

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024



The Voyage, oil on canvas
Hans Dahl (1849-1937) Norway

**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

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

JOYS AND CONCERNS

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *A Pleasant Thought*

Florence Price
(1887-1953)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lauren Hill and Nixon Hill

The word of God came to us,

And in him was life, life to enlighten all people.

The word of God comes to us,

Calling us to leave our nets behind, and to go where grace is needed most.

The word of God will come,

Sharing good news, calling disciples,

repairing the breach, building beloved community.

Speak God, for we are listening!

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we know you call us to follow, but we are reluctant to go. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for your grace. Our commitments keep us busy, so we have no need, no space for your community. Forgive us for dragging our feet on the way to transformation, holy One. May we carry your hope to those in need of it wherever you lead. May we proclaim not just with our words, but also with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near. 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 Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days

more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown! And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

MUSIC *Wonderful Peace*

Michael Wilson
(b. 1952)

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.’

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON

Showing Up

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 726** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

KELVINGROVE

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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OFFERTORY *Kum Ba Yah*

arr. Terry Kirkland

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 742 *We Will Walk with God*

SIZOHAMBA NAYE

*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

Lauren Hill and Nixon Hill, *Liturgist*

Karen Meyers, *Elder of the Day*

Laurie Newton, *Usher*

Patrick Baker, *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

1/21 & 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.

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 – **Today, January 21, at Faith.**

Annual Congregational Meeting: There will be a meeting of the congregation following worship on Sunday, January 28. The congregation will receive the annual report, hear an overview of the 2024 budget, consider the pastor's terms of call, and approve the loan from PILP to finance the HVAC work in our offices and fellowship hall.