

Fouth Sunday after Epiphany  
January 28, 2024



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**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** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**John Colmers**

God calls us to love and serve our neighbors:

**Neighbors near and far.**

Those who are hungry and thirsty;

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

people who are friends to us and those we don't yet know;  
those who are sick and in prison.

**We gather to be reminded that we can see Christ in the faces of our neighbors in need.**

\***HYMN 327** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our shepherd, we confess that we have not followed you faithfully. You seek out the lost and least while we allow the poor to be pushed to the margins. You serve those who are outsiders, while we fail to challenge norms that center some voices while shutting others out. You call us to care for those who are held captive, but we think mostly of ourselves, forgetting our liberation is entwined with others. Forgive our faults and frailties, and restore us to your flock, where peace and justice reign. 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

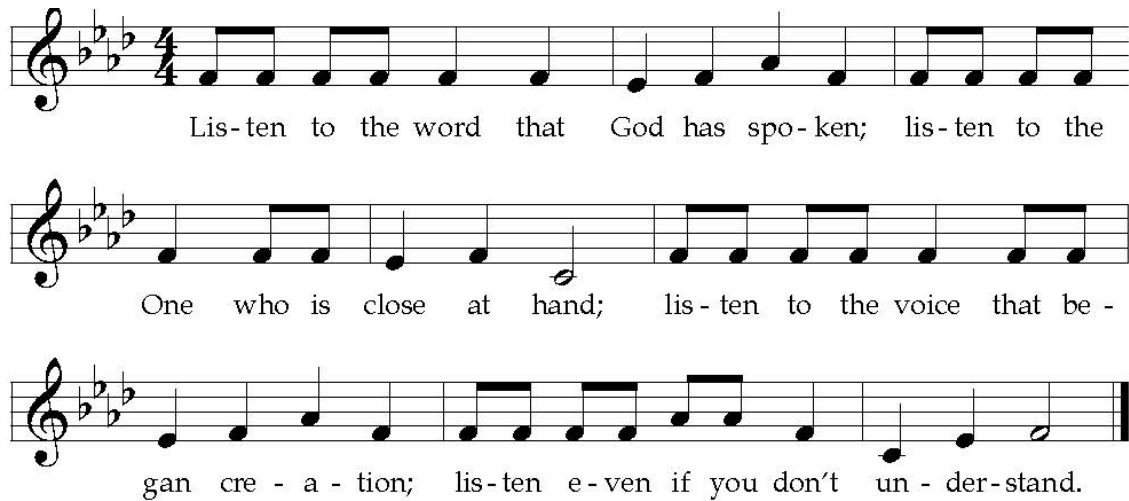
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

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

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## A MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the  
 One who is close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be -  
 gan cre - a - tion; lis-ten e-ven if you don't un - der-stand.

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 25:31-46

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Then he will say to those at his left hand, “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.” Then they also will answer, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?” Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.” And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.’

**SERMON**

*Matthew 25*

**Rev. Goodrich**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\***HYMN 766** *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound*

MC KEE

## 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** *O Breath of Life*

Pepper Choplin  
(b. 1957)

## 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 852** *When the Lord Redeems the Very Least*

I'LL FLY AWAY

\***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata on "Lasst uns erfreuen"*

Denis Bédard  
(b. 1950)

## LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

**Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, Pastor**

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

**The Chancel Choir**

**John Colmers, Liturgist**

**Karen Meyers, Elder of the Day**

**Laurie Newton, Usher**

**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 email: [faithchurchbalt@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.faithpcbalt.org), and speak with our pastor, Rev. Cat Goodrich, [cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org](mailto:cgoodrich@faithpcbalt.org).

**Welcome to Faith gathering:** If you are new to Faith, **plan to stay after worship next Sunday, February 4** for lunch and a time of learning about our congregation. Pastor Cat will give an overview of our church's structure, mission, and ministry, and we'll explore what it means to be Presbyterian here at Faith.

**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](http://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.*

**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 February 18 at Govans.

**Today! Annual Congregational Meeting:** There will be a meeting of the congregation following worship today, 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.

**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 27<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.