

Sunday, March 16, 2025
Second Sunday of Lent



Motherhood, oil on canvas
Reading Public Museum, Reading PA
Ben Austrian (1870-1921) PA

**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 *Prelude "Ten Pieces"*

Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Paula Burger

We praise you this day, O God.
for hope in the midst of despair,
for strength in times of weakness,
for justice despite systems of oppression,

for courage in the face of fear,
for life in the midst of death.
Let everything that breathes sing praise to God!
Amen!

***HYMN 415** *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

RESTORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you invite us into your wide embrace, but we confess that we are resistant. We have failed to object to wrongdoing – our own, and others'. We have not heeded your commandment to love our neighbors, more concerned with protecting our own well-being than tending the needs of others. Forgive our hard heartedness, and our reluctance to love with generosity and grace. Pour out your Spirit that we might be empowered to speak, to love, to serve as you would have us do. We open ourselves to you in silent prayer...

KYRIE 467 *Give Us Light*

JYOTHI DHO



3) Give us peace; give us peace; give us peace, O Lord.
5) Give us grace; give us grace; give us grace, O Lord.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

***GLORIA 654** *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

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

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

MOMENT WITH FAITH KIDS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALTER READING Psalm 27:1-5, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord,
and to inquire in his temple.

For in the day of trouble, O God,
you shall keep me safe in your shelter;
you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’ He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.” Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

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

SERMON

Broody Hen

Rev. Goodrich

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN 274** *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*

PICARDY

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 *We Now Implore the Holy Ghost*

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Interactive Lenten Prayer Project: *Jesus lamented over the city of Jerusalem's reluctance to accept his prophetic message of love. There are many places in our country and in the world in need of more love – on one of the circles, write the name of a place you want to lift up in prayer, and pray for God's revolutionary love to be made known there.*

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 543** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

GREEN TYLER

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Introduction-Choral, Op. 25*

Léon Boëllmann
(1862-1897)

Leading Worship Today

Rev. Cat Dodson Goodrich, *Pastor*

Ola Oladipupo, *Guest Organist*

Chancel Choir

Paula Burger, *Liturgist*

Robin Nemser, *Elder of the Day*

Yvonne Davis, *Usher*

Dawn Shirey, *Zoom Moderator & PowerPoint*

Andy Fuller, *Audio/Camera*

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 out 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.

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
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. March 16, 23, and 30, we welcome back Rev. Dr. Jerrett Hanson, who will share his "**Thoughts on a New Reformation.**"

In March Book Club will be discussing *The Lost Book Shop* by Evie Woods. It has been described as “touch of magic, a love of books, pure escapism, perfect”! March Meeting is on **Tuesday March 25, 7PM at the Nesbitt's** (3913 Juniper Road, 21218).

Harford House Dinner

On **March 27**, the Deacons will be taking **chili with cheese & sour cream, cornbread**, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, sweet tea and cookies or brownies to the **residents of Harford House**. If you would like to contribute to this meal please sign up on our Google sheet or see Laurie Newton or Phyllis Compton (on March 23). All items need to be dropped off in the kitchen at Faith by noon on Thursday, March 27th.

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!**



Two Lenten Bible Studies offered by the Dismantling Racism Team of the Presbytery of Baltimore
Wednesday, April 2 & April 9, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Unfinished Confessions - Each gathering will offer a time of prayer, listening and reflection upon congregational stories of past injustices and broken relationships. How do we hear these sacred stories from our own history? What might we learn about our own spiritual journeys and our collective journey as a community of faith?

On Zoom, register with QR Code.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday - Gather at 10:20 in the courtyard for our Procession of Palms! We will begin with a blessing for Holy Week at 10:25, then our procession will depart at 10:30.

Maundy Thursday - Join us for worship around the table in Hyde Hall at 6:00 on Thursday, April 17. We will share a soup supper and break bread together as we remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples.

Good Friday - The Dismantling Racism Team of the Presbytery will hold a worship service at noon at St. John United Church in Columbia, MD. Rev. Cat Goodrich and Elder Charese Jordan Moore will offer a dialogue sermon based on the history of Faith and Knox Presbyterian Churches. The service will also be livestreamed.

Holy Saturday - Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday morning, April 19, at 10:30 AM in the courtyard at Faith! Join us and bring friends!

Easter Sunday - Join us for a congregational brunch to celebrate the joy of Easter at 10:00 in Jackson Lounge, followed by worship at 10:45 - a musical prelude with brass will begin at 10:30.