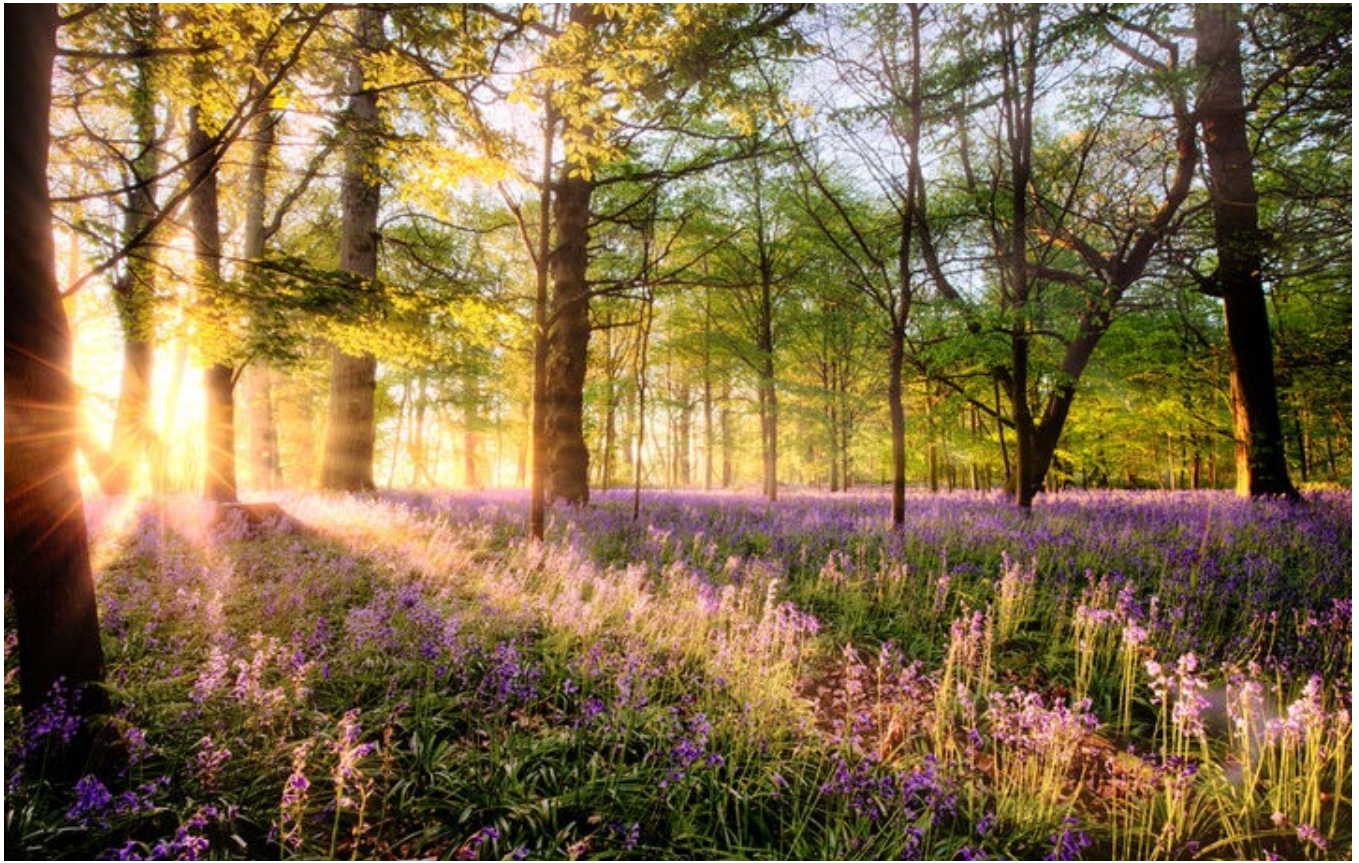




EASTER
THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

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.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 20, 2025
10:40 a.m.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Rondeau*

Jean-Joseph Mouret
(1682-1738)

Easter Fanfare

E. E. Ferguson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Christa Burns

They set out in the dark, long before sunrise...

Feet wet from the dew, birdsong filling the air as morning dawned.

It starts in the quiet, in the space of possibility.

A seed takes root, a leaf unfurls, one hand opens to another.

It seems impossible: the stone has been rolled away. The tomb is empty.

Yet we believe. And love remains.

It seems incredible.

Love persists! Love has saved us!

Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed. Let us worship the God of life together!

*HYMN 245 *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

LLANFAIR

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Very early on the first day of the week,
the women went to the tomb.

We are resigned to the world as it is;

We do not dare to dream it might be any different.

They had been saying to one another,

“Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

We are reluctant to rely on others,

Seeking to be self-sufficient instead of building a supportive community.

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large,
had already been rolled back.

We give up on hope so easily,

We do not expect God to do anything incredible.

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe,
sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

Fear holds us back: fear of loss, fear of difference, fear of failure.

Fear of death, instead of faith in the promises of God.

But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has been raised; He is not here.”

God of the resurrection, forgive our disbelief!

for doubting your power to bring new life out of death and destruction;

for hearing incredible news but keeping it to ourselves.

By your grace, strengthen our faith, and help us truly believe and share the good news. We open ourselves to you in silent prayer...

KYRIE 578 *O Lord, Have Mercy*

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy;
O Lord, have mercy,
have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy;
O Christ, have mercy,
have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

***GLORIA 253** *Alleluia! Christ Is Arisen*

SANTO DOMINGO

Alleluia! Christ is arisen.
Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.
(sung twice)

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE READING Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
 and its people as a delight.
 I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
 and delight in my people;
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
 or the cry of distress.
 No more shall there be in it
 an infant that lives but a few days,
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
 They shall not labor in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
 and their descendants as well.
 Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.
 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
 but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
 They shall not hurt or destroy
 on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

MUSIC *The Day of Resurrection*

arr. Larry Shackley
(b. 1956)

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was

Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

For the wisdom we find in this ancient story,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Do We Believe?

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 231** *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers*

SUO GAN

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 ANTHEM *The Strife is O'er*

Ian Higginson
(b. 1959)

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

The prayer continues, concluding with

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF COMMUNION

If you are in the sanctuary, please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and cup, and return by the outside aisle. Gluten free, dairy free bread is available in a dish on each plate. If you are at home, when the bread is broken, please break the bread. When the cup is poured, please pour it or touch the cup if you've already filled it. We give thanks that the Spirit is present wherever we are, knitting us together as the body of Christ in the world.

Interactive Lenten Prayer Project: The joy of Easter carries us through the difficult and despairing times of life. We invite you to share and celebrate what brings you joy today: come, write a word or phrase that represents what brings you joy, or keeps you grounded, in times both good and hard. Make an offering of your prayer of thanksgiving for this joy, to adorn our sanctuary through Eastertide.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Risen Christ, as we go forth from this feast, may we be sustained by the bread we have broken and the cup we have shared! As your people, help us to plant seeds of hope in fields of desolation and despair, and to bind up the hurts of the world. May the good news which we have tasted at your table inspire us to leave behind our fear and doubt to stand with the lonely and forgotten, to build beloved community in your name. As your Easter people we pray, Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 238** *Thine Is the Glory*

JUDAS MACCABEUS

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Toccata from Symphony No. 5*

Charles-Marie Widor
(1911-1940)

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Cat Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music & Organist*
Rev. Christa Burns, *Pastor Emerita*
Judy Sperling, *Elder of the Day*
Delevena Brown, *Usher*
Andy Fuller, *Audio & Camera*
Dawn Shirey, *Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint*

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Patrick Baker	Mike Billings	Deb Colmers
Phyllis Compton	Adelaide Cooke	Robert Gardner
Bobby Hall	Mary Hodgson	Garrett Loomer
Neil Nemser	Pat Nesbitt	Sondra Watkins
Natalie Wallace	Ted Wallace	

BRASS AND PERCUSSION MUSICIANS

Christopher Vega, *Trumpet*
Asia Fowlkes, *Trumpet*
Caleb Barnes, *French Horn*
Yuzori Graham, *Trombone*
Tionne Blackwell, *Tuba*
Tory James, *Timpani*

Asia Fowlkes is a sophomore from Baltimore, Maryland majoring in medical laboratory science. She is the section leader for the trumpet section of the Magnificent Marching Machine at Morgan State University as well as one of the social media representatives for The Sigma Alpha Iota petitioning group. After college she will be a certified Clinical Scientist working in Cytotechnology while still pursuing music in her spare time.

Caleb Barnes is a graduating senior from Bowie, Maryland, majoring in Music at Morgan State University. A trumpet player by training, he also performs on French horn with the university's symphonic ensembles. He has marched with the Magnificent Marching Machine on both trumpet and mellophone and is an active member of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity. After graduation, Caleb plans to teach music and pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching and Jazz Studies sometime in the future.

Yuzori Graham is from Hampton, VA and is currently a sophomore music major at Morgan State University. She is the Trombone Co-Section Leader for the Magnificent Marching Machine, while also serving as President of the Sigma Alpha Iota Petitioning

Group, and Social Media Chair for Planned Parenthood Generation Action. After college, Yuzori plans on pursuing a Masters in Jazz while growing her love for playing, performing, and spreading the importance of music.

Tionne Blackwell is a senior Music major at Morgan State University from Baltimore, Maryland. A dedicated tubist, he has performed with various ensembles and proudly marched with the Magnificent Marching Machine. Passionate about music education and performance, Tionne plans to continue his studies and freelance as a musician and educator in the area after graduation.

Tory James is a senior from Baltimore, Maryland majoring in music. He's a percussionist with snare drum and timpani being his primary percussion instruments for the Symphonic Ensembles at Morgan State University. He has marched as a Snare Drummer for the Magnificent Marching Machine but lately he's been serving as the Head Drum Major. He is also an active member of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity and after he graduates he plans to pursue his dreams of becoming an artist or a producer and/or becoming a band director/teaching music to the youth.

THE STAFF OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*
Dr. Samuel Springer, *Minister of Music*
Diane Borgatti, *Parish Administrator*
Rev. Christa Fuller Burns, *Pastor Emerita*
Rev. Doris Cowan, *Parish Associate*
Rev. Kate Foster, *Parish Associate*
Rev. Bill Millen, *Parish Associate*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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! Children are welcome in worship, but if you need it, there is a caregiver in the nursery, just outside the door nearest the pulpit.

On the first Sunday of the month, children are encouraged to stay in worship for the whole service, to share in the sacrament of communion. Church school for K-2 and 3-5 grades will be held all other Sundays following the Time with Faith Kids in the classrooms on the third floor.

When in the sanctuary, children six and under are invited to worship in the **Prayground** at the front of the sanctuary. The Prayground has quiet activities and books to keep hands busy so ears can listen. 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.

Restroom – the closest restroom is outside the door at the front of the sanctuary (by the pulpit), just turn right.

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."

Joys and Concerns: We are a community who prays with and for each other. 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
Our democracy

The people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, Sudan, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, and all those who suffer from war and disaster.

Wednesday Bible Study 11:00 a.m. on Zoom Wednesdays - Join Cat Wednesdays to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome! Meeting ID: 830 8730 5092; passcode: 033954.

The Forum: Faith formation gathering for youth and adults, *Sundays, 9:15 in the Woodmont Room and on Zoom*. Meeting ID: 829 2802 1217, passcode: 551345.

The Forum series for late April and May will be: **LET'S PLAY!**

April 27: Kelley McGill and Kelsey Shirey will lead the Forum about the importance of **PLAY** in early childhood education.

May 4: Coach Donte Samuel, Executive Director of Game On! Fitness will discuss the pressing need for **keeping Baltimore kids healthy**.

May 11: David Rawle and Erin Kremer will share the design, process, and plans for Faith's **new Natural Playground**.

Join the **Chinquapin Trail Advisory Group** on **April 26 at 10 a.m.** for a walk through Herring Run Park, led by Misty Fae, Executive Director of Friends of Herring Run. Meet at 3600 Belair Road by the War Memorial.

Book Club is reading *Orbital* by Samantha Harvey. A singular new novel from the Betty Trask Prize-winner Samantha Harvey, *Orbital* is an eloquent meditation on space and life on our planet through the eyes of six astronauts circling the earth in 24 hours. Described by the New York Times as "Ravishingly Beautiful." The next meeting is on **Tuesday April 29, 7PM at the Nesbitt's** (3913 Juniper Road, 21218). Everyone is welcome.

All Ages Game Night Friday, May 16, 6p.m. Bring a favorite game; come, play, and enjoy our community. Pizza and salad will be provided, bring a dessert to share.

Bring your rinsed **aluminum cans to raise money for Haiti!** Bring aluminum cans (the change in metal prices means we can no longer accept foil) to church on Sundays and drop them into a designated bin in the narthex or in Hyde Hall. The cans are sold as scrap metal and the funds sent to two orphanages in Haiti, the Kay Papa Nou Orphanage and Unity House. Have something larger? Call David Rawle at 410-382-4571. Questions? Call David or Lori Rawle at 410-980-6561. Your contributions have made a big difference, and the project coordinators are grateful for your ongoing support! Thank you!



Easter Flowers

Mozella Williams	In Memory of Mozell Williams
Sondra Watkins	In Memory of Candace
Judy & Ron Sperling	In Memory of Loved Ones
Vivian Slacum	In Memory of Florence B. Parker; Ethel L. Morton; Luther C. Slacum
Liz & Chris Pope	In Memory of the Humphrey Family
Pat & Jack Nesbitt	In Memory of Our Parents
Karen & David Meyers	In Memory of Elvira Leone Carle
Susan & Lew Johnston	In Celebration of Cat Goodrich
The Herber Family	In Memory of James P. Herber; Claudia Bewalder In Celebration of Our Faith Family
Bill & Mary Ellen Curtis	In Celebration of Margaret Curtis
Phyllis Compton	In Memory of William & Frances Compton; My Loving Parents
John & Debra Colmers	In Memory of Our Grandparents: Guss, Paul, Colmers, Berger
Christa Burns	In Celebration of The Works of Faith
Paula & Peter Burger	In Memory of Ann & Ernest Phillips; Fannie & Willard Burger
Michael Billings Jr	In Memory of Catherine Billings & Michael Billings Sr.

The Dear Fund



Mozella Williams	In Memory of Mozell Williams
Audrey & John Trapp	In Celebration of Our Families
Judy & Ron Sperling	In Celebration of Our Family
Karen & David Meyers	In Memory of Roy T. Meyers
Susan & Lew Johnston	In Celebration of The Faith Family
Frank & Cathie Dodson	In Celebration of Madeline and Gillian Goodrich
Paula & Peter Burger	In Celebration of Diane Borgatti



The Bread Fund

Mozella Williams	In Memory of Mozell Williams
Janet Thomson	In Memory of Jim & Pat Thomson
Gail Poorbaugh	In Memory of Bettie Chandler
Karen & David Meyers	In Memory of Esther Getman Meyers
Susan & Lew Johnston	In Celebration of Marilyn Valentine
Cat & Dary Goodrich	In Celebration of the Deacons
John Geist	In Memory of my wife Carol; daughter Susan In Celebration of my Granddaughters: Brittany and Julia Ashe
Phyllis Compton	In Celebration of Kay Ballard
Paula & Peter Burger	In Celebration of Rev. Cat Goodrich
Don Boardman	In Memory of Carol, Richard, Evelyn, and Charles Preston



The Music Fund

Mozella Williams	In Memory of Mozell Williams
Theodore Wallace	In Memory of Evelyn Wallace; Alvin T. Wallace
Liz & Chris Pope	In Memory of Mildred Heffelfinger Humphrey
Gail Poorbaugh	In Celebration of Faith's Choir
Pat & Jack Nesbitt	In Celebration of Our Faith Family
Karen & David Meyers	In Memory of Albert G. Carle
Susan & Lew Johnston	In Celebration of Samuel Springer; Stephen Harouff
Cat & Dary Goodrich	In Celebration of the Session
Phyllis Compton	
John & Debra Colmers	In Memory of George Jenkins
Christa Burns	In Celebration of Faith's Music Makers
Paula & Peter Burger	In Celebration of Dr. Samuel Springer