church Year, Janet Morley, ed., Orbis Books: Maryknoll, NY, 1992, p. 72.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING Psalm 97:1-9

God reigns; let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around you, O Lord;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne.
Fire goes before you,
and consumes your adversaries on every side.
God's lightning lights up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim your righteousness;
and all the peoples behold your glory.
All worshippers of images are put to shame,
those who make their boast in worthless idols;
all gods bow down before you.
Zion hears and is glad,
and the towns of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgements, O God.
For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

MUSIC *The Light of the World is Jesus*

Michael Cox
(b. 1948)

HEBREW BIBLE READING 2 Kings 2:1-15

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company

of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, ‘Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?’ And he answered, ‘Yes, I know; be silent.’

Then Elijah said to him, ‘Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.’ But he said, ‘As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.’ So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, ‘Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.’ Elisha said, ‘Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.’ He responded, ‘You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.’ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, ‘Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!’ But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, ‘Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?’ When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

When the company of prophets who were at Jericho saw him at a distance, they declared, ‘The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.’ They came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

For the wisdom we find in this ancient story,

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

All Shall Be Well

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 450** *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

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 *Wounded Alleluias*

Craig Courtney
(b. 1948)

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 825 *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

SWING LOW

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Finale from Sonata No. 1*

Florence Price
(1887-1953)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*
The Chancel Choir
Nancy Gulsoy, *Liturgist*
John Colmers, *Elder of the Day*
Mike Billings, *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, Sudan, 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.

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."

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

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

February Forum Schedule

Living the Questions is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers. Here we'll look at essential questions in the Christian faith and explore what's next for Christianity. The class will be facilitated by Rev. Dr. Jerrett L. Hansen, a retired pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

2/18 - The Myth of Redemptive Violence

2/25 - Stories of Creation

Children's Sunday School On Sunday mornings, 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. The next gathering will be **February 18 at Mt. Pleasant Ice Arena** from 3:30-5pm. Bring \$8.00 for skate rental and entrance fee.

Book Club: Our February book to read and discuss will be *His Excellency: George Washington* by Joseph J Ellis. His Excellency is a magnificent work, indispensable to an understanding not only of its subject but also of the nation he brought into being. We will meet at Paula & Peter Burger's home (36 Whitfield Road, 21210) on Tuesday February 27th at 7PM.

JOIN US FOR Mardi Gras! Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 this year, Valentine's Day. Let's prepare for the season of Lent with a **pancake supper on Fat Tuesday, February 13** in Hyde Hall. You'll have a chance to choose a Lenten calendar or devotional, learn about the spiritual journey of Lent, and receive the imposition of ashes as you leave, a blessing to prepare you for the days to come.

The chapel will be open on **Ash Wednesday** for personal prayer, candle lighting, and reflection. If you'd like to receive a blessing and the imposition of ashes, come at lunchtime - between 12-1.

From the Deacons: "Cookies for CARES" boxes are available outside both doors of the chancel. Every Valentine's Day, Faith Church donates boxes of cookies to the CARES pantry for the clients. They can be store bought or homemade cookies, anything goes. Please take a box or two, fill them with cookies, and return them to church by Wednesday, February 14. Thank you!

Spirituality Retreat

February 24, 2024, 930am-2:30pm

Faith Presbyterian Church
5400 Loch Raven Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21239

Nurture Creativity, Connect, Restore



Join us for an immersive day of renewal and spiritual exploration.
Connect and rejuvenate through meditation, music, healing modalities, and nature.

Light breakfast 9:30-10 am

- 10-11 Theta Healing Workshop - Jill Featherston, Theta Grace
- 11-12 Connecting through Music - Teporah Bilezikian
- 12-12:30 Lunch
- 12:30 – 1:30 Nature Immersion led by Natureworx (dress for outdoors)
- 1:30-2:30 Wheels of Light Chakra Workshop - Scott McGill

Mindful art, massage, and select vendors available all day

Free! Register Here

