

Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 14, 2024



3/17/1965, Montgomery Alabama

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Slane"*

Craig Phillips
(b. 1961)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ellsworth Jackson

What does God require of us?

To seek justice, to love kindness, and to walk with humility.

So come you who long for justice...

we shall be part of the struggle together.

Come, you who hope for a little more kindness in the world...

We will offer what we can with compassion. Come, with open hands and open hearts, ready to serve. Let us worship God together.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you created us one people, but we are divided, mired in conflict, fractured by race, class, and creed. Have mercy on us, and show us the way forward to freedom. When we talk of reconciliation without first seeking repair, correct us. When we talk of peace but not justice, guide us. From the bondage of racism, release us, and from the sin of apathy, liberate us, that we might be empowered to change, to build your beloved community. 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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT 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 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Michael Wilson
(b. 1952)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 16:6-10

They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

READING *Excerpt from the Letter from Birmingham City Jail*

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MEDITATION

Reflections for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 383** *Dream On, Dream On*

DREAM ON

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 *Christ Is the World's True Light*

Walter Kendall Stanton
(1891-1978)

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 339** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

LIFT EVERY VOICE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *God, We Praise You*

David Cherwein
(b. 1957)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*

Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music and Organist*

The Chancel Choir

Ellsworth Jackson, *Liturgist*

Karen Meyers, *Elder 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, 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."

The Forum: Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom.* cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org! There will be no Forum on December 24 and 31.

January Forum Schedule

- 1/14 - Cuba Partnership (Cuba team)
- 1/21 & 1/28 - Matthew 25 Initiative (John Colmers)

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.

- 2/4 - Taking the Bible Seriously
- 2/11 - Thinking Theologically
- 2/18 - The Myth of Redemptive Violence
- 2/25 - Stories of Creation

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

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.

ROPAGOFYA 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 – **January 21 at Faith.**

Annual Congregational Meeting: There will be a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, January 20 following worship. The congregation will receive the annual report, consider the pastor's terms of call and the loan from PILP to finance the HVAC work in our offices and fellowship hall.